



Newsletter #4, January 2015

COMMUNICATION:

- The Nicolet teachers and staff requested a list of parent volunteers to help with field trips as chaperones. *Please email PTSO President, Mary Beth Mills, at marybethmills3@gmail.com and let her know you are interested in being included on this list.*
- Parents, teachers/staff, and students can keep current via **Facebook**. Please “Like” the Nicolet PTSO Facebook page and stay informed: <https://www.facebook.com/NicoletPTSO>.
- Check out the PTSO’s webpage for information including current meeting minutes, newsletters, and fundraising opportunities at <http://www.nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm>.
- Three Nicolet staff have been out due to Medical illnesses. We hope they are on the road back to good health. The PTSO sent each a plant and a card as our Nicolet community wishes them well and an easy recovery.

EVENTS:

- **Cocoa & Cram** – Thank you to Kristin Wright for chairing the first Cocoa & Cram event of the year on January 17th. Thank you to all the parents, teachers, staff, and administration that volunteered to help our Nicolet students as they studied for exams. Thank you to all our donors for the food and beverage donations! Pictures from this first study session event are posted on the PTSO Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NicoletPTSO>. The PTSO looks forward to the next Cocoa & Cram event in June. *To volunteer at the next Cocoa & Cram event, please contact Mary Beth Mills, PTSO President at marybethmills3@gmail.com.*
- **Foundation Band Together (Basket Donation)** – The PTSO will be supporting the Nicolet Foundation’s Band Together event on Saturday, March 7th. The University of Wisconsin marching band will perform and there will be snack concessions, an instrument petting zoo by Brass Bell, and a silent auction. Nicolet student athletic teams, academic and recreation clubs, along with teacher/staff/parent organizations are invited to donate baskets of items to help the Foundation raise money at the silent auction. Tickets will be available for purchase at Nicolet soon. *The PTSO is looking for someone to put together the PTSO basket along with donations for the basket. Please contact PTSO President, Mary Beth Mills, at marybethmills3@gmail.com to volunteer for this project.*
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation** – This year, the PTSO provided healthy snacks for the teacher/staff “Welcome Breakfast” at the beginning of the school year. PTSO will provide grab-n-go snacks to the teachers and staff during spring conferences and will also provide treats for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. *Thank you to Jennifer Gilbert who will be chairing the dessert and nutritious treat buffet for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in May. The PTSO is looking for a chair or co-chairs for the grab-n-go snacks during spring conferences. Both committees will need committee members. Please contact Mary Beth Mills, PTSO President, at marybethmills3@gmail.com to volunteer.*
- **Grad Grams** – The PTSO sponsors and distributes Grad Gram booklets which contain congratulatory messages for each graduating senior and each staff retiree. These booklets are given out at graduation rehearsal. *Thank you to Robin Arenzon who is chairing this committee. If you would like to be on this committee, please contact Mary Beth Mills, PTSO President, at marybethmills3@gmail.com to volunteer.*
- **Merit Awards** – The PTSO sponsors the Nicolet Merit Awards program. All students are eligible to apply for Merit Awards to recognize their active and positive participation in the school community. Merit Award recipients are recognized at an end-of-the-year awards ceremony. Merit Award packets are available in the Nicolet High School Office. The deadline for students to return their completed packets is March 20, 2015.

Thank you to Piper Melkonian and Jill Tobin for co-chairing this committee. If you would like to be on this committee, please contact Mary Beth Mills, PTSO President, at marybethmills3@gmail.com to volunteer.

- **Senior Breakfast** –This celebratory breakfast for the senior class is organized and sponsored by the PTSO at the conclusion of the school year. It will take place on the last day of school before exams, June 5th, followed by the mandatory graduation rehearsal. The seniors will dress up, receive awards and raffle prizes, watch the senior video, and have a fun time! In the past, the PTSO gave out coffee mugs. This year, the PTSO may give away Nicolet Alumni t-shirts. *The PTSO is looking for a chair or co-chairs as well as committee members. Please contact Mary Beth Mills, PTSO President, at marybethmills3@gmail.com to volunteer.*

FINANCES AND FUNDRAISING:

- Thank you to all the families that shopped Campus Colors for the PTSO holiday fundraiser! Campus Colors gave 10% of the sales to PTSO. The PTSO raised \$64.48.
- PTSO has an ongoing fundraiser. Anyone can purchase a Nicolet Knight window decal cling for only \$5 and share the Nicolet pride! Place it on your vehicle or storefront window. They are available in the High School office: http://www.nicolet.us/cms_files/resources/window_cling.pdf.
- Thank you to all the Nicolet parents and staff that paid their 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/staff, and students that came to the last Nicolet PTSO meeting. Please join us at the next PTSO meeting on February 19, 2015 at 6:00pm in the Room B113 (staff lounge in the back of the cafeteria.) **Get involved. All are welcome!**