



Newsletter #14, March 2016

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>.

NEWS

- **The Nicolet Community will vote on the referendum April 5, 2016.** In 2010, the referendum passed but the funding expires on June 30, 2016. We need to pass another referendum so the district has funding to allow the same opportunities to continue here at Nicolet. Nicolet is asking to finance operations only and the tax impact is about \$7 per \$100,000 of a home’s value each year for the next six years. Home value is tied directly to the success of the school district. **PLEASE HELP!** Visit the website <http://www.nicolet.us/district/referendum.cfm>. Host a “*Neighborhood Coffee*” and Mr. Kabara, Nicolet Principal, or Dr. Kobylski, Nicolet Superintendent, will come, inform, and answer questions. Read the Referendum Fact Sheet http://www.nicolet.us/cms_files/resources/referendum_fact_sheet.pdf. Pick up fact sheets from the Nicolet office and pass them out to your friends and neighbors. Be informed and vote!
- **Monthly Drawings** – Congratulations to Nicolet Social Studies teacher, Brian Weisse, and Nicolet Library/Media Specialist, Debra Krause! They are the winners of \$10 gift cards. Show support for our great Nicolet teachers/staff by either purchasing gift cards or making a monetary donation to the PTSO. *Please drop off or mail monetary 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 at pmelkonian@mac.com.*
- **Merit Awards** – All Merit Award applications have been turned in. Parents are invited to the Merit Award Ceremony on May 19th in the Nicolet Cafeteria at the end of the school day.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Concessions**, Piper Melkonian & Janice Pfaffl, Co-Chairs. The PTSO continues to partner with Booster Club to run concessions for varsity games. *Parents, students, and staff can sign up to volunteer at <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/826816640088>.*
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation**, Cathy Sanders & Susan Schroeder, Co-Chairs. The PTSO provides goodies for the teachers/staff for Appreciation Week. If you’re able to provide a dessert or healthy treat- perhaps a fruit or veggie platter, please bring 2-3 dozen servings cut into small portions. Everything needs to be peanut-free and if you have a favorite gluten-free treat, that would be a great addition. The staff really appreciates this event and has asked for the recipes in the past. *If you can provide a treat,*

email Cathy Sanders at sanders.mail@sbcglobal.net & drop off your goodies with the recipe (optional) to the Nicolet High School Office on Monday, May 2 by 9:00am. Thank you so much for considering our amazing staff and teachers -- they certainly deserve it!

- **Prom, no chairs.** The PTSO is providing the funding for the Photobooth at prom. We also help secure donations and door prizes for Nicolet prom. We still need some gift cards for giveaways. Parents are encouraged to donate \$10 or \$20 gift cards to be given away as door prizes at prom. *Please drop off gift card donations in a sealed envelope marked "PTSO Prom Door Prize" to the Nicolet High School Office.* Thank you! *If you have any questions, please contact Piper Melkonian at pmelkonian@mac.com.*
- **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. Grad Gram orders will begin on April 11th. The Grad Gram booklets will be given out at graduation rehearsal. *The PTSO is looking for committee members to help with Grad Gram assembly on Wednesday evening, June 1. Please contact Robin rsarenzon@sbcglobal.net or Kathy theurichs@sbcglobal.net to volunteer.* Thank you!
- **Sen16r Breakfast, Jen Friedman & Lorie Wertheimer, Co-Chairs.** This is a great send off for Nicolet's sen16r class at the end of the year right before final exams. *They still need some gift cards for giveaway at Sen16r Breakfast. Parents are encouraged to donate \$10 and \$20 gift cards. Please drop off gift card donations in a sealed envelope marked "PTSO Sen16r Breakfast" to the Nicolet High School Office.* Thank you!
- **Cookies & Cram, Nancy McLaughlin, Cookies & Cram Chair.** This two-hour study session is sponsored by the PTSO and includes treats and teacher help on the Saturday morning before final exams. Teachers, staff, administrators, and students attend. *The PTSO is looking for committee members. Please contact Piper Melkonian, PTSO President, at pmelkonian@mac.com to volunteer.* Thank you!

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 Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 6:00pm in the cafeteria, Room B113. Get involved. All are welcome!