

# Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

October 16, 2009

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We hope to see you at the **Homecoming Game** this weekend as the STAA/Lena Titans take on Coleman at 1:00 p.m. in Marinette!

**GO TITANS!**



Home and School will be sponsoring a **Community Halloween Party** on Saturday, October 31 from 1-4 p.m. in the High School Gym. This event is open to the public. Please see the enclosed flier in your brown envelope for all of the details. There will be games, pizza, and Gregory's Photography will be here to take photos. Please note that this is a fundraiser for Home and School which helps to pay for bussing for field trips and many other activities throughout the school year. Also if you have any Halloween decorations you would like to donate, you can drop them off at either campus or you can contact Tammy Bulin. If you would like to donate a bag of candy for game prizes, you are welcome to drop that off at either campus. Thank you for your support!

The first turn-in date for the **Magazine Sale** is Tuesday, October 20. If you do not wish to purchase a subscription, you may donate one to either of the campus libraries. You should have received a list of possible magazines with your child's packet. The sale will continue until October 27. You can order your subscriptions online at QSP.com using the code 425004022; please indicate the child's name that is selling the subscription. **The code on the letter for 6-12<sup>th</sup> grades was incorrect**, so please note this correction. The top class to win at each campus will receive a pizza party. The Elementary Campus will once again enjoy class pig races and there will be a \$25 drawing for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade and one for 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students in 6-12<sup>th</sup> grades will get their name entered for the drawing for every 3 subscriptions they sell.



October 20-----Magazine Turn-In  
October 26-----Birthday Table – Elementary  
-----Campus  
October 27-----Student Ambassadors –  
-----Elementary Campus  
-----Magazine Turn-In  
**October 29-----No School**  
October 30-----Halloween Party - Elementary  
October 31-----Community Halloween Party  
----- (Pre K-5<sup>th</sup>) 1-4 p.m.-H.S. Gym  
November 5-----End of First Quarter  
November 6-----Picture Retake Day – Both  
-----Campuses  
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

## Elementary News

The students and staff really enjoyed the play FABLES presented at our school on Tuesday. It's amazing how only 4 actors and 1 piano player could put on such an entertaining performance! There were 4 short plays with lessons on ideas like sharing and even eating your vegetables! We still have some students that need to pay their \$1.00. It works well when everyone pitches in money to cover the cost. If your child hasn't brought his/her money in yet, please do so. It was well worth a dollar!

Thank you to the Catholic Order of Foresters for providing rosaries for the children at our campus.

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October is one of the months dedicated to our Blessed Mother. We appreciate their thoughtfulness!

We will be having a Halloween party on the afternoon of Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will wear their regular school clothing to school and BRING their Halloween costume. We expect costumes to be appropriate, not too gory, and no weapons will be brought to school. We will do a parade around the school and into the gym. Room parents are asked to provide a simple treat and drink. Parents are invited to attend. It will give the kids a chance to try out their costume before the Halloween Party put on by Home and School on Saturday at the high school!

What a surprise to see SNOW on Monday! You couldn't help but enjoy seeing the children's excitement and all the tongues trying to catch snowflakes! It reminds us that cold, snowy weather is just around the corner. Children should be dressed to go outside, wearing hats and gloves or mittens. Snow pants and boots will be needed for playing in the snow.

The first quarter ends on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be given out at the Parent-Teacher conferences on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be sending a form home in next week's envelope for parents to fill out and return. We will be setting up the conferences so parents will have a scheduled time to come and meet with the teacher. The form will help us plan a time that works best for you.

### Middle School News

Students participated in Homecoming activities this week. Monday was Class Color Day and the choice of color was orange. Tuesday was Decades Day Jean Day and students wore jeans that pertained to the 70's. They also attended the pep rally on Friday as part of Spirit Day to cheer on the football team.

Grade 7 has been participating in the Iowa Basic Skills testing this week. This will continue into next week, so please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and has a good breakfast before school.

Grades 7 and 8 are participating in the Knights of Columbus Respect Life Essay Contest which is focusing on the Freedom of Choice Act. The essays should touch on how this law would negatively affect the mother and unborn child and what can be done individually or in groups to oppose the legislation. Essays are due back to their teachers by October 22.

A reminder that hot lunch from Curry's begins on Monday. The cost is \$3.75 per day. Tickets can be purchased daily, 4-day for \$15, 8-day for \$30, and 16-day for \$60. If your child will be taking hot lunch, please send in checks made payable to STAA for the amount of days you are purchasing.

### High School News

Homecoming seems to be going well. Let's get out there Saturday and support the football team as they take on Coleman at Marinette. Game time is 1 p.m. The Court will be introduced before the game. The Homecoming Dance is from 8:00 – 11:00. The Grand March is at 7:30.

Once again, my gratitude and admiration to the majority who have complied with the dress code. The issue is not going away and you may expect it to be addressed in earnest in the very near future.