



# The Barrister

*"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."*

February 25, 2010

Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio



Our Patron Saint

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

Jesus, THANK YOU for helping us carry our cross.

## Lenten Prayer Thoughts for the Week...



Lord, forgive us for condemning You through our failure to love others. Sometimes we feel that life is against us and we fail to realize that challenges are as much a part of life as rewards. Lord, we love You and thank You for undergoing Your passion to save us.

Lord, all of us have crosses in our lifetime, large and small crosses. Please help me shoulder mine. Thank You, God, for giving me my guardian angel in order to help me bear these crosses. May I learn from these experiences and be able to love myself and others better as a result.

## LENTIL SCHEDULE



## Stations of the Cross

Join the students of St. Thomas More School at **2:15 PM** during Fridays of Lent, in the church, as we walk, with our Lord, through the **Stations of the Cross.**

Jesus, I will take up my cross and follow You.

### PARENTS:



Cell phones, if they must be brought to school, **must** remain in the backpack of the student. If a student is found with the cell phone, during school, it will be taken and given to the Principal. A parent will then need to come and get it. Thanks.

### OPPORTUNITY TO STAY EVEN MORE CONNECTED WITH EDLINE!



As a parent, do you ever find yourself saying, "Gee, I wish I could be sent an email notice when new private reports (like grades) are posted to EDLINE? Well ...

### It's as easy as 1—2—3 ...

1. Log in to your EDLINE account.
2. On the **LEFT** side where it says, "COMMAND CENTER," **CLICK: MANAGE ACCOUNT.**
3. **EMAIL PREFERENCES:** Make sure each of them is marked "YES." By doing this you will receive an email **each and every time a new grade is posted.**

**NO MORE HAVING TO JUST GUESS WHEN GRADES ARE BEING POSTED. YOU DO, HOWEVER, HAVE TO CHECK FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS.**



**Thank You, Students!!**  
The students in Grades 5-8 did an **Outstanding** job with their very first Education Fair. I am so proud of you, and appreciate all of your effort.

Mr. Nordyke



## **ISTEP+ is coming ... TERRA NOVA, too!**

WOW, is it almost March already? Time flies when you're having fun.

**ISTEP+** (Grades 3 - 8) will begin on March 1st.  
**Terra Nova** (Grade 2) will also begin on March 1st.

Please make sure the children get plenty of rest and have a good breakfast before coming to school.



For those parents unable to join us for the school stations,

St. Thomas More Parish will have Stations at **7:00 PM** on each Friday during Lent. There is also a Mass on Wednesday's during Lent at **7:00 PM**.



## **REMEMBER ...**

Turn in your registration for next year. Classes are filling up quickly.



If you need another registration form, you may download from Edline (under Forms) or pick up in the Main office. Thanks!!



## **Lent in School...**

If you have the chance to come down the Main Hall of school, you will not help but notice the Lenten Window (created by our very own Father Mike!) all of the Bona Opera's (Good Works) prepared by the students.

Other grades are saying special prayers, visiting the Blessed Sacrament, working on special projects, all to help us walk with Jesus and carry our cross.

Parents ... Come and add **YOUR** Bona Opera, too.

Jesus, we LOVE you!



## **CONGRATULATIONS, FR. MIKE!**

Our Father Mike has received a new appointment by His Excellency, Bishop Melczek.

In addition to his duties as Pastor of St. Thomas More, Father Mike is now the Dean of Southlake County for the Diocese of Gary.



## **Thank You Very Much**

The many, many positive comments received by the Faculty and me about the Education Fair were very appreciated. The students did a **FANTASTIC** job! The parent turn out was terrific. The students are successful because of your support.

The awesome faculty was also excited about this new venture. Every single academic discipline in the school was represented!  
Thanks, Teachers!

