

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

ACADEMY NEWS

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Academy News

Holiday Tour of Homes



Friday, December 2

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 3

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Tickets \$18 in advance
\$20 at Homes on the Tour*

Featuring the Homes of:

Pete & Cheryl Mayhew

Shane Vincent

David & Susie Thompson

Bill & Heidi Chenier

Dan & Carla Biehl

Our deepest sympathies are with several families of the Academy who lost loved ones over the Thanksgiving break. We pray for Kevin Bahl (JV Girls' Basketball Coach) on the loss of his mother, Lorraine Knowlton; Hogoboom and Juul family on the loss of their grandfather, Jim Kilger; Miller family on the loss of their uncle, Rob Fontecchio; and Schmidt family on the loss of their grandmother, Lorraine Meyer. These families remain in our prayers during this difficult time.

Sister Helen from St. Mary Parish would like to extend a thank you to all the children and staff who donated to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner during the Prayer Service on November 16th. The donation was \$98.26 and an additional amount was added a few days later to make it \$100! It was touching to see the children come forward, digging down deep into their pockets and pulling out that crumpled dollar or two. May God reward your generosity!

IMPORTANT DATES

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 12-----Mid-quarter reports sent home

December 13-----Santa's Helpers-Elementary

-----Girl Scout Registration

Meeting

-----Stephenson Public Library

December 15-----STAA Band Concert

-----Marinette Middle School-6:30

December 19-----December Birthday Table –

-----Elementary

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

-----Elementary Campus

December 22-----Jean Day

December 23-January 1-Christmas Vacation

Scrip News

Due to the Christmas season, our Scrip orders will be processed on Mondays and we only have the next two weeks in order to get the orders back to you. Please place your Scrip orders as soon as you know your needs.

The Kindergarten-8th grade are being asked to sell Papa Murphy's cards as a fundraiser to pay for performances they will be attending at the Weidner Center in the spring. Each student will be asked to sell 2 cards. The cost of the card is \$5. A letter and the Papa Murphy cards will be sent home in the family envelope next week. These would make great stocking stuffers! Thank you!

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Congratulations to the Kindergarten/Pre-K4 class for selling the most magazines! They enjoyed their reward – a pizza party – on November 21st. Coming up in December will be the annual Pig Race. Each class has a pig to race and the winning class will earn something special! Watch for more details.

Thank you to all those who donated money to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner! We collected \$100 to give to the organizers of this dinner! Your generosity was much appreciated.

The elementary students will be attending the Academy wide Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, December 8th. Please fill out the permission slip and send it back to school on Monday, December 5th. Thank you to our anonymous donor who paid for the bus!

Our Advent celebration is under way. Our tree is decorated with ornaments colored by the students. Each ornament has a student's name on it and the person who colored it is praying for that student during Advent. At the end of Advent, each student will receive the ornament with his/her name on it. For the second week of Advent, each class has the name of a troop stationed in Afghanistan who receives little or no mail. We will be praying for that person and sending cards of support. We are asking that each student bring in 1 pack of gum, 1 small bag of hard candy, or a small bag of nuts to be sent to his/her troop. Our Count Your Blessings Calendar started on Thursday and continues throughout the month.

Middle/High News

The First Quarter Honor Roll has been announced!

Congratulations to all of these students for their hard work!

The Healthy Youth Coalition visited the middle/high school campus this past week and spoke with students in grades 7-12 about the many difficult choices young people face today. Their advice about making wise choices gave the students much to think about as they go about their daily lives. We thank the Healthy Youth Coalition for their service and coming to our school.

This is the season for reaching out to our community and to those less fortunate. Our students have several opportunities to help those in need. The high school students will have an Angel Tree this year with the names of area teenagers on it. The students will draw a name and purchase a gift. This project is under the leadership of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Also, members of the National Honor Society will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at designated times on the weekends in December.