

Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

January 15, 2010

Academy News

The **Annual Giving Campaign** is a critical part of our third party funding for the Academy. Our goal of \$300,000 is in reach. We have raised over \$200,000 including the gracious gift from Holy Family Parish and funds from the Catholic Central Foundation. We ask that you strongly consider financially assisting the Academy. Simply send the money to the Marinette school office with a note designating the funds for the "AGC". We would like to reach \$300,000 prior to the St. Thomas Aquinas Academy Corporate Board meeting on Friday, January 22nd.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers for the **Annual Giving Campaign Call-A-Thon** held last Wednesday evening. Those callers included: 5 students, (parents) Katie & Jamie Benson, Margaret Wubben, Sally Lovell, Roxanne Duda, Beth & Joe Beranek, Mary Tandas, Eric Bulin, and Bob Juul; (others) Dan Petersen, Brian Petersen, Dr. Magnin, Mike Piasecki; and (teachers and staff) Mrs. Luplow, Ms. Kyllonen, Mrs. Elfering, Mrs. Baribeau. **A special thank you to all those who have given to the campaign!**

The **Athletic Club Pizza Sale** is being held Friday and Saturday of this weekend. Pizzas will be available for pick-up starting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday at the High School Gym. All profits will go to the Catholic Central Athletic Club and are used to pay for athletic programs at the Middle/High School.



Semester Exams will be held on January 21 and 22. These are **half days** for students at the Middle/High School Campus. This includes the 6th-8th grade students. Dismissal will be at 12:05 p.m.

There is also an **Early Release Day** on Monday, January 25 for the whole Academy. Dismissal times are 12:35 p.m. for Elementary and 12:50 p.m. for Middle/High School. **There will be bus service** as this is also an early release day for the public schools.

There will be an **Open Gym** for all 4th through 8th grade girls and boys basketball. It will be held on Sunday, January 17 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the High School Gym. Please use the Water Street entrance.



January 15-16-----Athletic Club Pizza Sale
January 19-----Museum Walk (7 & 8th Grade)
-----11 a.m. - High School Gym
January 21 and 22- -Semester Exams (**Early Dismissal – Middle/H. S. Campus) 12:05 p.m.**
January 22-----End of 2nd quarter/1st semester
January 25-----Birthday Table - Elementary
January 25-----Early Release
-----Dismissal -12:35 – Elementary
-----12:50 – Middle/H.S.
January 29-----Report Cards Go Home
-----**Jean Day K-8**
January 31-----Catholic Schools Week Begins
February 6-----Mardi Gras 7 p.m. –
-----High School Gym



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Elementary News

Fran Milligan, the man from the magazine sale, came to the school today to run the exciting annual pig races. Each class has a colored, battery-operated pig to compete in the race. We had a race with the pigs from Pre-4/Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2. We also had another race with the pigs from Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 5. The winner of the first race competed with the winner of the second race. The class that won overall will be treated to a pizza party! This letter is printed before the races are completed, so we'll post the results in next week's letter. It is always a fun-filled, friendly competition!



After a devastating earthquake rocked Haiti, we have been keeping those people in our prayers. One 4th grader came to me on Wednesday with a great idea. She heard on the news that the people of Haiti are in need of bandages, hand sanitizers, and various other items. She is spear-heading a **school-wide** collection of items needed. This student and her mom, Lori Paul, put together a flier that is in this week's brown envelope. She and some of her friends will be making posters this weekend to encourage students to bring these items in. Boxes will be near the office in both buildings. Donations will be sent with a local missionary who is making a trip to Haiti on January 22nd. **All items need to be turned in by Thursday, January 21st.** It is wonderful to see our youth reaching beyond our local community and helping to fill the needs of others in our world! Every effort counts!

Thank you to Mike & Karen Finger for remodeling the lights in the school office. It has really made a difference! Our office looks bright, cheery, and welcoming!

Middle School News

The 7th and 8th graders have been working on the National History Day project in Social Studies and have finished their work this week. They would like to invite their families and any interested parents to a **"Museum Walk"** on Tuesday, January 19th from 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. in the Marinette Campus gym. This culminating activity will allow the students to show off their hard work, as well as educate visitors on this year's theme: Innovation in History. We hope to see you there!

The High School Prom Committee will be hosting an **Ice Cream Social** on Wednesday, January 20th during lunch hour for the middle school students. Tickets will be sold during break for \$1.50 on Monday and Tuesday.

High School News

We are in the midst of a very busy and potentially stressful time in the academic year. Not the least among the challenges facing students and teachers are semester exams. It is particularly important at this time to be good stewards of our time. A balance among work, study, and recreation is essential. Students should take advantage of every aid to academic success offered by teachers. These include using study guides and applying themselves to review sessions. We should all keep in mind that prayer and spiritual reading are just as much a part of academic endeavors as they are of life in general. So pray, study, rest, and enjoy appropriate leisure activities. Think of study and exams as you would practice and games: it is the preparation which determines how satisfied you will be with the performance. On exam day, offer what you have done for the glory of God and trust in his assistance.