**We do not become fully alive until our names become VERBS and not just NOVNS.**



Gracious God,  
 thank You for the  
 gift of Catholic  
 education.  
 Day after day, week  
 after week, You  
 give us many  
 opportunities to  
 know Your great  
 love,  
 peace, and  
 forgiveness.  
 Help us respond to  
 Your Good News  
 and the  
*good news of  
 Catholic education.*



*Confession is the first step to repentance.*

**GROCERIES ? GAS ???**

**Thursday Morning  
 T.R.I.P.**

Did you know you are  
 able to purchase T.R.I.P.  
 certificates every  
**THURSDAY** morning  
 from 8:00 - 9:00 AM  
 from the Raven's Roost  
 (School Supply Store)  
 located in the Main Hall  
 of school, next to the  
 Principal's Office?  
 Mrs. Amy Lee will be  
 happy to help you in  
 any way she can.

**RESTAURANTS ???  
 STORES ???**

 **Market Day**  
 A fundraiser like no other...



The next Market Day is  
**Monday, March 8th.**  
 Orders are due by  
**Thursday, March 4th.**  
**We are asking the 2nd  
 Grade parents to help.**



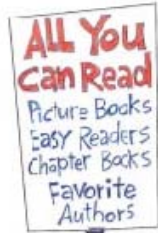
**BOOK FAIR**  
*Diner*

"KETCHUP"  
 on your reading

DINER OPEN DAILY  
 Sunday, March 14th  
 after  
 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Masses

Monday 15th thru Friday 19th  
 8:30-3:00  
 STM School Library

EVERYONE WELCOME!  
 You "MUSTARD" come to the Book Fair!



Any Questions?  
 Amy Osmulski 923-8240  
 Anita Hemingway 972-1123



SCHOLASTIC

**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY MASS**



Girl Scout Sunday will be celebrated on March 7 at 10 am  
 mass. All Girl Scouts are encouraged to attend and  
 process in with Fr. Mike at the beginning of mass.

Please arrive in the vestibule by 9:45 am and wear your  
 Girl Scout uniform if you have one. Girls will sit as a  
 group in the front pews.

If you have a full Girl Scout uniform and would like to  
 participate at mass as a flag bearer/guard, altar server,  
 cantor, lector, petition reader or gift bearer,  
 call **Barbara Jamrose at 922-3783.**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TELL YOUR CHILDREN EVERY DAY HOW MUCH YOU LOVE THEM. EVEN THE BIG ONES!

## Principal Reflects on AWESOME Students...

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As I visit various classrooms, I experience much learning taking place. The children are incorporating higher thinking strategies as they respond to questions presented by the teachers. It is awesome to watch the development of the students as they move from one grade to another. They, and we, are so blessed. **Thank you parents**, for your cooperation in seeing that the written and study homework is completed each night. The practice is what makes the children successful in mastering skills and concepts. Keep up the good work! We thank God for you and all you do for Catholic education. You, as parents, have a difficult job as the primary educator of your children. You model and set the values of education through work and deed.

As all of us continue to walk together during Lent, please be assured that you are remembered daily in the prayers of the children.

Walking faithfully through Lent with Jesus.



Principal

*God doesn't look at how much we do, but with how much love we do it.*

## HOME & SCHOOL RAFFLE



Please don't forget to sell your STMS Raffle tickets.

*The prizes are as follows:*

**\*\*GRAND PRIZE \$4000.00 cash or tuition**

**2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE \$1000.00 cash**

**3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE \$750.00 cash**

**4<sup>th</sup> PRIZE \$500.00 cash**

**5<sup>th</sup> PRIZE \$250.00 cash**



***The family selling the most tickets will be awarded a \$500.00 Cash Prize!!!!***

## Let Us Pray to the Lord ...

- Children in danger of abortion
- Chronically ill people
- Conversion of our family members
- Dying people and those in their last agony
- Elderly people
- Emotionally troubled people
- Families
- His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI
- Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Homebound
- Homeless
- Hospital Bound
- Lonely people
- More vocations to the priesthood
- Our Priests and Religious
- Our U.S. Military and their families
- People Grieving
- Persecuted Church
- Prisoners
- Protection of children
- Seriously ill
- Unemployed people

Lord, hear our prayer ...

