

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

ACADEMY NEWS

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Academy News



The Homecoming Football Game

against Coleman will take place this Saturday, October 1st at the Marinette High School field at 1 p.m. The **Homecoming Dance** will also take place this Saturday in the high school gym. The theme of the dance is "Under the City Lights". Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the Grand March will begin at 7 p.m. The dance will end at 11 p.m.

A reminder that the **Homecoming Social** sponsored by the Catholic Central Athletic Club will be held this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at O'Ryan's Pub. The CCAC will be providing Hors d'oeuvres. Come and get to know the parents of all our children attending Catholic Schools!

Come have a bale of a time at the Carviou Dairy Farm on Saturday, October 8th for the **2nd Annual Pumpkin Palooza** sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters, Holy Family Court 301. The cost is \$5 and includes a hayride and pumpkin. Visitors will have a chance to see farm animals and enjoy refreshments and children's activities. Funds raised will be matched by the Catholic Order of Foresters and will go to the Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy school reading program.

Don't forget to purchase Scrip! Every family that places 3 orders by November 4th will earn their children a jean day pass to be used Monday, November 21st. Remember for every dollar above \$50 in scrip profit a family earns for the school, one-half of that profit will go towards their next year's tuition. This is a win-win for everyone!

Oktoberfest Raffle Tickets are now available! You can purchase a raffle ticket at the middle/high school campus for \$75. Only 250 tickets will be sold and the top prize is \$4000! Oktoberfest will be held Saturday, October 22nd at Schussler's Supper Club beginning at 5:00 p.m.



There will be **Quickness/Speed Training** taking place on Sunday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym. The goal of this training is to improve quickness and strength for competing in the M & O Conference. The first training is this Sunday, October 3rd. The trainings are open to any student at Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy and parents are also welcome to come and help. Please see the flyer in this week's family envelope for more details.

The Magazine Sale is coming! It will begin the week of October 10. Your child will be bringing home a packet of information when the sale begins. Sales will benefit Academy activities.

The Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy **Board of Trustees** meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 a.m. in the middle/high school library. Anyone who is interested is welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting. If you would like to have an item for discussion placed on the agenda, please contact the middle/high school office at 715-735-7481 a minimum of one week prior to the meeting. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, October 19th. The agenda for this meeting will be available on or before Friday October 14th.

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!

There has been a time change for the Virtus Training scheduled for Monday, October 3rd at St. Mary Parish. It will run from 5:00-8:00 p.m. instead of the previous time announced.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- October 1-----Homecoming Dance--H.S. Gym
-----6:30 p.m.; Grand March 7p.m.
-----CCAC Homecoming Social for
-----Adults - 7 p.m. - O’Ryan’s Pub*
- October 3-----Virtus Training – St. Mary
-----Parish – 5-8 p.m.*
- October 4-----Pre-K through Grade 2 Trip to
-----Bergeson Pumpkin Farm*
- October 5-----NO Mass or Prayer Service at
-----Elementary*
- October 6-----Picture Retake Day –
-----Middle/High school*
- October 7-----Mid-quarter reports sent home*
- October 8-----Pumpkin Palooza –
-----Carviou Farm – 10 a.m.-2p.m.*
- October 10-24-----Magazine Sale*
- October 11-----Picture Retake – Elementary
-----Fire Safety – Grades 1-5*
- October 12-----Fire Safety – Pre-K and K*
- October 19-----STAA Board of Trustees
-----Meeting–6:30 a.m.-H.S.
-----Library
-----Home & School Meeting –
-----6:30 p.m. - Middle/High
-----School*
- October 20-----Elementary students will attend
-----Flat Stanley at TOB*
- October 22-----Octoberfest–Schussler’s–5p.m.*
- October 24-----Apparel Orders Due*
- October 25-----Scholarship Salad Luncheon
-----11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – H.S. Gym*
- October 28-----Early Release
-----Elementary 11:15 a.m.
-----Middle/High School 11:30a.m.*

Elementary News

Special thanks to Eric Bulin for cleaning up and bringing over a large piece of playground equipment from Holy Family School. The anticipation and excitement of this new piece of equipment was a highlight for the students on Wednesday. The students had a blast on the monkey bars and 2 slides! We appreciate the time and effort it took to complete this project!

Next week we will start MAP testing in grades 3, 4, and 5. This test is one tool used to identify areas of strengths and areas where we need to work to improve. This test is taken on the computer. Parents can help their child by making sure he/she has plenty of sleep and he/she eats a healthy breakfast. Please do not make any doctor/dentist appointments during this time. Thank you for your help.

Your school pictures should be coming home soon. Gregory’s Photography will be at school on Tuesday, October 11th to take pictures of Pre-K children, students who were absent, or anyone who would like retakes. The time is set for 11:30 a.m. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

Through “Operation Kids Kare”, our elementary campus has adopted Sgt. Matthew Evancheck, who is serving with the US Army in Afghanistan. His is from Porterfield. Our goal is to make this soldier feel very special and greatly blessed. During the month of October, we will be collecting items to send over to Afghanistan. We are sending home a list of recommended items. Please send your donation items to school any time in October. There will be a box outside the office to collect donations. “Operation United Hearts” will pay all shipping costs to our troops. We hope to have the package delivered by Thanksgiving. We want our troop to know we appreciate the sacrifice our soldiers are making for our country.

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Middle/High News



Your child should have brought home his/her school picture today. If you would like to have your child have a picture retake, Gregory's Photography will be here on Thursday, October 6 at 1:00 p.m. Your child should bring in the unwanted photos at that time. If your child did not have his/her picture taken yet, he/she will also have an opportunity to have his/her picture taken on this day. However, please make sure your child has his/her envelope filled out with payment at the time of the photo.

Congratulations to one of our students for earning the distinction of being named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program! About 1.5 million students took the 2010 Preliminary SAT. Less than 1% scored high enough to qualify as a semifinalist and continue in the competition. She is among those elite scholars. Way to go!

Middle and high school students are being asked to volunteer for Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 22nd. A total of 20 students will be needed for waiting tables, setting out food, and washing dishes. Shifts beginning at 4:15 p.m. and ending at 9:30 p.m. will be set up with a 15 minute overlap between them. There will be a sign-up sheet in the office coming soon. Please encourage your child to volunteer for this important fundraiser for the Academy.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy is looking to fill a part-time position in the capacity of Development Coordinator. This position shall be responsible for leading the school's advancement program. Responsibilities include developing and maintaining active and productive relationships with the school's supporters, alumni, stakeholders, and faculty. For a full list of job duties and requirements, please contact the middle/high school office at 715-735-7481.