

Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

November 6, 2009

Academy 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.

There is a flyer in your brown envelope regarding the **Christmas Wreath Sale**. This year it is sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters, Holy Family Court 301. There are various sizes and prices listed. Our local court sponsors many activities for the Academy such as the Accelerated Reader Program. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

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! More information will be available next week regarding sign-up times and schedules. If you have any questions, you can direct them to Abbey Sonnenberg at asonnenbergstaa@gmail.com.

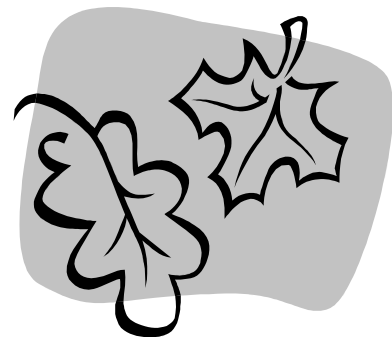
As STAA renews **Windsor Players**, we'd appreciate any support you can give. We still need to purchase scripts, rights, costumes, and props; so any monetary or supply donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and please contact Abbie Withbroe at awithbroe.staa@gmail.com or Abby Sonnenberg at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

The **Holiday Tour of Homes** is coming up on December 4 and 5. There are five homes on the tour this year. Please check your brown envelope for more information.

There is important information regarding the **Scrip** program in your envelope. Scrip is a great way to earn money for the school without spending an extra dime!



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
November 18-----Blood Drive 9-1 p.m.
-----High School Gym
November 25-27----Thanksgiving Vacation
December 4 & 5----Holiday Tour of Homes



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Elementary News

Conference times are being sent home in this week's family envelope. The teachers got together last Friday morning before school to set them up. We did not have all the parent request sheets, so we did the best we could. The conferences are set up for 15 minute sessions. If you cannot make your assigned time, please call the school office. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss the progress of your child/children!

Father Mike Clifford will be celebrating Mass with the elementary students on November 12 and November 19 while Father Dorner is on retreat. We are keeping Father Dorner in our prayers. November 19 will be our Mass of Thanksgiving with the students. In the past, we've asked the children to bring in canned/boxed goods. This year we are asking the children to bring in a monetary donation to be put towards the Thanksgiving dinner in Peshtigo supported by area churches. We will be reminding the children during the next 2 weeks. Maybe they can do some extra chores around the house to earn money that will be donated.

Warren Ziech, the school counselor at our high school, comes to the elementary campus every Tuesday. He has classes with each grade, Kindergarten through Grade 5, every other Tuesday. On the days he doesn't have classes, he is available to anyone who may need or want his help. He is following a curriculum recommended by the Green Bay Diocese, and does age appropriate activities with each group. The students look forward to their time with Mr. Ziech!

Middle School News

Thank you to those parents who donated food and their time to the Halloween Luncheon last Friday. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Lovell for organizing it. It was a very nice luncheon and the kids really enjoyed the festivities. Your help was greatly appreciated.

There has been some confusion about the cost of lunch from Curry's. The price is \$3.75 per day. A 4-day ticket is \$15, an 8-day ticket is \$30, and a 16-day ticket is \$60. Checks can be made payable to STAA. Don't hesitate to call the school office with any questions.

High School News

While Father Dorner is on retreat, our usual Wednesday Mass will be replaced by prayer services on campus. Our first service will take place on November 11 in the gym at 8:30 a.m. The following week, November 18, the gym will be used for the blood drive so we will likely choose a different day. Parents are welcome to attend the prayer services. Note that on both November 11 and November 18 Liturgy of the Word with Communion will be offered at 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church.

The dreaded H1N1 is still on radar. The news of note at this time is that no school public clinics are planned. This situation may change as more vaccine becomes available. If a clinic is scheduled for STAA, it will be after school hours and minors receiving vaccinations will have to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Meanwhile, Public Health is your best source of information.

