

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS ACADEMY NEWS

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Academy News

This will be the last newsletter and family envelope until after Thanksgiving. The next newsletter and family envelope will be sent home on Friday, December 2nd. We wish everyone a safe and blessed Thanksgiving Break. We are thankful to God for the many blessings given to Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy and for our faculty, staff, families, and friends of Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Biehl/Bulin family on the loss of Marion Wilde, their mother/grandmother; and to Mrs. Rice on the loss of her uncle, John Johnson. They remain in our prayers during this difficult time.

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 which include Pete & Cheryl Mayhew, Shane Vincent, David & Susie Thompson, Bill & Heidi Chenier, and Dan & Carla Biehl. Discounted tickets can be purchased for \$18 at either campus office, Stephenson National Bank & Trust, and Peshtigo National Bank. Tickets can also be purchased at the regular price of \$20 at any of the homes on the tour on Friday night or Saturday. If you would like more information, you may contact the middle/high school office at 715-735-7481. A reminder to families of the Academy that 2-3 dozen cookies per family are needed for the homes on the tour. They can be brought to either campus office beginning

Wednesday, November 30th. Thank you for your support!

All families, teachers, and staff will be receiving invitations in your family envelope or mailbox for the Home Tour Cocktail Party that will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 7:30 – 10 p.m. at the Washington Square Residential Community. Please respond by returning your card to either campus office.

IMPORTANT DATES

*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
December 7-----No Mass at Elementary
December 8-----Academy Wide Mass for the
-----Feast of the Immaculate
-----Conception–8:30 – St. Joseph’s
December 21-----Christmas Program – :45 p.m.
-----Elementary Campus*

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!



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Elementary News

The elementary students were able to honor the American Legion Post 312 on Veterans' Day. The men talked about how long they were in the service, showed us how to fold the flag and the meaning of each fold, and answered questions from the students. Some students presented these men with cards from the children. We also gave recognition to veterans we see every day at school – parents, teachers, and staff. A group picture was taken with the students, veterans, and all the items we collected for Matt Evancheck. We are thankful for the courage and dedication of our veterans! Thank you to Mrs. Woulf and Grandma Bev for organizing this meaningful event.

Our campus welcomes Pesch family to our Pre-K class! We are happy to have you at our school!

Congratulations to our Student Council members! All the students who were running for office did a great job with their speeches and their posters! Student Council had their first meeting on Monday. We look forward to the exciting things they will plan for us! Thank you to Mrs. Kim Wozniak for working with our Student Council!

April Charte and Cindy Mylener from M & I Bank in Peshtigo met with the students on Tuesday. They showed the children a website using our SMART board. This website helps children become confident in their money skills. The students, as a group, played some fun games involving money. There are different age groups in The Zone, each with a variety of games to practice counting money. A note with more information went home. Students are to return the coloring page to school for the Coloring Contest at the bank.

When we return after Thanksgiving break, we will be in the first week of Advent! The teachers have met and planned some special ways for us to prepare for Christmas. A note will be sent home on Monday, November 28th.

Middle/High News

A reminder that Monday is the last day to donate items to the Thanksgiving Food Drive! All middle and high school students have been participating and the class that brings in the most items will earn a jean day and pizza! All items donated will be given to St. Vincent de Paul.

The Seniors hosted a breakfast for the Freshman class on Thursday morning. Each senior is a big brother or big sister to a Freshman student. The breakfast included pancakes and sausage and was a great way to form and strengthen the bond between students.

On Friday, the Student Ambassadors hosted a Step-Up Day for 7th and 8th grade students from the Academy as well as Menominee Catholic Central. The Ambassadors provided lunch, games, and a scavenger hunt. The 8th grade students also “shadowed” during afternoon classes to get a taste of what high school is like here at Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy. We thank the Student Ambassadors and their advisor, Ms. Kyllonen, for providing the lunch and activities for this event.

