

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS ACADEMY NEWS

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Academy News

Happy New Year and Welcome 2012! We hope everyone had a restful vacation and a wonderful Christmas break. The end of first semester is fast approaching! Semester exams for middle and high school students will take place on January 17th and 18th. Students will be released at 12:05 on both of these days. ***There will not be afternoon bus service on these days for middle and high school students. Elementary students will have a normal school day on these days. However there will not be afternoon bus service on January 18th for elementary students due to early release at the public school.***

The second semester will begin on Thursday, January 19th. New students that are interested in attending the Academy for the second semester may contact either campus office for information.

The Catholic Central Athletic Club Pizza Sale is underway! You should have received a letter and pizza slips in your family envelope before Christmas break. All pizza slips are due back to the office by Friday, January 20th. Pizzas will be made and can be picked up on Friday, January 27th from 5 – 8 p.m. or Saturday, January 28th from 9 a.m. – Noon. Proceeds from this sale will benefit all Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy sports programs. This is one of the biggest fundraisers for the Athletic Club and we thank you for your support!

If you haven't turned in your blue Mardi Gras volunteer form, please send it in to either campus office. Volunteers are still needed for this fundraising event. Also, enclosed in your family envelope this week is information on our Annual Spring Auction. The Auction will take place on Sunday, March 18th in the high school gym. Help is needed in many areas of this event. Please read the letter and contact the middle/high school office if you are able to help. ***It is the hope of the Auction Committee that every family can participate in some manner with the Academy's largest fundraiser.***

The Marinette Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Free-Throw Contest on Sunday, January 15th for boys and girls ages 10-14. Registration will begin at 12 p.m. with the contest at 1 p.m. If your child is interested, please contact the middle/high school for a registration form. If you have specific questions regarding the contest, you may contact Dennis Kempka at 715-732-1146.

Exchange students will be joining Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy for second semester. She lives in Wuhan, China and will be staying with Ms. Mary Staudenmaier while in the U.S. She begins her travel to the U.S. on the 7th of January and should be with us shortly thereafter. She is a junior and enjoys getting involved in school clubs, theater, and swimming. A boy from Italy will be joining our junior class for second semester.. He lives in Vicenza, Italy and should be in the U.S. on the 14th of January. He will be staying with the Ric Powers family. He enjoys many athletic activities and also wants to share his love of Italian cuisine. Please welcome both of these students to our Academy family. Keep in mind that everything will be new to them and they will need our help to get acclimated to our school, our community, and to the way of life as an American.



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IMPORTANT DATES

January 10-----Hi-Q Match – 1:30 – H.S. Gym
*January 17-----Semester Exams-Early Release
-----for Middle & High School -
-----12:05 p.m. No Afternoon Bus
-----Service for Middle and High
-----School Students*
*January 18-----End of Second Quarter
-----Semester Exams Early Release
-----for Middle & High School –
-----12:05 p.m. – No afternoon bus
-----service for all STAA students*
*January 18-----Board of Trustees Meeting –
-----6:30 a.m. HS Library*
January 19-----Second Semester Begins
January 20-----Pizza Slips Due
January 26-----Jean Day – Both Campuses
January 27-----Pizza Making & Pick-Up 5-8
January 28-----Pizza Pick-Up – 9 a.m. - Noon
January 29-----Catholic Schools Week Begins
January 30-----Birthday Table - Elementary
February 4-----Mardi Gras High School Gym

Elementary News

Here is an update on the Count Your Blessings Calendar that we did during Advent. Our grand total was \$186.15 that will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Thank you to everyone for their generosity! We truly are blessed!

Brrr! It certainly feels like winter outside! Please make sure your child has a hat/earmuffs, gloves/mittens, snow pants, and boots. It feels good to get some fresh air at recess, but it is no fun if you are not dressed for it. All children are expected to go outside for recess.

A Lexar memory stick duo adaptor was found in the elementary gym after the Christmas program. If it is yours, please contact the elementary office.

Middle/High News

Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy was fortunate to receive a very special visit from several seminarians on Monday. The seminarians, Greg Parent, Matt Rappl, Mark Petri, Mark Mleziva, and Michael Thiel, spent the day attending Mr. Laney's middle and high school religion classes. They shared some of their personal testimonies, talked with the students about religious vocations, and invited them to participate in Catholic Youth Expeditions. During lunch, they ate with the students and even took time to play basketball with them. Overall, it was a great visit and we look forward to seeing the seminarians again next year. Please be sure to keep them in your prayers!

The Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy Hi-Q Team will host a home match on Tuesday, January 10th at 1:30 p.m. in the gym. The two other teams competing will be Peshtigo and Stephenson. Friends and family are welcome to attend this match. Their second match will be played on January 26th at Menominee High School at 1:30 p.m.

There has been a change in the date for Graduation. It will be held on Sunday, June 3rd at 2 p.m. in the high school gym. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

