



Newsletter #37 - April 2019

MERIT AWARDS

- The PTSO recognizes positive citizenship within the Nicolet community. Merit Award application deadline was March 18. Every student who completed an application will receive a Merit Award. Awards will be presented as follows: 9th grade 5/10; 10th grade 5/23; 11th grade 5/24; 12th grade at senior breakfast. Thank you to our Co-Chairs Jill Tobin & Ann O'Donohue.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

- Monday, May 6th a team of Dad's lead by Bill Barger will prepare treats for teachers and staff. A sign up genius will be sent out for items to be donated.

SPIRIT AWARDS

- Spirit Award have been selected for 4 Senior Students who are motivated and participate in Nicolet life but perhaps is someone who is not always acknowledged. Kabara sent a poll to the teachers to ask for student recommendations to give to PTSO. The awards will be given at the Senior Honor Night. Thank you to Spirit Awards Chair Marilyn Franklin.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

- The budget this year is \$3,500. There are 12 parent volunteers. Each student will get a key chain gift. The event is Friday, June 14th. It happens in the cafeteria, students will receive their yearbooks, PTSO gives away gift cards and pens. Right after breakfast is the graduation rehearsal. Thank you to our Co-Chairs Kathy Eurich and Bridget Killberg.

GRAD GRAMS

- The blank forms are in the office for purchase for \$2 each. Most grad grams are done at the last minute. It would be great to have people comment on the FB posts about grad grams. Many people don't understand what they are. A previous idea is to market a packet of 20 or 50 grad grams to the parents that they can hand out to family members. The Grad Grams are given out at rehearsal.

NEW INFORMATION

- **Student Council** Senior Service Day is June 10th. The seniors do not have exams, instead they will go help out at local non-profit organizations. PTSO donates \$500 toward expenses of t-shirts, buses and pizza. PTSO logo will be on the back of the shirt with other sponsors. Drive in Movie Night is scheduled for May 31st. There will be food trucks and concessions. Watch for more info to come.
- **News from Nicolet** Dr. Karbara is the new Superintendent. Search is on for a new principal. Boys Basketball ended the season the State Champions (yay!!)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Spontaneous discussion about the high rate of vaping and pot at Nicolet. Over 70 vaping devices have been confiscated, 2 drug sweeps with local police, school acknowledges it's a problem with all high schools. There is a presentation on 5/15 about Vaping at school. More info to come.
- PTSSO is a great way to get involved with the school community by meeting teachers and administrators at the meetings and to be able to give back to the teachers by helping out where we can.
- Thank you to all the Nicolet families and Staff that already paid their PTSSO membership dues. The PTSSO benefits parents, teachers, and students by raising funds via membership dues (still only \$15), Grad Gram sales, and other fundraisers. The PTSSO 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.
- **Facebook** – Nicolet parents, teachers/staff, and students please “like” the Nicolet PTSSO Facebook page and stay informed: <https://www.facebook.com/NicoletPTSSO>.
- **Webpage** – Check out the PTSSO's webpage for information including past and current meeting minutes, newsletters, fundraising, and volunteer opportunities at <http://www.nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm>.
- Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our last PTSSO meeting of the year on Thursday, May 16th at 6pm in the Cafeteria Teachers Lounge. Following the meeting everyone is invited to a PTSSO social at The Brick. See you all there!!
- Any questions or comments at nicoletpss@gmail.com. Kris Barger & Traci Schwarz, Co-Presidents, Janice Pfaffl, Vice President, Brenda Stelzer, Treasurer, Jean Bernstein, Secretary