



Newsletter #11, November/December 2015

COMMUNICATION

- **Facebook** - Nicolet parents, teachers/staff, and students please “Like” the Nicolet PT SO Facebook page and stay informed: <https://www.facebook.com/NicoletPTSO>.
- **Webpage** - Check out the PT SO’s webpage for information including past and current meeting minutes, newsletters, fundraising, and volunteer opportunities at <http://www.nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm>.

EVENTS

- **2015 Homecoming** - Again, Homecoming was great success and PT SO was proud to support! The pictures are up on the Nicolet website at: <http://www.nicoletphoto.com/>.

NEWS

- **New Picnic Tables** - The PT SO donated new picnic tables for the outdoor courtyards at Nicolet. Due to the nice weather, the staff and students continue to enjoy them.



- **Monthly Drawings** - Through concession generated income and donations, we hold drawings to reward staff at the PT SO meetings. The two Nicolet staff winners of \$10 gift cards at this past meeting were Tammy Howard and Michael Kenya. Congratulations! If you would like to show support for our great Nicolet teachers/staff, you can either purchase gift cards or make a monetary donation to the PT SO. *Please drop off or mail the monetary donations and/or gift card donations in a sealed envelope marked “PT SO Staff Drawing” 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.*
- **Merit Awards** - The Merit Award packets have been updated and available to all students and are available in the high school office or online at the PT SO webpage: <http://www.nicolet.us/students/merit.pdf>. Students can volunteer in the concession stand at sporting events to earn Merit Award hours. Sign up at volunteerspot.com.

VOLUTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Grade Level Parent Liaisons** - *Nina Capati (freshman) and Robin Arenzon & Kathy Eurich (junior)*. The PT SO needs liaisons for the sophomore and senior class levels. Grade level liaisons will communicate specific information as needed. *If you would like to volunteer, please contact Piper Melkonian via email at pmelkonian@mac.com.*
- **Concessions** - *Piper Melkonian & Janice Pfaffl, Co-Chairs*. The PT SO is partnering with Booster Club to run concessions for varsity games. Parents, students, and staff can sign up to volunteer at volunteerspot.com.

- **Committee Chairs/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*. These two-hour study sessions are sponsored by the PTSO and include treats and teacher help on the Saturday morning 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**, *Cathy Sanders & Susan Schroeder, Co-Chairs*. The PTSO provides goodies for the teachers/staff during Appreciation Week which is usually the first week in May. We also treat the teachers/staff during conference times. *Please contact Piper Melkonian, PTSO President, at pmelkonian@mac.com to volunteer and help with this committee.*
4. **Prom Activities**. The 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 Fundraiser** - 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. Clings are only \$5.00 each and are available in the Nicolet High School office or via our webpage: 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.
- Please note there is **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**. Join us at the next PTSO meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:00pm in the cafeteria, Room B113. Get involved. All are welcome!