## STMS READ-A-THON

**CHILDREN: DON'T FORGET**



The read-a-thon is now over. The white envelopes along with pledge money is due to the library **before March 5th.**

## Calling All STMS Parents:

On Saturday, April 24th, we will be hosting a 60th Birthday Party for our school here in the STMS gym.

Included in the guest list will be alumni, parents of alumni and current STMS parents.

This will be an adult evening to include appetizers, beverages, dancing and a lot of fun!

If you would like to be part of the organizing committee, please contact

**Pam Pasyk at (219) 836-9151, #309**

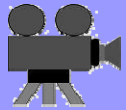
or e-mail: [ppasyk@stm-school.com](mailto:ppasyk@stm-school.com) and plan to attend the **first official committee** meeting on

**Thursday**

**February 25th at  
7:00 p.m. in the  
Solar Room**

"Many hands make  
light work."

Our goal is to make this  
an enjoyable and re-  
warding event for all.



### **SAVE THE DATE**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010**

**Kindergarten - Grade 8**

**6:00 PM GYM Bring a lawn chair!**

**MORE INFORMATION TO COME!!**

# Sacrament of Confirmation



**Saturday  
March 27, 2010**

**10:30 AM**

**St. Thomas More  
Church**

**Very Important Reminders ...**

**Friday, March 26, 2010 ~**

**Confirmation Practice at 6:00 p.m. for Sponsors  
and Confirmation Candidates.**

**March 27, 2010 ~**

**The Sacrament of Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. ~  
Students should arrive at 10:00 a.m.**

***Come Holy Spirit***

**ISTEP+  
EXAMINATION WEEK**

Choose the sentence that is **MOST** clearly written.

My books I left on top of my desk.

I left my books on top of my desk.

I left on top of my desk my books.

On top of my desk I left my books.

**Drew is pulling a wagon loaded with some wood. Drew adds more wood onto the wagon. If Drew now pulls the wagon in the same direction with the same amount of force, how will the speed of the wagon compare to before?**

The speed will be lower because the mass has been increased.

The speed will be higher because the mass has been increased.

The speed will be the same because the amount of force used is the same.

The speed will be the same because the direction of the force is the same.

**What is the area, in square centimeters, of a circle with a diameter of 6 centimeters?**

9.42 square centimeters

18.84 square centimeters

28.26 square centimeters

56.52 square centimeters

**EXAMPLES OF  
ISTEP+ QUESTIONS ...  
GRADES 3, 5 and 7.  
Language, Math and Science**

**St. Thomas More's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**  
is sponsoring a  
**Lake Perch /**  
**Fried Shrimp Fish Fry**

**Friday, March 5, 2010**

4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

St. Thomas More Social Center



**Irish Dancers will perform at 6:30 p.m.**

Adults \$10.00    Children \$5.00



Dinners include:

Lake Perch, Fried Shrimp, or Combo  
French Fries, Cole Slaw, Beets,

Bread & Butter, Coffee, & Condiments

Macaroni & Cheese is available.

Desserts available for a donation.

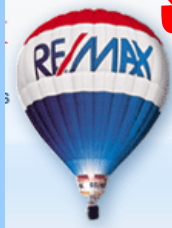
**Carryouts are also available!**



**Thank you in advance for your support!**

**All proceeds benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to  
Washington D.C. in June.**

Call Kathleen at 836-2660 for more information.



## STM TRIP and REMAX 2000

For the months of March and April, anyone buying a home through REMAX 2000 (Mary Powers/Mike Buder) will receive



**double the tuition credit** (10% instead of 5% of the commission after closing). Contact Mary Powers (219-838-7897) for more information.



It's people like you that put us on the map!

