

# Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

October 9, 2009

## Academy News

**Oktoberfest will be held this Saturday** 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. This is a fun evening for our families. Please come!

Your child's **Progress Reports** are enclosed in your brown envelope. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the respective school offices.

**The Magazine Sale** will kick off on Tuesday, October 13. Students will receive their packets on this day for selling. If you do not have need for a magazine subscription, please consider a donation to one of the STAA libraries. We will include a list of titles with your child's packet.

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!

A few **Scrip** notes: if you do not use the pink scrip form that is sent home every week in the envelope, simply leave it in your envelope for the next week. This will cut down on the number of copies the office has to make. Also many of the vendors run bonus offers throughout the year that may increase the percentage our school receives. If you would like information on these offers, please go to the scrip website: [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) for full details.



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 26-----Birthday Table – Elementary  
-----Campus  
October 27-----Student Ambassadors –  
-----Elementary Campus  
**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

## Elementary News

Students and teachers enjoyed the Willy Wonka Jr. play at Theater on the Bay. There is so much talent in our young people! We look forward to the performance of the play FABLES by the Evergreen Children's Theatre on Tuesday at 1 p.m. All are invited to attend. We ask students to bring \$1 to cover the travel cost of the performers.

Peshtigo's volunteer fire chief Steve Anderson will give a presentation on fire next Friday morning. The Kindergarten will also get a close-up look at the fire truck! All students will be bringing home fire safety activity books appropriate for their age level. It's important to review fire safety rules and plans of action both at school and at home. We have monthly fire drills at school.



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Students enjoyed the Youth Concert sponsored by the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra on Wednesday. "Spooky" musical selections with narration were performed along with music from Star Wars!

Sixth through eighth grade will have an opportunity to participate on designated days next week in honor of Homecoming Week. The schedule is as follows: **Monday – Class Color Day** - students may wear orange – **no jeans are allowed.** **Tuesday – Decade's Day Jeans** – students may wear jeans if it is part of their decade's dress up. The decade is the 70's. **Friday – Spirit Day** – jeans are allowed if students wear spirit colors of green and gold.

Hot lunch from Curry's will begin on October 19 for Mondays through Thursdays. The Senior Class will provide grilled cheese on Fridays. We will be sending home the menu next week. We are still in need of parent volunteers to pick up the lunch and bring it to school. Please contact the office if you can help.

All 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to volunteer for the Halloween Community Party on Saturday, October 31. Help is needed with games and students can sign up for 90 minute increments. Students are also welcome to wear appropriate costumes while they help run the games.

## High School News

Progress reports go home today. If you find the new forms a bit troublesome to interpret, I agree. When our supply of the previous form ran out we shopped around. The new forms, while less than ideal, were purchased for 25% the cost of the former version. We also found that "progress" reports as opposed to "deficiency" reports were quite rare.

As for the contents of the reports, please avoid the extremes of panic and complacency. If the news is not what you hoped for, there is time to improve. If the signs are good, encourage continued diligence. If a teacher has suggested a conference,

schedule at your earliest opportunity. If you sense a need to contact a teacher for any reason, don't hesitate.

The cherished ritual is upon us. Student Council has planned some rather . . . shall we say colorful? . . . events. This is a time for creative self-expression but let us keep in mind we are not merely celebrating ourselves but the proud heritage of our school. Our exuberance must be tempered by prudence lest our legitimate pride be diminished by regret. 'Nuff said.

The schedule for Homecoming Week is as follows: **Monday – Class Color Day** (Freshman – white, Sophomore – red, Junior – blue, Senior – black). **Tuesday – Decade's Day Jeans** are allowed if it is part of their Decade's Dress Up (Freshmen – 50's, Sophomores – 20's, Juniors – 80's, Seniors – 90's). **Wednesday – Class T-Shirt Day** - each grade in the high school will decorate a white shirt to wear; **dress code pants must be worn.** **Thursday – Venetian Dress-Up Day** (dress in flag colors of green, white, and red or appropriate Italian culture icons, symbols, etc.). **Friday – Spirit Day** (both high school and middle school). Jeans are allowed if students wear spirit colors. There will be a pep rally during 8<sup>th</sup> hour. **Parents are welcome to attend!**

**The Homecoming game is Saturday at 1 p.m.** The court will be announced at the game. Pictures are at 6:30 and the grand march is at 7:30 p.m. The dance is from 8 -11 p.m. If a student leaves the dance before 10:30, a phone call will be made to parents/guardian. Once a student leaves the dance, they are not permitted to reenter.

## Home & School News

The next meeting is 10/14/09 at 4:30 pm at the High School. The Community Halloween Party will be discussed. Hope to see you there!

