

FRIDAY FLYER

THE TOME SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2, 2009

Picture Day is Monday!

Lifetouch Studios will be here on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 5** for Picture Day. All students are to be in **full uniform**. We will be taking class portraits as well as individual portraits. Individual Portrait proofs and ordering instructions will be sent home within a few weeks.

PSAT Exam will be administered to students in Gr 9-11 on **WED., OCT. 14** beginning 8:10 AM. Seniors should report to school at 11 AM. All other students should report at regular time.

Looking for creative writers, photographers

Creative writers in grades 5-12 are encouraged to submit their poems, stories, and essays to the school's literary magazine, "Phantasmagoria". Art work and photographs are also welcome. Submit your work to Mrs. Maisano. **The deadline is Nov. 25th.**

RACE FOR EDUCATION DAY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

GRADES K-4 will race from 8:15 AM – 8:45 AM

GRADES 5-8 will race from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

GRADES 9-12 will race from 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

The circle driveway will be closed to all traffic during each Race. Parents who come to help or walk are asked to park along the inner-side of the driveway or in available marked parking spots. Students should come to school dressed for Race Day: sneakers & school-appropriate "play" clothes. Students should also bring a water bottle.

Attention 7th & 8th graders!

Mark your calendars! Tome will be having a **FALL FEST** on **FRI., OCT. 23** from 6-9 PM at Walnut Springs Farm for 7th and 8th grade students. Activities will include hayrides, bonfire and a flashlight guided corn maze. Permission slips went home today. If any parents would like to volunteer as a chaperone for this event, please call Denise Cronin at 410-398-1388.

The Annual **Tome Halloween Party** is approaching quickly and the Halloween Committee needs your help!

We need volunteers to help with set-up, decorating, games, crafts, haunted hallway, refreshments and clean up after the party. We will be setting up on **FRI., OCT. 23** from 5-11 PM and **SAT., OCT. 24** from 8 AM until all is complete.

Party Invitations were sent home this week. Please fill them out and get them back in to us by no later than **WED., OCT. 14**. Thank you in advance for your participation. Please contact Jody Hubbs **410-287-6521** if you have any questions or concerns.

Innisbrook Gift Wrap will again be sold to benefit the Tome Sports program. Flyers and sales information will be distributed next week to all Middle School & Upper School families. The Boosters are asking each MS/US family who has a child that participates in Tome Sports to sell Innisbrook this October. The Boosters earn 50% profit on all sales. Call Dale Gorman for more information, **410-392-9705**.

PIZZA LUNCH THURSDAY, OCT. 8

Sponsored by the Key Club **SLICES \$2 EACH, \$1 ADD'L.** Forms are due back no later than **TUES., OCT. 6!**

Maryland Response to H1N1 virus:

For more information regarding the H1N1 virus (swine flu) go to <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/swineflu/>. Please be advised that students who are ill with flu-like symptoms this early in the season may have the H1N1 virus. Tome is using all appropriate precautions to limit the spread of illness within the school population.

FluMist Vaccine for season flu:

Administration by the Health Dept. at school-based clinics has been suspended effective Oct. 1. The state hopes to have the H1N1 intranasal vaccine available within 2 weeks and plans to offer the vaccine to all students in both public and private schools. As soon as we know more and have permission forms available, we will notify parents. Cecil County Health Dept. apologizes for any inconvenience this change has caused.

Progress Reports and other information will be sent home with your child next week – Target date is Wed., Oct. 7. Every student will receive a sealed envelope addressed to his or her parent. Please check with your child next week. All students who are failing or in danger of failing a class at this time will receive a Progress Report. Other students who are new to any teacher should also receive a Progress Report from that teacher.

Car Line Etiquette

1. If you are here early and first in line, please pull up to the speed bump by the tennis courts.
2. Please do not leave huge spaces between your car and the one parked in front of you.
3. Please be sure you are back to your car by 2:40 – 2:45, even if you have left a note on it. Sometimes we need to move cars.
4. Please use an alternate merge pattern when entering the back driveway from Maryland Ave. and from the front driveway when carline goes from single file to two lines at 2:45 – 2:50 PM.

TOME AFTERCARE is no longer accepting registrations for 2009-10. We are full to capacity.

Did You Know?

- Cecil College Assistant Professor of Business **Candace Vogelsong** is teaching "Personal Finance" as a 7th period elective in the Upper School.
- **Lauren Glackin, Katy McNeely** and **David Slayback**, Tome's 3 National Merit Semifinalists, are the only 3 semifinalists attending school in Cecil County.
- TSPO VP **Chalin Anton** wrote a grant application to Cecil County Arts Council to take all of our students to see a theatrical performance at a theatre. The school was awarded \$700 to help offset the costs of taking each division to see an age appropriate show.

Thank You

To **EVERYONE** who helped to make our Crab Fest successful. Thanks also to all the parents who came to the dinner to support our school. A special thanks to **KIM GILLEN** (mother of Zachary, Gr 3). To **JOHN WYMAN**, who visited Tome again this year to give a Civil War Presentation to the 8th grade.

Congratulations

To **TOMMY SURDU** (Gr 7), who was awarded the boy scout rank of Star Scout at Troop 810's Court of Honor held last Sunday. Way to go, Tommy!

To **MELANIE SPARKS** (Gr 7) who was crowned Junior Miss Fall Fast at the annual Fall Fest held recently in Elkton. **MADELEINE SPARKS** (Gr 9), last year's Junior Miss Fall Fest, passed the crown on to her sister. Miss Fall Fest is not a beauty pageant but rather an opportunity to recognize young women in the area for their academic and social achievements and community involvement.