Spasibo Arigato Merci  
Gracias Vinaka Danke Asante  
Maururu MAHALO TAK Grazie



### MASS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY. BISHOP MELCZEK

It was WONDERFUL to see so many parents at our All School Mass this past Tuesday. I want to say a special THANK YOU to all who helped make this Mass very spiritual: *Father Mike, Father Rick, Deacon Stodola, Deacon Tabion, Ryan Hamill, Noah Hinojosa, Jake Morgan, Mikey O'Shea, Sam Toth* (Servers), *Nick Anglin* (Greeter & Lector), *Allison Hemingway* (Cantor), *Matthew Szala* ( Petitions), *Jimmy Connelly, Mikey Dempsey, Gavin Kinsella* (Presentation of Gifts for Mass), *Student Choir, Miss Daniel, Miss Lorandos, Mr. Mlynarski, Alyssa Anglin, Caroline & Elizabeth Beckman, Mary Beth Blocher, Steve Caraher, Maritza Garcia, Jung Kim, Megan O'Brien, Joshua Peters, Daniel Straka, Mia Torres* (Band Members), **OUR STMS STUDENT BODY**, *Alyssa & Abigail Chronowski* (Presenters of *Year of the Priest* gift to His Excellency, Bishop Melczek.) Bishop Melczek spoke with me after Mass and told me how terrific everything was. **THANK YOU ALL!!!**



## REQUESTS FOR TEACHERS STMS POLICY FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

(Posting # 4)



The assignment of homerooms is done in the spring of the prior year. The goal of the collaborative decision by grade level teachers, departmental teachers, special services teachers, the principal and assistant principal is to build a class which will enable each individual child to have an academically successful year in a social environment that supports continued growth and development. The best possible attempts are made to provide a gender balance, a range of overall abilities and personalities, uniform class size and sensitivity to the number and nature of children receiving special services.

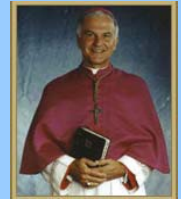
We, at St. Thomas More School, believe that **all** of our teachers are exceptional. Once in a while parents ask if they may request a particular teacher. We are asking that parents **do not make specific requests to have or not have a particular teacher**. We will, however, be more than happy to accept specific and relevant information which describes or supports a particular academic, pedagogical or social/emotional need of your child. **This information must be put in writing to the Principal prior to March**. Once again, we believe **all** of the members of the faculty at St. Thomas More School are **exceptional**, and although we welcome clarifying information, St. Thomas More School will **no longer** be able to accept specific requests for a teacher.

**Definition of a HOMEROOM:** Location where a student gathers for morning, lunch and dismissal prayer, attendance, lunch count. NO academic subject is taught in homeroom from grade 5 - 8. Due to limited classroom space, it is necessary to locate homerooms in locations such as the Library, Solar Room, etc.

(Posting # 4)



# The Year of the Priest



Divine Savior, Jesus Christ, who has entrusted Your work of redemption to the priests, who take Your place on earth, we offer you, through the hands of your most holy Mother, for the sanctification of Your priests and future priests this whole day, all of our prayers, works, joys, sacrifices and sufferings. Give us saintly priests. Grant to them apostolic hearts, filled with love for You and all the souls belonging to You, so that, being themselves sanctified in You, they may sanctify us who are entrusted to their care and bring us safely into Heaven.



Loving Jesus, bless all their priestly work and sacrifice. Bless all their prayers and words at the altar and in the confessional, in the pulpit, in the school and at the sickbed. Call many young men to the priesthood. Protect and sanctify all who will become Your priests. And grant to the souls of the priests who have departed this life, eternal rest.

Mary, Mother of all priests, take them under your special protection and lead them ever to the highest priestly sanctity.

## Lights, Camera, Fashion

Style Show 2010

presented by the Andean Parent's Club

Sunday, March 14, 2010

Halls of St. George in Schererville, IN

Doors Open at 11:30 a.m. • Luncheon at 1:00 p.m.

Cash Bar •\$40 Reservation *RSVP by March 1st*

**Bakery • Basket Raffle • Boutique**

Fashions by:

*Dunhill, Elizabeth Fashions and A Pink Boutique*

For more info contact Kathleen Pagorek at 972-0539.

**Is YOUR  
registration  
for 2010-  
2011 in the  
Office yet?**



## SACRIFICE

“to make holy”

What shall we *make holy* for Jesus?

