

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

ACADEMY NEWS

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Academy News

On this Veterans' Day, we thank all those who have served our country and we continue to pray for them. We especially pray for family members of Academy students who may be currently serving or who have served our country in the past. May God continue to bless them and their families for their sacrifice.



Thank you to all those that volunteered their time, talent, and treasure for the 6th Annual Lu Wilke Scholarship Luncheon! The event was a big success and could not have been without your support. A special thank you to the Salad Luncheon Committee: Alice Boyce, Mary Girard, Jane Heath, Darlene Molosky, Theresa Ryan, and Mary Ann Menard. The Academy is grateful for all of their time spent planning, preparing, and working the event.

The Annual Giving Campaign for the 2011-2012 School Year is now underway! This campaign raises funds to help with our general operating costs of the Academy and in turn, helps to keep our tuition costs down. Our goal is \$100,000 which is about 10% of our overall budget. Please see the enclosed newsletter for a more detailed explanation of the campaign or you may have already received one in the mail. Feel free to pass this along to others who may have an interest in being a supporter of Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy.

Catholic Order of Foresters, Holy Family Court 301 is once again selling holiday wreaths. Please check your family envelope for your order form. We ask that orders be turned in to either campus office on or before Monday, November 21st. The wreaths will be delivered to you after Thanksgiving.

The Holiday Tour of Homes is fast approaching! It will be held Friday, December 2nd from 4 – 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 3rd from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There are five area homes on the tour and volunteers are needed at each of the homes to greet visitors. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in your family envelopes today. Please fill out the form and return it to school by Friday, November 18th. Christmas cookies are also served at the homes on the tour and we have been blessed in the past to have Academy families provide them. We ask that each family provide 2-3 dozen cookies which can be dropped off at either campus office by Wednesday, November 30th. Thank you for your support!

Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy has a young man from Italy who would like to come to our school for second semester. He has chosen our school out of a number of school profiles. He will be a junior and would arrive in January and return to Italy in June. He is an active and sporty young man with a desire to learn our culture and to share his own. Please prayerfully consider hosting this young man. For more information, please contact Linda Hornick at 715-735-7481.

Don't throw away that empty ink cartridge! Our school has a recycling program for inkjet cartridges. We will receive money for each cartridge we recycle. This will directly benefit our school and students not to mention it is great for the environment. You can help! Send any inkjet cartridges in the original box or a Ziploc bag to school. We also still collect Campbell Soup labels, box tops, and milk caps for "Cash for Caps" from Morning Glory. Thank you for your support!

Scrip News

Jean Day notices are going out today. Some families still need another order. Next week is the last week to order scrip to qualify. If you didn't receive a notice and think you qualified, please contact Cheryl Sporie at the middle/high school office.

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 14-----Book Fair Ends
November 16-----Thanksgiving Prayer Service –
-----Elementary – No Mass
November 17-----Jean Day – Both Campuses
November 23-25---Thanksgiving Break
November 27-----First Sunday of Advent
November 28-----Birthday Table - Elementary
November 30-----Home & School Meeting –
-----6:30 p.m. Middle/High School
December 2 & 3---Holiday Tour of Homes

Home & School News

The next Home & School Meeting will be Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. at the middle/high school. Everyone is welcome!

Home & School Flower Cards are now available and make a great gift! Twelve months of flowers and specials from the floral department at Angeli's in Menominee for only \$25! They are available at either school campus or you can call Kathy Denby at 715-330-5174 for more information. Brighten someone's day all year!

Elementary News

We sure were surprised by the snowfall on Wednesday! The children were sooooo excited! We didn't go outside for recess because it was so wet and the children did not have their winter clothes. Hopefully this weekend will give you time to make sure your child has snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves/mittens for recess. Students will be going outside for recess and it is important to dress for the weather.

Next week, November 16th, will be our Thanksgiving Prayer Service. As we reflect on all the blessings we have, we want to reach out and help those who are less fortunate. We will be collecting money to be donated to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, which is hosted by St. Mary

Parish. People from surrounding communities gather together to give thanks and enjoy a delicious meal. Many people work together to make this meal possible. Our donation will really help!

Last Thursday, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes took a field trip to Heritage Hill. The students had a terrific time! They made corncakes in the Ford Howard officer's quarters, learned about 1830's medicine in the hospital, participated in an old-fashioned school lesson, and marched like a soldier. With all these hands-on activities, history was brought to life before their very eyes!

Anne Bartels presented the TOAD Program Winter Wildlife Survival to Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students last Thursday. She started out with a story and continued into a discussion about the numerous ways animals survive the winter. It is amazing how God created all these animals with a variety of adaptations to survive the winter months. Children are always fascinated with the animal pelts, stuffed birds and owls, and many posters and visuals. Anne does a great job with her hands-on approach to teaching children about the environment!

Middle/High News

A reminder to 7th and 8th grade parents that all Perkin's pie orders are due back at school no later than Wednesday, November 16th. Please return the order forms to Mrs. Sporie.

A reminder that the middle and high school students are participating in a Thanksgiving Food Drive through November 21st. The class with the most canned goods donated by the end of the food drive wins a jean day and pizza! All canned food will go to the St. Vincent de Paul food bank.

