

# Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

January 22, 2010

## Academy News

There is 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.

Please see the enclosed flyer regarding the **Mardi Gras Gala**. This will be taking place on Saturday, February 6 in the High School Gym. It promises to be a night of music and laughs. Tickets are \$35 each or 2 for \$60 and are available at each campus office, Holy Family Parish, and The Wisconsin Academy. There are also raffle tickets available for \$50 each. The top prize is \$4,000 in cash; second prize is a 42" plasma T.V. from Drees Electric! Only 300 of these raffle tickets will be sold. This is a "Black Tie Optional" event, which of course means no jeans. Tuxedos are welcome, but not necessary.

The Marinette Chapter of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a **Pancake Breakfast** for the families of Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy in honor of Catholic Schools Week. This will take place on Sunday, January 31 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Holy Family Parish Center on Taylor Street. Please fill out the form in your envelope and return it to school if you plan on attending.

**Host Families Needed:** We are in need of host families for 2 foreign exchange students who hope to attend school at our Academy in the 2010-2011 school year. Both students are fluent speakers of English, are fully insured, and will pay full tuition. Please contact Mr. Ziech at 735-7481 for further information.

**STAA Apparel Ordering** has been extended. You now have until Wednesday, January 27 to turn your orders in. You may contact either campus office for more forms.

There will be a **Virtus Training** on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Parish Center from 5:30-8:30 p.m. If you are volunteering with children and have not fulfilled this training, this is a great time to do so locally.



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  
-----Pancake Breakfast – Holy  
-----Family Parish Center – 9-Noon  
February 6-----Mardi Gras 7 p.m. –  
-----High School Gym  
February 8-----Virtus Training – Holy Family  
-----Parish Center – 5:30-8:30 p.m.



*Mardi Gras is coming....  
Saturday, February 6  
5:30 p.m. High School Gym.*



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Thank you to all those who donated first aid/personal hygiene items. Mrs. Connie Marthaler, who started the organization Haitians Helping Haitians Organization (HHHO), is leaving for Haiti today. We wish her a safe trip and we will keep the people in Haiti in our prayers.

We held the Pig Races last Friday. The winner of the first race was the First Grade. The winner of the second race was the Third Grade. When the pigs from those 2 classes raced, the First Grade pig won. First Graders will be treated to a pizza party funded by Mr. Fran Milligan.

Teachers are finalizing the plans for Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life." A complete schedule of events will be sent home next week!



## High School News

We have had a number of issues recently stemming from parents and visitors being in and out of the building without signing in or out. One particularly alarming situation occurs when a parent picks up a student during the school day without reporting to the office and signing the student out. When that happens, the student is marked absent at the beginning of the next period and we have no idea where he/she is.

It is not unusual to find parents in the building anywhere and everywhere at any time. This is a good thing provided some simple procedures are followed. So please, when you come to the school, check in at the office and sign in. Let the office staff know why you are here and where you expect to be in the building. Sign out when you leave. Following these procedures will enable us to continue our "open door" policy for parents and legitimate visitors.

## Home & School News

The next **Home and School meeting** will be held on Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the High School. Hope to see you there!

Middle School/