• Read aloud the following quiz questions. Have the young people write their answers on a sheet of paper and then check their answers.

1. How long does Lent last? (40 days)
2. When does it start? (Ash Wednesday)
3. What great feast does it lead to? (Easter)
4. What is its goal? (spiritual renewal in Christ)
5. For whom does the Church pray especially during Lent? (catechumens and people who have left the Church)
6. Which day of the week is not counted in the forty days of Lent? (Sunday)
7. Which word means "to give to those in need"? (almsgiving)
8. How many full meals may be eaten on a fast day? (one)
9. Name a fast day in Lent. (Ash Wednesday or Good Friday)
10. What must Catholics over age 14 do on Fridays during Lent? (abstain from eating meat)

## A Family Quiz for Lent.





# \$1 Jeans Day!!!

Friday, March 12, 2010

Scholastic Book Fair Diner

Blue Plate Special!

Help Buy More Books

for our Classroom Libraries!



## WELL BITS

With ISTEP tests coming up next week, this week's article will focus on simple things you can do with your kids this week to get them ready for a successful, stress-free, testing experience.

**Get them active** – Exercise will reduce feelings of anxiety as well as increase blood flow and oxygen to the brain. Play a game of tag or get outside for a brisk walk every day this week.

**Don't forget the ZZZZZ's** – A good night's sleep can help your kids perform their best. According to [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org), elementary school kids should get about 10 hours of sleep per night; middle school and junior high school students about 9 hours.

**Gobble the good stuff** – Fresh fruits and vegetables are often recommended to reduce stress. In addition, avoid processed foods, artificial sweeteners, pop, chocolate, fast foods, junk foods, white flour products, foods containing large amounts of sugar as well as foods containing coloring and/or preservatives.

**Inhale and Exhale** – Teach your kids how to de-stress by focusing on their breath. Taking deep, belly breaths can calm the mind and reduce the anxiety that tests can provoke. Have your child lie down with a light book placed on the middle of their abdomen. Tell them to take slow deep breaths and give the 'book' a slow up & down ride. The book should rise up when they inhale and lower when they exhale.

**Strength the eyes** – ISTEP tests not only test aptitude, but also the ability to pay attention and stay focused. Attention abilities can be developed through visual exercises at home. Get a favorite toy, stuffed animal, or other object (i.e. crayon). Sit across from your child. Instruct your child to keep his/her head from moving and only use their eyes to follow the moving target. Move the target slowly at first (i.e. up, down, right, left, diagonally, etc), then increase speed and direction. For more information about eye exercises visit the website, <http://www.eyecanlearn.com>.

# News from the Eagle's Nest...

## Appreciation Night – Saturday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ramirez vs. Mateja (5 min quarter)  
Lee vs. Zuccarelli (5 min)

### **2-Ball Finals for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

5:00 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Zabrecky vs. Novak (5 min)  
Zabrecky vs. Haugh (5 min)  
Zabrecky vs. Jamerson (5 min)

### **2-Ball Finals for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

6:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Vellutini vs. Benson (5 min)  
Vellutini vs. Podkul (5 min)

### **2-Ball Finals for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

7:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Kusiak vs. Bolanowski (5 min)  
Kusiak vs. Gryz (5 min)  
Kusiak vs. Toth (5 min)

### **2-Ball Finals for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

8:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys/Girls vs. Coaches



## **2-Ball Finalists**

### 5th Grade

Mike Madura & Carson Bosak  
Nick Buell & Kyle Mandujano  
Jonathon Mateja & Michael Faso

Gabby Ramirez & Megan Whelan  
Gabby Maiolo & Mariah Villaroman  
Alyssa Chronowski & Izabella Hinojosa

### 6th Grade

Bradley Sikora & Skylar Novak  
Noah Hinojosa & Zach Brum  
Luke Ginalski & Shawn Haugh

Maggie Anderson & Anna Bilse  
Abbey Kapitan & Isabella Pradhan  
Megan Zabrecky & Emily Johnson

### 7th Grade

Austin Eiland & Michael Hayes  
Ben Davidson & Nick Podkul

Nikki Smith & Serena Huss  
Natalie Vellutini & Lauren Kaszuba

### 8th Grade

Tommy Bolanowski & John Z.  
AJ Argamasilla & Spencer Hickey  
Pat McCarthy & Luke Page

Julia Kusiak & Morgan Switalla  
Carmen Ruiz & Jessika Majszak  
Liz Faso & Laura Gonzalez

## Basketball Pictures

Thursday, February 25th in the gym.

Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time.

Forms will be available to purchase pictures.

5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boy's	Mateja	7:30 pm
	Zuccarelli	7:35 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girl's	Lee	7:40 pm
	Ramirez	7:45 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boy's	Haugh	7:50 pm
	Jamerson	7:55 pm
	Novak	8:00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girl's	Zabrecky	8:05 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boy's	Benson	8:10 pm
	Podkul	8:15 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girl's	Vellutini	8:20 pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boy's	Bolanowski	8:25 pm
	Gryzbowski	8:30 pm
	Toth	8:35 pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girl's	Kusiak	8:40 pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Select Team		8:45 pm

Boy's Teams: Please bring a change of clothes. We are collecting uniforms after your team picture is taken. Uniform Deposit Checks will be returned unless you are playing a spring sport.



# S.T.M. LUNCH MENU – WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2010

Daily Ala Cartes: Salads—Large-\$2.25; Small-\$1.80 Yogurt--\$0.70 Milk--\$0.45

## Monday, March 1

Hamburger/Cheeseburger  
French Fries  
Pickle Spear  
Pears  
Pudding  
Milk

*Ala Carte: Burger \$1.50*

## Monday Volunteers

Denise Smith  
Maria Cano  
Suzanne Cacaes

## Tuesday, March 2

Chicken Patty  
Whipped Potatoes/Gravy  
Peas or Carrots  
Bread Slice  
Mixed Fruit  
Milk

## Tuesday Volunteers

Cathy Lyons  
Ann Dicarlo  
Penny Covelli

## Wednesday, March 3

Pepperoni Pizza Slice  
Corn  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Rice Krispie Treat  
Milk

*Ala Carte: Pizza \$1.50*

## Wednesday Volunteers

Cheryl Peters  
Jan Rademacher  
Chris Balbo

## Thursday, March 4

Chicken Tacos – Soft only  
Lettuce/Cheese  
Tater Tots  
Applesauce  
Frozen Shape-Up  
Milk

*Ala Carte: Taco \$1.20*

## Thursday Volunteers

Patty Stregre  
Jeanne Mossburg  
Eileen Speranza

## Friday, March 5

Bosco Sticks  
Marinara Dip  
Salad or Veggie Sticks  
Peaches  
Fruit Juice  
Milk

*Ala Carte: Bosco Stick \$0.90*

## Friday Volunteers

Melissa Reardon  
Martha Smith  
Jane Mrvan

Stations of the Cross: 2:15 PM



*Lord, help me  
to carry my cross  
without complaining.*

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Menu subject to change.

Hot Lunch Prices: Student - \$1.85/day      5 days - \$9.25      20 days - \$37.00  
Adult - \$2.50/day

Cash or checks made out to STM are accepted.

Families with more than one student eating hot lunch are encouraged to send in ONE check (or cash) in one envelope. Money will be divided between siblings accordingly.

Days not used are credited for future use. **There is a \$-9.00 charge limit per account. If students do not bring in money after 5 charges, they will not be allowed in the hot lunch line until payment is made. However, students will be offered a peanut butter or cheese sandwich if they have nothing else to eat.**

Students should turn in payment in a SEALED envelope labeled with the following information:

**Lunch Money, Student First and Last Name, Teacher Name, Amount Enclosed**

E-mail Mrs. Murray for lunch account balance inquires: [lmurray@stm-school.com](mailto:lmurray@stm-school.com)

Remember to check Edline for the monthly menu and the cafeteria volunteer list.