

Academy Receives M&M Foundation Grant

Great News! In February of this year 4 new laptop computers were delivered to Catholic Central High/Middle School Campus thanks to an anonymous donation and 15 new laptops were purchased and installed at the St. Mary Campus thanks to a grant from the M & M Foundation and the assistance of U.E.S. Computers Inc. of Marinette who supplied and completed the initial setup of the computers. March is anticipated to be an exciting month at the Saint Mary Campus when the school receives two technologically advanced teaching tools known as smartboards for use in the classrooms. The purchase of these smartboards was made possible by another grant from the M & M Foundation. We extend our gratitude to the M & M Foundation for providing the funds necessary to update the computers and the teaching methods at the elementary school.

Catholic Central Memorial Plaque

The academy has added the following names to the Catholic Central Memorial Plaque that is displayed in the lobby near the gymnasium. These students and supporters join the list of dozens of others in the memorial. Donations were received in their names.

Lu Wilke
John Bell
Anthony Edlbeck '95

John Kerski
Paul Kopish '83

Upcoming Class Reunions

The class of 1960 will be holding a class reunion this summer. Details are available by contacting Robert Francour at rfrancour@live.com, rpaulsen2@wi.rr.com or asterix@mikemcdonnell.org. The classes of 1990 through 1999 are planning a class reunion scheduled for August, 2011. Each class will have a coordinator for the reunion. For details contact Melissa Raziminas at thegabster78@yahoo.com or stay in touch with the reunion plans on Facebook by looking up "cchs 90's extravaganza".

Academy Website

The academy website is a great way to relive old memories. We have class lists from 1910 through the present. If you have old photographs you would like to share from your days at Catholic Central, St. Thomas Aquinas, Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Mary's Institute please contact our high school office at 715-735-7481. Visit the website at <http://www.thomas-aquinas.org>.

News from the Catholic Central Foundation Office

Congratulations to Cris and Frank Faucett who have been selected as the 2010 Touhey Award recipients. Cris is the Marinette County Treasurer and Frank is a firefighter for the city of Marinette. This honorary award is named after Sister Mary Xaveria, the former Mary Touhey, who was one of the five original graduates of our high school who later founded the first college for women in Maine. The award is given to individuals who best exemplify the ideals of Catholic education, exhibit a Christian insight for living, and effective service to others in the love of God. The Catholic Central Foundation would like to thank all those who submitted nominations. Nominations are kept on file and those not selected this time will be considered for a future award. The evening of recognition will be on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at Our Lady of Lourdes Social Center in Marinette. Please reserve this date to honor Cris and Frank and Catholic education's rich history.



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Annual Giving Campaign Update

As the 2009 / 2010 Annual Giving Campaign comes to a close we are thankful for all the financial donations and prayers offered by you, our supporters.

The Annual Giving Campaign plays a crucial role in the future success of the academy. Our goal is within reach; we ask that you please help us make the school a better place for our students.

Overwhelmed by the generosity of supporters of the academy who have given to our campaign from as far away as Washington State, we are now just \$88,000 short of our \$300,000 goal. Even in our economy, people have been able to donate to this outstanding institution to help keep it thriving for years to come. It is amazing how these contributions add up and no contribution is too small.

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| Executive Partner in Learning *\$5,000 or more | 8 donors in '09-10 |
| Partner in Learning *\$1,000 - \$4,999 | 22 donors in '09-10 |
| Colleague in Learning * \$500-\$999 | 29 donors in '09-10 |
| Associate in Learning *\$250-\$499 | 19 donors in '09-10 |
| Friend of Learning *up to \$249 | 255 donors in '09-10 |

Please help us reach our goal by using the enclosed envelopes.

Continuing the Tradition for a New Generation

St. Thomas Aquinas Academy received a nod of support from the Corporate Board on January 22, 2010 for the business and development plan including the preliminary budget for the 2010-2011 school year. The Corporate Board is made up of the Most Reverend David L. Ricken, Bishop of the Green Bay Diocese, Deacon Tim Riley, Dr. Joe Bound, Director of the Department of Education for the diocese, Sr. Helen Plum SSND -Parish Director for St. Mary's and SS Joseph and Edward parishes, Fr. Joe Dorner - pastor of Holy Family Parish in Marinette and Tom Schwaba, Chairperson of the Academy Board of Trustees.

