

St. Thomas School

School Board Agenda

October 1, 2025

6:00pm – St. Thomas Library

- I. Opening Prayer- Mrs. Bierman
- II. Call to Order – Absent Leah Bolander
- III. Recognition of Visitors-none
- IV. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. **Veteran’s Day, School Board vacancy, Kindergarten vacancy**
- V. Approval of September minutes- approved and sent home in the parent packets
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Fundraisers
 - Duck Race/Back to School Cookout
The duck race went well. This fundraiser might be turned over to the booster club to help with their funds since there is no longer a soup supper.
 - Laundry Detergent-
This fundraiser just finished and raised about \$3,000. Thank you to all who sold!
 - Trash Bags-
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 - b. Sports Updates-
 - **Baseball and softball have finished up. Girls’ basketball just started with a win on Monday. We have two 7th grade girls and two 8th grade girls playing. Cross country has 4 runners on the team. Boys’ basketball will be starting soon. Cheerleading practice has started.**
 - c. Garage sale
 - **Garage sale had an \$8,900 profit. All the tables and most of the chairs from Pizza Man sold at the sale.**
 - d. School Safety-
 - **The church doors will be locked for all school masses once all students are inside. The school will be talking to the kids about not opening any school doors for anyone outside. All guests should come to the front doors to be let in by the office.**
 - e. Pizza man-
 - **The Effingham Pizza Man owner bought one of the ovens to use for parts. The newer salad bar was sold to the Legion. The old salad bar is still available.**
- VII. New Business
 - a. Mission Party-

- **8th graders have started planning this week. The mission party will be Friday, October 31st. The Halloween parade will be at 1 with the mission party following for the older grades. Admission money will be donated to the mission trip fund at church. All-school mass that week will be on Wednesday the 29th to celebrate All Saints' Day.**
- b. Parent/Teacher Conferences-
 - **Forms to sign up for conferences were sent home in the Monday packet. Many forms have been returned already and conferences are being scheduled. Conferences are October 15th and 16th.**
- c. Church Picnic-
 - **The church picnic will be on October 12th. All are encouraged to attend. There will be kids' games, basket raffles, and a meal.**
- d. School Pictures-
 - **Pictures are Thursday, October 9th. Class pictures will also be that day.**
- e. Trivia Night-
 - **Planning started October 1st. Trivia night will be on February 14th, 2026.**
- f. School Board vacancy
 - **We are looking for an additional school board member**
- g. Veteran's Day
 - **St. Thomas band is playing at the Veteran's Day program this year.**
- h. Kindergarten
 - **Mrs. Tarr has accepted a new position outside of education. Her last day will be October 16th. Mrs. Bierman is working hard to fill that position. There will be a sub in the room until the position is filled.**
- VIII. Father Tomy's Report-
 - a. **Father Tomy reports that he enjoys seeing Mrs. Bierman every morning setting out the cones. He loves seeing everyone outside together.**
- IX. Finance Report-
 - a. **Technology/Improvement fund got the money from the garage sale. A large amount of money was donated to the Tuition Assistance fund in September. Cork and Pork donated \$2,000 for the Technology fund.**
- X. Positive Points -
 - a. **Field trips have started and the kids are really enjoying them.**
 - b. **Mrs. Millsap is a great addition to the staff.**
 - c. **There was a great turn out at open house this week.**
- XI. Closing Prayer- Mrs. Bierman

Respectfully submitted by School Board Secretary, Sharon Schackmann