



Newsletter #34 - November 2018

MERIT AWARDS

- 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. Information about the Merit Awards will be distributed at the next Freshman Seminar. Jill Tobin & Ann O'Donohue are the co-chairs for the Merit Awards. We are looking for PTSO volunteers to help with the Merit Awards. If interested, please email nicoletptso@gmail.com.

COCOA, COOKIE & CRAM

- Welcome new co-chairs Gina Lima & Kate Christensen. Before winter break, info will be sent to families about donations needed and about the program. The event date is January 19. If interested in volunteering, please email nicoletptso@gmail.com.

NEW INFORMATION

- **CITY TINS** We are happy to announce that Dawn Sweet was volunteered to coordinate our City Tins Fundraiser. City Tins are a fun coaster set which is actually filled with gift cards worth \$10 off your tab at local restaurants. These make great holiday gifts. On sale now through December 15. Find the flyer here: <https://www.nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm>
- **Hosting a Drive In Movie** A committee was formed to bring a Drive In Movie to Nicolet in the spring. We will be hosting the drive in on the football field. This is a once in a lifetime event, as the school will be replacing the field for next school year. If you are interested in helping with this fun event, contact nicoletptso@gmail.com.
- **North Shore Library** Marilyn Franklin, school board member, wanted to alert everyone to an issue at the North Shore Library. The Brown Deer Library is moving to a new building and wants to partner with the NSL, which the NSL would move out of our districts and into Brown Deer at Bradley and 45th Street. The individual village boards are considering it as a cost saving measure. But it would be a huge loss for the community. Tell your village managers that you don't want to lose the North Shore Library.
- **Nicolet Learning Center** There was a presentation about the Learning Center and about the school coming up with new ways to help students succeed. The Learning Center is housed in the library, which is open from 6:30am-4pm. They want to have increased access to support before, during and after school. Nicolet is very good at helping the students who need on going support. With this update to the Learning Center they are hoping to reach more students that need the occasional help by making it easier for students to come to them. The group thought that there should be a different name than the "Learning Center". We thought it could have a negative connotation.

Questions that they asked were: 1) What do you hope your child will say about his or her experience at Nicolet High School this year? 2) What do you see as your child's greatest academic need in terms of their experience at Nicolet High School? 3) Do you have an idea of how you'd like Nicolet High School to respond to your child's greatest academic need? 4) What do you see as your child's greatest non-academic need, or needs, in terms of their experience at Nicolet High School? 5) Do you have an idea of how you'd like Nicolet High School to respond to your child's greatest non-academic need?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- There was a drawing for gift cards for teachers and staff. The following won the gift card drawing for November: Mary Owen & Michael McKenna.
- 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>.
- Thank you everyone who were able to join us for our monthly meeting. In addition to parents, Mr. Zimmers, Associate Principal and Mr. Johnston, Learning Center Coordinator were in attendance.
- Please mark your calendars and plan to attend additional PTSO meetings through out the year. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 17 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 February 21, March 21, April 18 and May 16. Please note there is no meeting in December.
- Any questions or comments at nicoletptso@gmail.com. Kris Barger & Traci Schwarz, Co-Presidents, Janice Pfaffl, Vice President, Brenda Stelzer, Treasurer, Jean Bernstein, Secretary
- **HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON!! SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!**