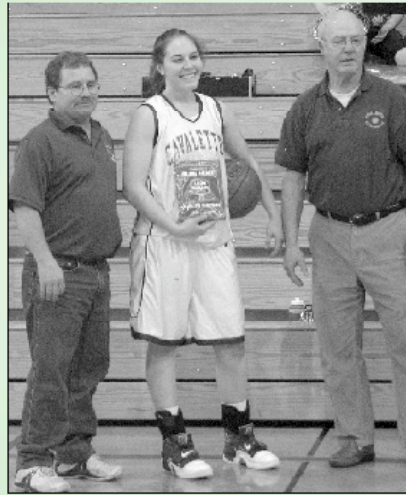
~ Upcoming Events ~

- The annual St. Thomas Aquinas Academy Auction will be on Sunday, March 14
- The Windsor Players will be performing "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" on March 26th and 27th at 7:00 pm and March 28th at 3:00 pm at the St. Thomas Aquinas Academy High School Gymnasium

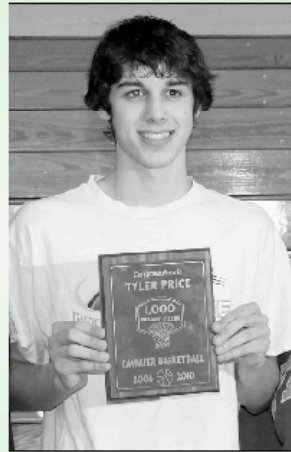
1,000 Point Club Following a Tradition

Catholic Central has had a rich history of outstanding high school basketball teams. Twelve WIAA State basketball championships in 1964, 65, 81, 82, 83, 84, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96 and 97 would make any NBA team envious.

This year two senior athletes have joined the coveted 1,000-point club. Julianna Molosky reached the 1,000-point club on January 25 versus Gilbraiter while her classmate Tyler Price reached 1,000 points on January 21 versus Coleman. Both scored their 1,000-point at home in front of an impressive home crowd, which included some former 1,000-point club members. A new banner, listing all of the club members, is on display in the academy gymnasium. They join the following alumni in the 1,000-point club.



| | Year | Total Pts. |
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| Bob Pecotte | 56-60 | 1268 |
| Rocky Slawinski | 63-67 | 1103 |
| Bob Holquist | 67-71 | 1361 |
| Joe Lauer | 75-79 | 1213 |
| Cindy Powers | 75-79 | 1022 |
| Debbie Beyer | 79-83 | 1203 |
| Pat Baxter | 88-92 | 1141 |
| Steve Schahczenski | 90-94 | 1387 |
| Christy Roberts | 90-94 | 1387 |
| Chris Peterson | 03-07 | 1297 |
| Julianna Molosky | 07-10 | TBD |
| Tyler Price | 07-10 | TBD |



Senior Letter

Dear Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy,

I want to thank you for giving me the education I needed to reach the next level of my academic career – college. You have not only prepared me academically, you also taught me how to be a responsible adult. I walked in the doors of the high school unprepared and afraid of the future, and I am walking out prepared to handle anything that is thrown at me. This school has taught me how to excel in my studies and also how to excel at life. Attending school here has trained me to be a team player. I can handle high stress situations that an immature student might not be able to handle. Participation on the sports teams and also excelling in my academic classes has shown me how to be a leader. I am now confident to be a role model for younger students who see the same goals I do. This school did not give me an education; I have been given a Catholic education. You have taught me to seek faith to help me in my future. I now not only rely on others and myself for guidance, but most importantly, I rely on God. You have given me things which money cannot buy. This school offers more than just classroom lessons; it offers life lessons. Each obstacle that a student overcomes at STAA builds character, and I do not know a single school that has more character than this one does. Thank you for giving me everything I need to succeed at the next level. I am confident that I will take on the future with control, knowledge, and understanding, which I gained as a Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy student.

Sincerely,

Joseph Brostowitz
Class of 2010

Celebrating 100 Years

July 30, 2011 will mark the 100th anniversary of the ritualistic cornerstone ceremony of the present Our Lady of Lourdes parochial school building. The first Our Lady of Lourdes school was raised from the site to make way for the new structure, once said to be "one of the finest (buildings) in the Twin Cities." The "new" building as quoted in the Daily Eagle-Star (March 7, 1911) will be a credit to Marinette and a monument to education that Our Lady of Lourdes congregation can point to with pride."

During the cornerstone ceremony, nearly a century ago, Rev. J.J. Fox, Bishop of Green Bay and former pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes church delivered a discourse upon education. The following was taken from the Daily Eagle-Star (July 31, 1911) "(Bishop Fox) reviewed the work done along this line by this particular school from the inception of the work many years ago dwelling upon the conditions that existed when he came here (to Marinette) as pastor in 1884, covering the intervening years until the present time when this handsome structure now building became a necessity to accommodate the children of the parish. His remarks made a deep impression and created a stronger sentiment on the part of the people, who have made many sacrifices to maintain the parochial school, which ranks high in educational circles."



Today, Our Lady, with her her two massive pillars of granite, continues to stand for the commitment to Catholic education which her forefathers so greatly believed in.

Return Form

- I am pleased to support STAA with a gift of \$ _____. This gift will be designated for the greatest need unless specified otherwise.
- Enclosed is my first contribution of \$ _____. With _____ installments over the next ___1___2___3___ years.
- I have already remembered STAA in my will, life insurance, annuity or trust.
- Tuition Assistance Fund gift of \$ _____
- Angel Donor for a specific student or family in need. *We will contact you to set up the details

Please make check payable to: **STAA**
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