DDD Cards (Dress Down Day cards) will be presented soon to the students who qualified by bringing in completed address labels for the Race flyers. Instead of McDonald's Dollars as the reward for every 15 labels, students will receive an extra DDD-card. Cards may be used on most Fridays or last day of a school week. Cards must be turned in on the day it is used.

Is your child interested in Math & Science?

NASA MATH FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: A program developed by NASA to introduce real "space" math applications to students in Intro to Algebra and Algebra. Join Mrs. Larson on Wednesdays after school (3-4 pm) where each week students will be guided to solve real life calculations made by NASA scientists using math concepts taught in class. NASA math will begin on October 7. See last week's (and the week before) Flyer for other opportunities.

Writing Contests / Scholarship Money / Opportunities

1. **VFW – Voice of Democracy**, audio essay contest open to students in Gr 9-12. Deadline Nov. 1, 2009. Topic: "Does America Still Have Heroes?" See Mrs. Kemp, Dr. W. or www.VFW.org for more information.
2. **VFW – Patriots Pen**, writing contest, open to students in Gr 6-8. Deadline Nov. 1, 2009. Topic: "When Is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes?" See Mrs. Wohner, Dr. W. or www.VFW.org for more information.
3. **Prudential Spirit of Community Award** – open to students in Gr 5-12 who have engaged in a volunteer activity after Sept. 1, 2008, complete an application and submits it to Dr. W. by Nov. 2, 2009. Applications and more info are available at <http://spirit.prudential.com>.
4. **HOBY** – Open to all 10th graders to apply. Submit an essay about leadership to Dr. Williams by Oct. 23. In 100 words or less, please describe the most rewarding and challenging aspect of being a leader in your school or community. One sophomore will be selected to attend the leadership program next May.
5. **Letters About Literature** welcomes entries from all readers. Select a fiction or non-fiction book, short story, poem, essay or speech you have read and about which you have strong feelings. Write a letter about those feelings. See www.lettersaboutliterature.org for more information. Prizes are awarded at state level and national level for each division.

Homecoming Dance

The Sophomore Class cordially invites all US students and their Upper School aged guests to the 2009 Homecoming Dance, Friday evening, OCRT. 23 from 7 to 10:30 PM in the gym. Tickets are \$10 each. Permission Slips for non-Tome students are available in the office.

COLLEGE CORNER

SENIORS: Mrs. Kemp will be available to meet with students to discuss college lists and/or applications during lunch or during 7th period.

It's not too late to arrange a college visit for Columbus Day. Go online and sign up for an information session and tour. The last date to register to take the Nov. 7 SAT or SAT Subject Tests is Oct. 15. Today is the last day to register for the Oct. 24 ACT.

JUNIORS & SENIORS: Representatives from Hood College and Mount St. Mary's will be here next week. These sessions are great for learning about the college search in general.

Enter for a Chance to Win a Free Prize!

Cecil Partnerships for Children, Youth and Families is sponsoring a free raffle. Visit our website www.cecilpartnerships.org by Oct. 26th for your chance to win a Soccer Combo Pak (ages 5-12) or a Bicycle (ages 13-21). Winners will be announced on the website on Oct. 29th.

BOXTOPS:

Please send in any box tops you have collected. Each box top is worth 10 cents for the school and it adds up fast! A box will be submitted before the end of October. Here is the link to the updated product list:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=2164>.

In October – It's time to Stock up on Snacks at Food Lion – Buy any 5 participating* General Mills Box Tops for Education products in one shopping trip using your MVP to receive 20 BONUS BOX TOPS (certificate rec'd via checkout; \$2 value). Offer valid more than once. *Participating products – Betty Crocker Fruit by the Foot Crazy Feet, Fruit by the Foot Mini Feet, Fruit Roll Ups, Fruit Roll Ups Crazy Pix, Fruit Roll Ups Fruit Stickerz, Fruit Roll Ups Mini Rolls, Fruit Shapes, Sunkist Fruit Shapes, CHEX MIX, Chex 100 Calorie, Chex Mix Select, Simply Chex, Chex Mix Bars.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Please visit our website for up-to-date information on games for each of our teams. www.tomeschool.org, then click on 'Sports Schedules'. The schedules including the Bus Schedule were updated this week: 9/30/09.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. **BUY ACME**, Food Lion, Giant/Martin or Redner's gift cards at school. \$600 in gift cards = \$30 profit = 1 hour.
2. **PICK UP TRASH** dropped around the school grounds. Anytime.
3. **WEED WHACK** around the trees and tennis courts.
4. **WEED WHACK** under all fences and benches.
5. **WEED WHACK** along banks of stream at both bridges
6. **HELP WITH PIZZA LUNCH** on Fri., Oct. 8 from 11-1. We still need one more person. Call office to sign up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3	Volleyball Tournament
October 5	School Portrait Day
October 7	Gr 1 to Coleman Orchards
October 8	Kindergarten to Milburn Orchards
October 9	Race for Education Day, 1 PM Dismissal
October 12	School Closed for October Break
October 13	TSPO Meeting, 1:45 PM
October 14	PSAT Exams
October 23	Homecoming
October 24	TSPO Halloween Party, 6-8 PM
October 27	USDT Meeting, 7 PM
October 28	Upper School to Center Stage in Baltimore
October 29	First Quarter Ends

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