

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS ACADEMY NEWS

January 28, 2011

Academy News

Catholic Schools' Week begins Sunday, January 30, 2011 with parents and students speaking at area Masses. Throughout the week both campuses will celebrate the national theme, *Catholic Schools are A+ for America*. Days have been designated to show appreciation to parishes, students, teachers, staff, volunteers, and our community.

On **Monday**, parents are invited to join their students for lunch. Elementary parents can order lunch from Lee's; junior high parents can order lunch from Angeli's; and high school parents can order lunch from McDonald's. Please let the respective offices know by 8:00 a.m. on Monday if you plan on ordering a lunch. Parents may also bring lunch in to either campus if they choose to.

On **Tuesday**, February 1st, **all Academy volunteers** are invited to join the Saint Norbert College Credit English 150 class for tea in the high school library from 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. The students will be dressed in Victorian attire and will be hosting and serving. Please call the middle/high school office if you plan on attending.

On **Wednesday**, students will have a jean day at both campuses. The middle/high school students will be treated to pizza and ice cream sundaes provided by the Mary Allard Memorial; elementary students will have a longer recess and ice cream cups.

On **Thursday**, visitors are invited to attend classes during the 6th and 7th hours (12:30-2:00 p.m.). Tom Smith from Libertas will speak to high school students and parents at 2:00 p.m. in the gym on topics pertaining to teenagers. Elementary students will show appreciation to bus drivers and other community people who touch their lives.

On **Friday**, there will be an all school mass at Holy Family – St. Joseph Church at 8:30 a.m. The High School Student Council will provide a treat for the middle/high school teachers. The 7th and 8th graders will be participating in a series of competitions and games after lunch and the

elementary students will attend Ramona Quimby at Theater on the Bay.

Please add to your calendars that Thursday, February 17th will be an **Early Release Day**. Elementary students will be dismissed at 12:35 p.m. and middle/high school students will be dismissed at 12:50 p.m. **There will not be bus service.**

The **Knights of Columbus** will be holding their annual **Knowledge Contest** on Thursday, February 3rd. It will be held right after school at the Knights of Columbus clubroom on Main Street in Marinette. This is a math and/or spelling contest open to all students in grades 5 through 8. Local winners would go on to compete in the Diocesan level and possibly the State level. For more information, interested students can contact Chairman, Kaleb Case at 715-735-3103 or Grand Knight, Tom Thill at 715-732-0026 (tom@hgthill.com). *It's not too late to register!*

St. Vincent de Paul students are currently accepting donations for **Freezin' for a Reason**. On March 11 from 4-11 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, students will experience what it is like to be homeless, hear from a variety of speakers, and collect donations for St. Vincent de Paul. If you are interested in donating or participating, please contact the middle campus.

Orders will again be placed for **Home & School Apparel**. Orders are due by Monday, February 7th. If you are interested, please pick up an order form at either campus office.

The **Mardi Gras Gala** is fast approaching! It will be held on Saturday, February 19 and it promises to be a night of music and magic. Admission tickets are \$35 each. There will be a raffle drawing for \$4,000 (1st prize), a 42" plasma TV & Blu-Ray (2nd prize) and \$500 (3rd prize). Raffle tickets are \$50 each and only 400 will be sold. You can purchase 2 admission tickets and a raffle ticket for \$100. Monetary donations are also welcomed and needed for table sponsorship and hors d'oeuvres.



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IMPORTANT DATES

January 28-----Reports cards go home
January 29-----Winterfest – H.S. Gym
January 30-February 5----Catholic Schools' Week
January 31-----Birthday Table – Elementary
February 1-----Victorian Tea for Volunteers
-----H.S. Library -9:45 -11 a.m.
February 4-----All Academy Mass
-----8:30 a.m. – St. Joseph's Church
February 16-----Home & School Meeting
-----6:30 p.m. – Middle/High
Campus
February 17-----Early Release Day
February 19-----Mardi Gras Gala
February 24-----Jean Day – both campuses

seeds, and Ritz crackers. We will be giving this to Cpl. John-Luke's mom on Thursday, too. If you can help by sending something in, it would be much appreciated.

Please return the permission slip and money for the play by Monday, January 31st. We want to be all set for our very busy Friday. Thank you.

Middle/High Campus News

Middle School Student Council will be selling candy grams February 1st to the 14th. They can be purchased for \$1.00 in Ms. Motkowski's room. They will be delivered to students on Valentine's Day.

A reminder that report cards will be going home today!

Elementary Campus News

Our election rally last Friday was a great experience! We heard some well-prepared speeches with wonderful ideas! Great job, candidates! Congratulations!

During Catholic Schools' Week, there is a day set aside to appreciate those in our community. We, at the elementary campus, have several people who touch our lives on a daily basis. We would like to remember them with a little something to show our appreciation. We are asking that each student bring in just \$1.00 to put towards the gifts we will give. Thank you!

Our elementary campus has adopted Cpl. John-Luke McAdams, who is with the United States Marine Corps, and is stationed in the Middle East. Each student will be making a valentine to send to his troops. Cpl. John-Luke's mom, Jackie Polzin, will be coming to visit our school on Thursday, February 3rd. She will share pictures of Cpl. John-Luke and tell us more about him. We will be giving her our valentines. We'd also like to send a care package. Next week, we will be collecting bars of soap, deodorant, crossword books, black ankle socks, car or music magazines, pens, notepaper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, gum, sausage bites, nuts, sunflower

