

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS ACADEMY NEWS

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Academy News

Christmas vacation will begin next Friday, December 23rd. The last day of school will be Thursday, December 22nd. This will be a jean day for both campuses. Classes will resume on Monday, January 2nd. Both campus offices will be closed during this time also. The last newsletter and family envelope will be sent home next week.

Please remember to return your blue Mardi Gras volunteer sheets if you haven't already done so. Mardi Gras will be held Saturday, February 4th and with your help, this event will be another successful event for the Academy!

A reminder to parents of K – 8th graders to return the Papa Murphy's fundraising cards to either campus office if you haven't already done so. The cards are \$5 each and the money raised from this will help with the cost of the Weidner Center performances that the students will attend in the spring. Thanks for your help!

IMPORTANT DATES

**December 19-----December Birthday Table –
-----Elementary**

**December 21-----Christmas Program – 1:45p.m.
-----Elementary Campus**

December 22-----Jean Day – Both Campuses

December 23-January 1-Christmas Vacation

January 2-----School Resumes

**SCRIP ORDERS ARE DUE
BY 9:00 A.M. ON MONDAY
MORNING (12/19)! PLEASE
REMIND YOUR CHILD TO TURN
IN YOUR FAMILY ENVELOPE ON
MONDAY MORNING IF IT
CONTAINS A SCRIP ORDER!
THANK YOU!**

Elementary News

Congratulations to our Second Graders, who made the sacrament of Reconciliation earlier this month! We will keep you in our prayers as you prepare to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist in the spring.

Santa's Helpers was a BIG success! Thank you to Jennipher Howarth and Home & School for all they did to make this such a fun event for our students. Thank you also to the parents who donated wrapping paper and bows, and those who volunteered to help the children shop and wrap their presents. The children were proud and excited to bring their wrapped presents home this week to put under the tree!

Tuesday, December 13th was the Feast of St. Lucy. Lucy, whose name means light, was a martyr. One way people celebrate her feast is to have a young girl, dressed in white with a crown of candles on her head and carry rolls and cookies to others. It is said that St. Lucy carried food to Christians in hiding. To bring this life to our students, Michelle Kallestad dressed in a white gown, with a crown of candles on her head. She went to each classroom delivering rolls and cookies to the teachers and students. Thank you to Michelle and her mom, Wendy, for teaching us about this kind and faithful follower of Jesus.

Our Christmas Program will be Wednesday, December 21st at 1:45 p.m. in the school gym. Everyone is welcome to come! It a non-uniform day because we would like the students to dress up for our special celebration. No jeans will be allowed. Students will not be going outside for recess that day. There is a note going home in the family envelope regarding dismissal after the Christmas Program – we need to know who is going home on the bus and who will be going home with parents. Please fill it out and send it back on Monday.

Thank you to those who donated items to the Luther Home. Your generosity is appreciated! Last week we collected \$21.25 for our Count Your

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Blessings Calendar, and this week we collected \$75.61, which brings our total to \$96.96! One more week to go! All donations will go to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Classes have been taking turns ringing bells for the Salvation Army at local stores. It has been a very rewarding and fun experience for the children and teachers!



Middle/High News

On Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30 p.m., Peshtigo High School will be sponsoring a financial aid information night for parents and students. The speaker for the evening will be Ms. Cindy Bailey, Director of Student Services UW Marinette. She will be presenting a detailed explanation of how to complete the FAFSA form and some tips on where to look for other types of financial assistance. Due to Cindy's availability, January 4th is the only available date that avoids any conflict with our sports schedule. However, Cindy will also be at Marinette High School on January 5th at 6:00 p.m. to present the same information. Be aware that several games are scheduled for the evening of the 5th.

Everyone has a wish list at this time of the year. Some of the high school teachers have some items on their wish list for their classrooms. Many of them want extra paperbacks to supplement their textbooks. They need 10-20 copies of one title. For example, Mr. Massopust would like copies of *Animal Farm*; Mr. Laney would like the *Chronicles of Narnia*; Mrs. Bruemmer would like *Death of a Salesman*; Ms. Lyons would like class copies of a *Charles Dickens Classic*. Some of the other wishes include: new white board and new stereo CD player for Mrs. Kornely, some new wall maps for Mrs. Rice, and a new VHS/DVD player for Mrs. Folgert in the library. The teachers sincerely appreciate all gifts and are grateful to those who help in any way.

Middle and high school students will enjoy the 2nd Annual Christmas Party hosted by Mrs. Chilcote in the gym on Thursday, December 22nd. Students will enjoy entertainment and games beginning at 1:00 p.m. until the end of the day. We thank Mrs. Chilcote for organizing this party and providing fun for the students.

