

# Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

October 2, 2009

## Academy News

**Oktoberfest is soon approaching!** It will be held October 10 from 5 – 11 p.m. in the High School Gym. **Dinner tickets** are \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for children 12 and under. They are available in our high/middle school office. **Raffle tickets** are still available, but selling fast so get yours soon! Only 250 are sold for \$75 each. Remember you can always get a group together to go in on a ticket. The grand prize is \$4,000! This is a fun evening for our families. Please come!

There will be an **All-Academy Mass** on Wednesday, October 7 for the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**. Mass is at 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend.

If you haven't filled out your **Parish Membership form** that was sent home in last week's brown envelope, please do so and return it in this week's envelope. This is important information that is needed for our local parishes.

**The Magazine Sale** will kick off on Tuesday, October 13. Students will receive their packets on this day for selling.

As a way to enhance our spiritual life, Holy **Family Parish** will be having a **FREE concert** on Sunday, October 11 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes on Taylor Street in Marinette. The Burie Family will be providing a program that encompasses gospel and classical music. **The Burie Family** are 4 children ranging in age from 11-16 who have played at National Bluegrass and Gospel festivals around the country. Their faith and talent will provide a performance that both lifts the spirit of the audience and glorifies the Lord. This is a great way to spend your Sunday as a family and share the talents of other young musicians. We hope to see you there!

There are still dishes left over from last spring's salad luncheon. If these items are not claimed, they will be donated. If you think these dishes could be yours, please contact the office.



- October 5-16-----Iowa Basic Skills Test  
------(Grades 3 and 5)
- October 6-----No School**
- October 7-----All School Mass 8:30 a.m.  
-----St. Joseph's Church  
-----Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra  
-----Youth Concert 5-8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- October 9-----Willy Wonka Play (K-5)  
-----Mid-Quarter Progress Reports  
-----Sent Home
- October 10-----Oktoberfest – High School Gym  
-----5:30-8 Dinner; 7:30 -11 Dancing
- October 13-----FABLES Play – Elementary  
-----Campus  
-----Magazine Sale Kick-Off
- October 14-----President's Address 6 p.m.  
-----High School Gym  
-----Home and School Meeting  
-----4:30 p.m. High School
- October 16-----Abe Lincoln Visit; Fire  
-----Prevention Presentation –  
-----Elementary Campus
- October 29-----No School**
- October 31-----Community Halloween Party  
------(Pre K-5<sup>th</sup>) 1-4 p.m.-H.S. Gym
- November 6-----Picture Retake Day – Both  
-----Campuses

## Home and School News



**The Community Halloween Party** will be on Saturday, October 31 from 1-4 p.m. in the High School Gym. If you would like to help, please contact the school office at 735-7481. There is a special sign-up in the Middle/High School office for helping with games for this event. All 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to volunteer for the games. There are 90 minute increments students can sign up for.



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Students in grades 3 and 5 will be participating in the IOWA Basic Skill tests from October 5-16. This test is a tool that teachers can use to see where a child's strengths are and see areas where they can provide additional instruction/practice to strengthen weak areas. 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 doctor/dentist appointments during this time. Thank you for your help.

Our campus has 2 opportunities to see a play in the next 2 weeks. We would have preferred more time between plays, but these are the only times this year for us to see a play. The company that usually puts on plays in the spring is not coming to the Green Bay area this school year. We will be going to see Willy Wonka Jr. at Marinette's Theater on the Bay on Friday, October 9. The permission slip is in today's family envelope. The cost will be \$5.00 per student. Thank you to Home and School for paying for the bus!

Evergreen Children's Theatre will be coming to our school to do a dress rehearsal for their play, FABLES, on Tuesday October 13. The presentation will be at 1:00 p.m. Parents are invited to attend. Pre-K children may also come back for the play. We are asking each child to bring \$1 to cover the travel cost for the performers. Evergreen Theatre does a lot of plays at St. Norbert College.

On Friday, October 16 at 1:00 p.m. we will have an interesting visitor come and talk to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. A man from the Association of Lincoln Presenters is coming to our area to give a "Meet and Greet" at Stephenson Public Library in Marinette on Saturday, October 17. He will also be the keynote speaker at the ceremony of Civil War Veterans buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, and acknowledging Civil War veterans buried throughout our country. The presenter dresses as Abe Lincoln and talks like him too. Joe Lang's (K) grandma asked him to come to our school, dressed as Abe Lincoln. He will give a

45 minute presentation to the students and will pose for pictures afterwards. The younger children will go in later to meet him. What a neat opportunity! Parents are invited to come.

It is important to keep track of the comings and goings of our students. Students need to sign in when they come in late or sign out when they leave early or for an appointment. Teachers should be made aware if a child needs to leave early because of an appointment or illness. We also ask parents and lunch parents to sign in and out as they come and go. We appreciate your attention to this.

Most of our students are remembering to wear white, navy, or hunter green on Mass days. Teachers are reminding them and it would be helpful for parents to remind them also. It takes some time at the beginning, but before long everyone will remember.

October 8 is the deadline for returning your child's picture proofs and money.

Congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade flag football team for winning 12-0 against Park School!

## Middle/High School News

Curry's will once again provide lunch for our 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This will begin on October 19. **However, we need parents to volunteer to pick up the lunches at Curry's and bring them to school.** Please contact the school office if you can help with this. The cost of the lunch is \$3.50. More information regarding the menu and tickets will be coming in the weeks ahead.

We are participating in Rainbow House's October flu drive in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Rainbow House serves victims of domestic violence and during cold and flu season, they experience an increased need for certain products. Items we will be collecting include soup/broth, juice, cough drops, applesauce, pudding/gelatin, animal crackers, instant rice or potatoes, pancake mix/syrup, Vicks Vapo-Rub, and hot chocolate mix. Donations can be brought to school throughout the month of October.

