



Newsletter #9, September, 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 are working on the National College Fair which is at the Wisconsin Center on this Sunday, September 27th, 2015. Nicolet is hosting it again this year. Anyone in the state can attend but it’s primarily for high school juniors and seniors. There will be 250 colleges there. Because of this fair, it is the peek time for colleges to be visiting Nicolet High School. There will be lots of opportunities for Nicolet students to be meeting with about 120 colleges. Parents and students should consider attending. You must preregister here: <http://wisconsincenter.org/events/734-2015-milwaukee-national-college-fair>.
- **Homecoming Activities - Jill Tobin, Chair.** The PTSO provides financial and volunteer support for Homecoming. Sunday, October 11th begins the Homecoming Spirit Week with Powder Puff football games and bonfire. During the week, there are daily dress-up days. On Friday, October 16th, there will be a hallway parade, a student pep rally, outdoor parade with floats, tailgate cookout, varsity football game. The Homecoming Dance is on Saturday evening at Nicolet on October 17th.
- **Homecoming Tailgate** - Friday evening, October 16th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Please join the Nicolet PTSO with our partners, the Nicolet Foundation and the Nicolet Booster Club for a tailgate cookout dinner. Purchase tickets at Nicolet in room C103, by phone 414.351.7561, or online via Paypal at <http://www.nicolet.us/families/foundation.cfm>. Please click *Donate* and enter *Tailgate* as purpose. Tickets are \$10 for adults and students 12 years old and over, and only \$7 for children. Entrance to the varsity home football game included. See you there!

NEWS

- **New Picnic Tables** - The PTSO donated \$1,000 toward new picnic tables for the outdoor courtyards. We were able to purchase 5 at \$199 each. Nicolet could use more and often people would like to donate but are not sure how. So, if you are interested you in donating funds to cover a picnic table for Nicolet, please contact Piper Melkonian, PTSO President, at pmelkonian@mac.com. Thank you.
- **Monthly Drawings** - Through the income generated by the concessions, we could do so many things. Piper shared her idea of having a monthly drawing for a monthly teacher/staff give-away of \$10-\$15 Starbucks gift cards. Some parents have already agreed to donate gift cards to support this, too. If you would like to show support for our great Nicolet teachers/staff, you can either purchase Starbucks 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 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.*

VOLUTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Grade Level Parent Liaisons – Freshman: Nina Capati, Junior: Robin Arenzon.** The PTSO is going to have grade level parent liaisons to help communicate grade level specific information to all the parents. 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. Volunteer help is always needed. More details to follow via volunteerspot.com.
- **Committee Chairs and/or 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 a huge buffet with treats and nutritious snacks for the teachers/staff during Appreciation Week which is usually the first week in May. We also treat the teachers/staff during conference times, too. *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 Fundraisers** – 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. They are available in the Nicolet High School office for only \$5.00 each:
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 October 15, 2015 at 6:00pm in the Room B113 (staff lounge in the back of the cafeteria.) Get involved. All are welcome!