



## Newsletter #24 - September, 2017

### HOMECOMING EVENTS

- **Homecoming Activities - Jill Tobin, Chair.** The PTSO provides financial and volunteer support for Homecoming. Activities begin on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> leading up to the dance on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The week will consist of special activities, games, and dress-up days that have been planned to encourage students to become excited and involved in the upcoming school year. **Students** can earn **Merit Hours** by participating in some Homecoming activities for the end of the year PTSO Merit Awards! All Nicolet students are eligible and encouraged to apply for a Merit Award to recognize their active and positive participation in the school community. Merit Award packets/forms are available in the Nicolet High School office <http://www.nicolet.us/students/merit.pdf>. Here is a list of Hoco activities.
  - **SUNDAY, 10/1**, begins with the **Color Run sponsored by the Spanish Honor Society** at 1:00pm with registration at 12:00pm. Following with the **Powderpuff Games: Freshman vs sophomores** at 4:00pm, **Juniors vs Seniors** at 4:45pm, and **Seniors vs Staff** at 5:30pm. Then, there will be a **Bonfire, Games, and Food Trucks** at 6:00pm! There will be many trucks including a cupcake food truck! Remember to bring money for the food trucks.
  - **MONDAY, 10/2**, COLOR DAY Freshman-Yellow (The Sun), Sophomores-Green (Earth), Juniors-Red (Mars), Seniors-White (The Moon), Faculty/Staff- Black (The Black Hole).
  - **TUESDAY, 10/3**, JERSEY DAY
  - **WEDNESDAY, 10/4**, TV SHOW/MOVIE DAY
  - **THURSDAY, 10/5**, DESTINATION DAY Freshman-Antarctica, Sophomores-Safari, Juniors-Wild Western, Seniors-Beach, Faculty/Staff-Tourists.
  - **FRIDAY, 10/6**, NICOLET SPIRIT DAY Pep Rally at 2:00pm, Parade at 4:30pm (starts on Daphne Road and makes its way around the corner onto N. Jean Nicolet Rd). Tailgate following the parade around 5:30pm. \$10 tickets include cookout dinner and Homecoming football game entrance. \$15 presale tickets also include a Nicolet Knights Knit Hat-this offer is good until 10/6 at 12:00pm. For Tailgate ticket information visit <http://www.nicolet.us/families/foundation.cfm>. The Homecoming Football Game is at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to join the community, support our team, and get into the Nicolet spirit!
  - **SATURDAY, 10/7**, HOMECOMING DANCE from 8:00pm-11:00pm at Nicolet. Tickets will be on sale at lunch time during the week prior to dance. The theme for the dance is *Outta' This World*. Freshman, sophomores, and juniors dress up semi-formal for the dance, and seniors dress in the theme. There will be a DJ, photo booth, lots of snacks, and raffle prizes (gift cards) that the PTSO is sponsoring.

### VOLUTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Homecoming, Jill Tobin, Chair.** Parents, please consider volunteering to help the PTSO during Homecoming. We need you! You can sign up to volunteer your time at the parade, dance, or donate small water bottles, individual bags of chips/pretzels, candy, or \$10 gift cards for student prizes. Please sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a49aea2ba75-nicolet> **Thank you!**
- **Merit Awards, Jill Tobin and Nancy McLaughlin, Co-Chairs.** The PTSO recognizes positive citizenship within the Nicolet community. Students complete an application packet throughout the school year and are available in the high school office <http://www.nicolet.us/students/merit.pdf>. Medals and plaques are

given out at the award ceremony at the end of the year. Four year recipients are indicated in the commencement booklet at graduation. **Students can earn Merit Hours by participating in some Homecoming activities!** *We are looking for PTSO volunteers to help Jill with the Merit Awards. If interested, please email one of the co-presidents and let her know that you are willing to help! Send emails to Kris Barger at [bargerhome@gmail.com](mailto:bargerhome@gmail.com) or Traci Schwartz at [tracimia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tracimia@sbcglobal.net).*

- **Cocoa & Cram/Cookies & Cram, Co-Chairs needed.** These are two-hour study sessions sponsored by the PTSO. Each occurs on the Saturday morning before final exams and includes teacher help and treats. Teachers, administrators, and students attend and enjoy. *We are looking for PTSO volunteers to help with the Merit Awards. If interested, please email one of the co-presidents and let her know that you are willing to help! Send emails to Kris Barger at [bargerhome@gmail.com](mailto:bargerhome@gmail.com) or Traci Schwartz at [tracimia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tracimia@sbcglobal.net).*

## **FINANCES AND FUNDRAISING**

- **Thank you to all the Nicolet families and Staff that already paid their PTSO membership dues.** The PTSO benefits parents, teachers, and students by raising funds via membership dues (still only \$15), Grad Gram sales, and other fundraisers. The PTSO sponsors events including Homecoming Activities, Student Dances, Cocoa/Cookies & Cram Study Sessions, Merit Awards, Spirit Award, Teacher Appreciation, School Gifts, Senior Breakfast, and more. Join us at meetings, volunteer, and if you haven't yet, please pay your dues [http://www.nicolet.us/cms\\_files/resources/ptso\\_membership\\_form.pdf](http://www.nicolet.us/cms_files/resources/ptso_membership_form.pdf).
- **A very hearty thank you goes out to Nicolet Associate Principal, Mr. Coyle, who organized and implemented the LuLaRoe Pop-Up Boutique fundraiser benefiting the PTSO.** Thank you to all those that participated. \$1285.50 was raised! Half raised was donated by the retailers and half was matched by the LuLaRoe Company. We plan to do another one soon!

## **INFORMATION**

- **Congratulations** to two new members who have joined the officers of the Board! **The new PTSO Co-Presidents are Kris Barger and Traci Schwartz!** We thank you in advance for all that you will do for our PTSO.
- Thank you to all that came to the last Nicolet PTSO meeting. **Join us at the next PTSO meeting on October 26th, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Room B113** (staff lounge in the back of the cafeteria). Please mark your calendar for the all meetings scheduled for most Thursday evenings including October 26, November 16, (NO DECEMBER MEETING) January 11, February 15, March 15, April 19, and May 17 at 4:00pm following the Merit Award Ceremony.
- **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>.
- Kris Barger shared information about a free event called **Building Awareness: A Discussion on Drug Use in our Community** for parents and their 7-12 grade students from throughout Southeastern WI. The presentation will be on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8:30pm at Homestead High School. It will be featuring Keynote speaker, Dr. Brian Fidlin and Moderator, Joyce Garbaciak. For more information call *Starting Point* at 262.241.1004.
- Libby Gutterman, School Board Member, shared a UWM Guest Lecture event called **Equity and Social Justice** with Dr. Paul Gorski. It will take place on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:00am at Riverside University High School’s auditorium.