

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

ACADEMY NEWS

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Academy News



Our deepest condolences are extended to the Lange Family in the loss of Lloyd this past week. The Lange Family, the Sorensen Family, and the entire Lange family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Lloyd and his family have been a part of us for many years and he will be sadly missed.

Come have a bale of a time at the Carviou Dairy Farm this Saturday, October 8th for the 2nd **Annual Pumpkin Palooza** sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters, Holy Family Court 301. The cost is \$5 and includes a hayride and pumpkin. Visitors will have a chance to see farm animals and enjoy refreshments and children's activities. Funds raised will be matched by the Catholic Order of Foresters and will go to the Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy school reading program.

SS. Joseph & Edward Church is hosting its annual **Chili Supper** this Sunday, October 9th from 4-7 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 for adults (11 and over), \$2.00 for children 6-10, and free for children 5 and under. Come taste the homemade chili, relishes, and fresh baked pies! The address for the church is W3308 County Road G in Porterfield.

Oktoberfest will be held Saturday, October 22nd at Schussler's Supper Club beginning at 5 p.m. and will feature a German Buffet, music, and dancing! The cost of the dinner is \$20 person. **Oktoberfest Raffle Tickets** are also available for purchase for \$75. Only 250 tickets will be sold and the top prize is \$4000! All tickets are available at the middle/high school campus.

The Magazine Sale is coming! It will begin next week. Your child will be bringing home a packet of information when the sale begins. Sales will benefit Academy activities.

SCRIP REMINDERS!

Don't forget to purchase Scrip! Every family that places 3 orders by November 4th will earn their children a jean day pass to be used Monday, November 21st.

If you do not use the pink order form that is sent home weekly, please leave it in your family envelope to use the next time. This saves the office on paper and copier costs. Thank you!



IMPORTANT DATES

October 7-----Mid-quarter reports sent home
October 8-----Pumpkin Palooza –
-----Carviou Farm – 10 a.m.-2p.m.
October 10-24-----Magazine Sale
October 11-----Picture Retake – Elementary
-----Fire Safety – Grades 1-5
October 12-----Fire Safety – Pre-K and K
October 13-----Magazine Sale Kick-off –
-----Elementary
October 19-----STAA Board of Trustees
-----Meeting. 6:30 a.m.-H.S. Library
-----Home & School Meeting –
-----6:30 p.m. -Middle/High School
October 20-----Elementary students attend
-----Flat Stanley at TOB
October 22-----Oktoberfest–Schussler's–5p.m.
October 24-----Birthday Table – Elementary
-----Apparel Orders Due
October 28-----Early Release
-----Elementary 11:15 a.m.
-----Middle/High School 11:30a.m.

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Last Wednesday, the fourth grade class traveled to Badger Park for Environmental Field Days. The program was sponsored by the Marinette County Land and Water Conservation Department. The students learned about agriculture, composting, aquatic invasive species, fishing, forestry, fighting forest fires, animal habitats, reptiles, and amphibians. Even though the day was a little rainy, the students enjoyed using a cork tool to determine the age of a tree, seeing a live sea lamprey, and spraying foam to put out a pretend forest fire. Everyone learned a lot of great information!

School pictures from Gregory's Photography came home this week. If you would like retakes, please send back the pictures that were sent home. Picture retakes will be Tuesday, October 11th at 11:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

The Pre-K through grade 2 students enjoyed a beautiful fall morning at the Bergeson Farm! We started out with a hayride and each child searched for the perfect pumpkin to bring home. We used our thinking skills to find our way through the corn maze, played tic-tac-toe using pumpkins and gourds, and fed apples to the hungry ponies. We saw pheasants, a white turkey, and a rooster. Many fun pictures were taken! Thank you to Tammy Bulin for showing us around and telling us about taking care of cows when she was young.

Middle/High News

Attention 7th and 8th grade parents! A class retreat for 7th and 8th graders is being planned for May 24 and 25, 2012 at Camp Unahliya in Suring. Look for more information in the next family envelope or contact Cheryl Sporie at the school. We will need to raise about \$90 per student for this retreat. Our first fundraiser will be selling Perkins Pies for Thanksgiving.

There will be a mandatory high school boy's basketball meeting in the gym on Monday, October 10th during lunch hour. A representative from Badger Sports will be here to size shoes and warm-ups for the season. Also, the Speed/Quickness Training for this Sunday will begin at 6:15 p.m. instead of 6:30 due to the Packer Game.

The PSAT will be administered on Wednesday, October 12th for sophomores and juniors. The fee for the test is \$14 and should be paid by Tuesday, October 11th. Checks can be made payable to STAA. Please see the information from Mr. Ziech in your family envelope for those students who are eligible for this test.

Parents of college bound seniors are reminded to encourage their son or daughter to begin applying to colleges and to apply for scholarships. Students should be encouraged to apply for as many scholarships as possible through colleges and local and national organizations. The students who receive the most scholarships are those who take the time to apply for as many as they can. Following is a list of upcoming scholarships and due dates. Applications are available in the guidance office and have also been distributed to seniors in homeroom. **NMU** – full ride and other scholarships; competitions to be held; due date is October 21st. **Catholic Foresters** – for students whose parents carry this insurance; due dates are October 31st and November 30th. **PEO Star** – for senior women; due date is October 31st. **Prudential Spirit of Community Award** – for students who have excelled at community service; due date is November 1st. **WSCA** – essay contest; due date is December 1st. **Elks National Foundation** – scholarships range from \$4000 to \$60,000; due date is December 2nd. **Fireside Catholic Publishing** – essay contest; due date is December 19th. **WPS** – family must reside in the service area; due date is February 1st. Most colleges offer scholarships as well as have specific due dates, often quite early in the year. Check with individual colleges for these.