



Newsletter #10, October 2015

COMMUNICATION

- **Facebook** – Nicolet parents, teachers/staff, and students please “Like” the Nicolet PTSO Facebook page and stay informed: <https://www.facebook.com/NicoletPTSO>.
- **Webpage** – Check out the PTSO’s webpage for information including past and current meeting minutes, newsletters, fundraising, and volunteer opportunities at <http://www.nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm>.

EVENTS

- **College Fair** - The Nicolet guidance counselors hosted the National College Fair on September 27th, 2015. Thank you to all Nicolet families that attended. It was a huge success.
- **Homecoming Activities - Jill Tobin, Chair.** The PTSO provided financial and volunteer support for Homecoming this year. Thank you to Jill and the parent volunteers (Nina Capati, Roz Forshee, Rachel Herrenbruck, Piper Melkonian, Janice Pfaffl, Bridey Richards, Cathy Sanders, Susan Schroeder, Carrie Steinberger, and Jackie Winter) that helped make Homecoming a success! Spirit Week began with grade level Powderpuff football games, a bonfire, and continued with dress-up days. The week closed with Friday’s hallway parade, student pep rally, outdoor parade with floats, tailgate cookout, varsity football game and the Wild Wild West Homecoming Dance. Thank you again to the Arenzon family and their Wisconsin Knitwear Company for the 500 Nicolet Knight knit hats they donated. <http://www.wisconsinknitwear.com/>. The hats were given out free to the students at the football game and were a huge hit!
- **Homecoming Tailgate** - The PTSO partnered with the Foundation and the Booster Club for a successful tailgate cookout dinner. Thank you to the parent volunteers (Lisa and Sean Mahoney) for helping with this!

NEWS

- **New Picnic Tables** - The PTSO donated new picnic tables for the outdoor courtyards at Nicolet. The staff and students are enjoying them already!
- **Monthly Drawings** - Through concession generated income, we held a drawing at the PTSO meeting. The four Nicolet staff winners of \$10 Jimmy Johns gift cards were Brian Riles, Amy Lee, Brady Rich Sheridan, and Mark Wagner. Congratulations! If you would like to show support for our great Nicolet teachers/staff, you can either purchase gift cards or make a monetary donation to the PTSO. *Please drop off or mail the monetary donations and/or gift card donations in a sealed envelope marked “PTSO Staff Drawing” to the Nicolet High School Office at 6701 N. Jean Nicolet Road, Glendale, WI 53217. If you have any questions, please contact Piper Melkonian via email at pmelkonian@mac.com.*
- **Nicolet Open House** – The Nicolet High School is having an open house on October 27th. The PTSO will have a booth to promote our organization.
- **Merit Awards** –The Merit Award packets have been updated and available to all students. Merit Award packets are available in the high school office. Students can volunteer at the Nicolet Open House, Parent/Teacher Conferences, or at concessions at sporting events to earn Merit Award hours. Visit volunteerspot.com to sign up.

VOLUTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Grade Level Parent Liaisons** – The freshman grade level parent liaison is Nina Capati and the junior liaisons are Robin Arenzon and Kathy Eurich. They will communicate specific information as needed. The PTSO needs

liaisons for the sophomore and senior class levels. *If you would like to volunteer, please contact Piper Melkonian via email at pmelkonian@mac.com.*

- **Concessions** - *Piper Melkonian & Janice Pfaffl, Co-Chairs.* The PTSO is partnering with Booster Club to run concessions for varsity games. Please sign up to volunteer at volunteerspot.com.
- **Committee Chairs/Volunteers Needed**
 1. **Merit Awards**, *Jill Tobin-Chair.* The PTSO recognizes positive citizenship within the Nicolet community. Students complete an application packet throughout the school year. These are available in the high school office. Awards are given out at the award ceremony at the end of the year. *The PTSO is looking for committee members to help administer the Merit Awards. Please contact Piper Melkonian, PTSO President, at pmelkonian@mac.com to volunteer.*
 2. **Cocoa & Cram/Cookies & Cram**, *Paula Kobylski-Chair.* Two-hour study sessions are sponsored by the PTSO and include teacher help and treats on the Saturday mornings before final exams, twice a year. Teachers, administrators, and students attend and enjoy. *The PTSO is looking for committee members to help Paula implement these events. Please contact Piper Melkonian, PTSO President, at pmelkonian@mac.com to volunteer.*
 3. **Teacher/Staff Appreciation.** The PTSO provides goodies for the teachers/staff during Appreciation Week which is usually the first week in May. We also treat the teachers/staff during conference times. *The PTSO is looking for a chair or co-chairs, along with committee members, to organize and implement this committee. Please contact Piper Melkonian, PTSO President, at pmelkonian@mac.com to volunteer.*
 4. **Prom Activities.** PTSO used to host a post prom but hasn't for many years. It could be reinstated if we had volunteers. PTSO helps secure donations and door prizes for prom. *The PTSO is looking for a chair or co-chairs, along with committee members, to organize and implement this committee. Please contact Piper Melkonian, PTSO President, at pmelkonian@mac.com to volunteer.*
 5. **Senior Breakfast.** This is a great send off for Nicolet's Senior Class at the end of the year right before final exams. *The PTSO is looking for a chair or co-chairs, along with committee members, to organize and implement this committee. Please contact Piper Melkonian, PTSO President, at pmelkonian@mac.com to volunteer.*
 6. **Grad Grams**, *Robin Arenzon & Kathy Eurich, Co-Chairs.* These keepsake memory booklets filled with congratulatory messages are purchased and sent by anyone to a Nicolet graduating senior and/or a retiring staff member. The Grad Gram booklets are given out at graduation rehearsal. *The PTSO is looking for committee members to help Robin & Kathy implement the Grad Grams. Please contact Piper Melkonian, PTSO President, at pmelkonian@mac.com to volunteer.*

FINANCES AND FUNDRAISING

- **PTSO Fundraiser** – Consider purchasing a Nicolet Knight window decal cling to support PTSO via our ongoing fundraiser. Share the Nicolet pride and place it on your vehicle or storefront window. Clings are only \$5.00 each and are available in the Nicolet High School office or via our webpage: http://www.nicolet.us/cms_files/resources/window_cling.pdf.
- **PTSO Membership Dues** – Thank you to all the Nicolet parents, teachers, and staff that paid their PTSO annual dues. We appreciate your support! If you haven't yet, please take the time to do so: http://www.nicolet.us/cms_files/resources/ptso_membership_form.pdf.

NEXT MEETING

- **Thank you** to all the parents, teachers, and staff that came to the last Nicolet PTSO meeting.
- **Join us at the next PTSO meeting on November 19, 2015 at 6:00pm in the cafeteria, Room B113.** Get involved. All are welcome!