

# Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

October 23, 2009

## Academy News



Home and School will be sponsoring a **Community Halloween Party** on Saturday, October 31 from 1-4 p.m. in the High School Gym. This event is open to the public. There will be games, pizza, and Gregory's Photography will be there to take photos. Please note that this is a fundraiser for Home and School which helps to pay for bussing for field trips and many other activities throughout the school year. We are still looking for volunteers for this event. If you can help, you may contact either school office. Also, donations of Halloween decorations and bags of candy are appreciated and can be dropped off at either campus. Thank you for your support!

**Magazine Sale** orders are due Tuesday, October 27. If you do not wish to purchase a subscription, you may donate one to either of the campus libraries. You should have received a list of possible magazines with your child's packet. You may order your subscriptions online at QSP.com using the code 425004022; please indicate the child's name that is selling the subscription. **The code on the letter for 6-12<sup>th</sup> grades was incorrect**, so please note this correction. **Checks can be made payable to STAA.** The top class to win at each campus will receive a pizza party. The Elementary Campus will once again enjoy class pig races and there will be a \$25 drawing for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade and one for 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students in 6-12<sup>th</sup> grades will get their name entered for the drawing for every 3 subscriptions they sell.

Tammy Bulin is offering her cookie baking services for the classroom Halloween parties that will be coming up next week. She is asking \$10/dozen or if you would like them bagged individually, the cost is \$12/dozen and delivery is free of charge. All money raised will be used towards a new upcoming fundraiser in February.

Anyone interested in helping with **Chain Reaction Day** can meet at the Holy Family Parish Office this Saturday, October 24 at 12:30 p.m. There are two households that need help and the work should take about 3 hours. Paul Balzola is helping with this effort.



October 26-----Birthday Table – Elementary  
-----Campus  
October 27-----Student Ambassadors –  
-----Elementary Campus  
-----Magazine Turn-In  
**October 29-----No School**  
October 30-----Halloween Party - Elementary  
October 31-----Community Halloween Party  
----- (Pre K-5<sup>th</sup>) 1-4 p.m.-H.S. Gym  
November 5-----End of First Quarter  
November 6-----Picture Retake Day – Both  
-----Campuses  
November 11-----Early Release (12:35 Elementary  
-----Campus; 12:50 Middle/High  
-----School Campus)  
November 12-----Reports Cards Picked up at  
-----Conferences  
-----4-6 p.m. Elementary  
-----5-8 p.m. Middle/High  
School

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Our students and teachers sure had a treat last Friday as we visited with “Abe Lincoln”. His presentation was interesting, informative, and it was like everyone was back in time. He visited with the younger children, too, and answered their questions. We took pictures with President Lincoln and shook his hand as we left the gym. We would like to thank Bev Doucette for organizing this fantastic opportunity for our campus!

Please fill out the conference form in today’s family envelope and return it on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The teachers will be meeting next week to organize the conference times.

The students at the elementary campus have been following the dress code very well. We are still working on shirt colors for Thursday’s Mass day. The colors are white, navy, or green. Maybe parents could help us with this. **Because of our observance of the dress code, we will be able to have a Jean/Non-Uniform Day on the last Friday of each month. This month, it will be October 30<sup>th</sup>.** Way to go kids! Keep up the good work!

We have had a lot of children who have been out sick this week. We just want families to know that we are doing everything to help prevent the spread of illness. The classrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily (sometimes more than once a day!). We are all using hand sanitizer and washing our hands regularly. The bathrooms and lunch tables are disinfected daily. With all these precautions, children are still getting sick. If your child is sick, please call the school and let us know. It is helpful to Mrs. Woulf in the office and to your child’s teacher. We will also need to work together to get your child caught up once he/she is feeling better. We pray for good health for everyone!

### Middle School News

On Friday, October 30 the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be allowed to wear black and orange to celebrate Halloween. **Because the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade has been following the dress code so well, they will be allowed to wear jeans on this day as well as the last Friday of each month.** Also there will be a luncheon in the school gym over the regular lunch hour. Sloppy Joes, chips, fruit, cupcakes, and a drink will be provided. If your child doesn’t like the selection of food, please send a cold lunch. After they finish eating, they will play a few Halloween games. If parents were not asked to donate items for this luncheon, you were not forgotten. There will be other parties that will require your help! Thanks to those parents who are donating for this party.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to bag groceries this Saturday, October 24 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from MCC will also be participating. Any money raised will be used to help pay for a class trip at the end of the school year.

### High School News

A note from the Guidance Office: parents of seniors, please encourage your student to apply for appropriate scholarships. The following scholarship applications are due in late October/early November: Coca Cola, Catholic Order of Foresters, NMU full-ride scholarship competition, Elks National Foundation, and Horatio Alger Association scholarship.