



Newsletter #35 - February 2019

MERIT AWARDS

- The PTSO recognizes positive citizenship within the Nicolet community. The deadline to the Merit Award Application is Monday, March 18 at 3:00pm. 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. Don't forget that Merit Award recipients will need at least 5 hours of volunteer time at Nicolet. Jill Tobin & Ann O'Donohue are the co-chairs for the Merit Awards. Awards will be presented as follows: 9th grade 5/10; 10th grade 5/23; 11th grade 5/24; 12th grade at senior breakfast. Parents are invited. Save the dates.

COCOA, COOKIE & CRAM

- Cocoa & Cram went well. There was a big storm the night before so lower attendance than anticipated. Lots of leftovers went to FEAR. Could us a 100 cup coffee urn device. PTSO agreed to purchase one. Janice offered to help with Cookies & Cram in June. This one is much less attended than the January cram session. Thank you co-chairs Gina Lima & Kate Christensen.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

- Monday, May 6th a team of Dad's lead by Bill Barger will prepare treats for teachers and staff.

SPIRIT AWARDS

- Spirit Award is for 3-5 Senior Students who are motivated and participate in Nicolet life but perhaps is someone who is not always acknowledged. Kabara is polling the teachers to ask for student recommendations to give to PTSO. Spirit Awards are chaired by Marilyn Franklin.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

- Usually there is a small gift for students, about the cost of \$4 per person. Wondering if there are any suggestions? Should we consider a class gift instead of individual gifts?

GRAD GRAMS

- The blank forms have been ordered. Just need to put them in the office for purchase. Most grad grams are done at the last minute. Tried to think of a good way to do it online. Many people don't understand what they are. One idea is to market a packet of 20 or 50 grad grams to the parents that they can hand out to family members.

NEW INFORMATION

- **Student Council** PTSO parents provided a gift basket to Student Council for the Prom Expo in which they had a raffle for. The gift basket had donations from My Om Well Being, Nehli

Nail Salon, Brio Salon as well as from parents: Jean Bernstein, Traci Schwartz, Kris Barger, Kate Christensen, Jill Tobin.

- **News from Nicolet** OMG...Boys Basketball is AMAZING!! We are ranked 7th in the NATION!! Dr. Kobylski is leaving Nicolet in June. We wish him well. If you would like to have input on the next superintendent, contact the School Board.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Could there PLEASE be something done about the people who park and leave their car in the drop off lane in the morning? It creates many problems as it has just eliminated a lane. It's disrespectful to other parents and creates a hostile environment. One thought was to have signage. Another idea was to have a person outside telling people they can't park before 7:20am. It has become a terrible problem with someone blocking the lane 2 - 3 TIMES A WEEK.
- There was a drawing for gift cards for teachers and staff. The following won the gift card drawing for February: Fern Hecker and Chris Macon.
- Thank you to families who have donated gift cards. If you have extra gift cards that you would like to donate, please contact the PTSO at nicoletptso@gmail.com.
- PTSO 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 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.
- **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>.
- Please mark your calendars and plan to attend additional PTSO meetings through out the year. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 21 at 6:00pm in Room B113** (staff lounge in the back of the cafeteria.) Additional meeting dates are as follows: Thursdays at 6:00pm on April 18 and May 16.
- Any questions or comments at nicoletptso@gmail.com. Kris Barger & Traci Schwarz, Co-Presidents, Janice Pfaffl, Vice President, Brenda Stelzer, Treasurer, Jean Bernstein, Secretary