



Newsletter #2, October 28, 2014

HOMEcomings ACTIVITIES 2014: The PTSO provided financial and volunteer support for Homecoming. Student Council President, Michelle Margolies, thanked PTSO for helping with the carnival, bonfire, window painting, selling t-shirts at the game, and the dance prizes. Nicolet Principal, Greg Kabara, thanked us for those dance raffle prizes and all our support of the students. PTSO purchased restaurant, coffee house, and movie gift cards prizes that were raffled off throughout the Homecoming dance. Thank you to all the Nicolet families that have paid their membership dues and supported Nicolet's Homecoming week of events.

FINANCES AND FUNDRAISING: Please update your membership, support PTSO, and pay your \$15 annual dues. http://www.nicolet.us/cms_files/resources/ptso_membership_form.pdf
Thank you to those who shopped at Campus Colors and supported this Nicolet PTSO's fundraiser! Every little bit helps. Purchase a Nicolet Knight window decal cling for only \$5 and share the Nicolet pride! Put it on your car or storefront window: http://www.nicolet.us/cms_files/resources/window_cling.pdf

COMMUNICATION: Parents, Teachers, and Students can keep current via facebook. "Like" the **Nicolet PTSO** facebook page and stay informed: <https://www.facebook.com/NicoletPTSO>. Also, check out our webpage for more PTSO information: <http://www.nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- **Merit Awards** 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. Four-year recipients are indicated in the commencement booklet at graduation. *The PTSO is looking for a chair or co-chairs, along with committee members, to administer the Merit Awards. Please contact Mary Beth Mills, PTSO President, via email at marybethmills3@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.*
- **Cocoa & Cram** 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. We are hoping that Kristen Wright, who has chaired this in the past, will take it on again. *If anyone would like to be on this PTSO committee, you are encouraged to connect with Mary Beth at marybethmills3@gmail.com and let her know you are willing to volunteer.*
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation** In the past, the PTSO has provided a huge dessert buffet for the teachers and staff during Appreciation Week which is usually the first week in May. It was suggested by a teacher that we have nutritious treats for the staff this year, too, since they are modeling eating habits for the students at Nicolet. We would like to do even more for the staff beyond just the one day of treats. It was also suggested that we could do something for the staff during conference time. The administration has done a sub dinner for them. We could partner with the administration and provide some extras for the teachers to be able to grab and go. Parents may be willing to donate a box or two of granola bars or something. There are between 80 and 100 staff to feed during conferences at Nicolet. *The PTSO is looking for a chair or co-chairs, along with committee members, to organize and implement this committee. Please contact Mary Beth at marybethmills3@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.*
- **Grad Grams** 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. Last year, the co-chairs were able to work with an outside source to create a form online. While it benefited the consumer, it proved to be too labor intensive. The PTSO is now working with the Mr. Kania, Nicolet Business and Technology Teacher, and a Nicolet student intern to create it all in-house. *Robin Arenzon is chairing this committee. If you would like to volunteer to be on her committee, please contact Mary Beth at marybethmills3@gmail.com.*

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 November 20, 2014 at 6:00pm in the Room B113 (staff lounge in the back of the cafeteria.) Get involved! All are welcome!