

Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

November 13, 2009

Academy News

We are looking for volunteers to help with **moving items** from the old Middle School Campus to the High School Campus. If you would be able to help, you should meet at the Middle School on 1232 Garfield Avenue this Saturday at 8 a.m. The more volunteers we have, the less time it will take. Thanks for your help!

The **Christmas Wreath Sale** is in progress. If you would like to place an order, you can use the flyer sent home in last week's envelope or contact the High School/Middle School campus. Checks can be made payable to Holy Family Court 301. There are various sizes and prices available.

There will be a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Wednesday, November 18 in the High School Gym from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You are welcome to donate and help us reach our goal! If you have any questions, you can direct them to Abby Sonnenberg at asonnenbergstaa@gmail.com.

As STAA renews **Windsor Players**, we'd appreciate any support you can give. We still need to purchase scripts, rights, costumes, and props; so any monetary or supply donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and please contact Abbie Withbroe at awithbroe.staa@gmail.com or Abby Sonnenberg at sonnenbergstaa@gmail.com if you would like to help us out in any manner or have any questions.



November 18-----Blood Drive 9-1 p.m.
-----High School Gym
November 19-----Thanksgiving Mass at
Elementary Campus (donation for Thanksgiving
dinner sponsored by area churches)
November 20-----Non-Uniform Day (K-8)
November 23-----Home & School Meeting
-----6:30 p.m. High/Middle School
November 25-29----Thanksgiving Vacation
November 25-----First Week of Advent starts
December 4 & 5----Holiday Tour of Homes



Home & School News

Home and School Flower Cards from Angeli's are available at both campus offices for purchase. They are \$25 each and make great gifts! This is a fundraiser for Home and School which supports many activities for the Academy throughout the school year.

The next **Home and School Meeting** will be held on Monday, November 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the High/Middle School Campus. Hope to see you there!

Elementary News



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All classes honored our veterans on Veteran's Day. Activities varied from class to class. All grades said prayers for our veterans. The 5th graders did a short prayer service, with students bringing in pictures of veterans they wanted to remember and honor. The second graders wrote letters to a veteran of their choice. First graders wrote a prayer for veterans and made a patriotic ring. Patriotic songs were played and sung. We are so thankful for the courage and dedication of these men and women.

On Tuesday, November 24th, we will have a special lunch. It is our last lunch together before Thanksgiving break. Our hot lunch from Lee's will be changed to chicken legs, mashed potatoes with gravy, and corn. We are asking parents to donate dessert. If you would like to help with the special feast, please call the school office to sign up. All children, whether or not they take hot lunch, will be invited to have dessert.

We have some 5th grade students at the elementary campus that made the 1st Quarter Honor Roll! Congratulations and keep up the great work! Students in Grade 5 and up are eligible for the honor roll. Congratulations to all our students who worked hard this quarter.



Middle School News

We have many students that made the First Quarter Honor Roll! Congratulations to all the students for working so hard!

High School News

As you read this, report cards will have been distributed and parent-teacher conferences completed. Students and parents are reviewing their academic goals and assessing progress. On that note, I would like to address the matter of tardiness. Chronic tardiness is an offense to good order and the academic atmosphere. Even if one does not consider tardiness a detriment to an individual student, it is nevertheless disruptive of the instructional environment and disrespectful to others. I interpret the Handbook rules on tardiness to be an extension of the rules of absence. A note is not in itself an excuse. For tardiness to be excused, a note or phone call must include a sufficient reason as determined by administration. Accordingly, students accumulating three unexcused tardies will serve a detention. Students failing to serve detention in a timely manner will be subject to suspension. Students will receive printed notice of their detentions with options for serving them. This is yet another instance of disciplinary action which puts a strain on limited resources and is only necessary because of persistent disregard of common sense rules.

Please consider donating during the November 18th blood drive. In addition to the obvious merits, reaching certain quotas has significant benefits for our school.

