

Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

January 29, 2010

Academy News

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. We hope to see you there!

Please see the attached memo regarding important meetings being held next week regarding the Academy. One will be held on Wednesday, **February 3 at 6:30 p.m.** at the High School gym and the other on **Thursday, February 4 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Elementary School Cafeteria. Babysitting will be provided and it is very important that a parent/guardian attend at least one of the 2 meetings. Both meetings will share the same content.

Mardi Gras is coming on February 6. Please consider purchasing your tickets prior to the event. This helps with the planning of set-up, food, and refreshments. Tickets are \$35 each or \$60 for 2. Raffle tickets are available for \$50 each. Consider going in on a raffle with family or friends! The first prize is \$4000, the second prize is a 42" plasma TV from Drees Electric. We hope to see many friends there!

The **CCAC** would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, students, and anyone that helped to make the pizza sale a success! Your hard work was appreciated.

There will be **Open Gym** for grades 4 through 8 at the Academy High School on Sunday, January 31 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Please use the Water Street entrance to use the gym.

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.

There will be a **Virtus Training** on Monday, February 8th 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 31-----Catholic Schools Week Begins
-----Pancake Breakfast – Holy
-----Family Parish Center – 9-Noon
February 3-----All School Mass – St. Joseph’s
-----Church – 8:30 a.m.
February 4-----No Mass at Elementary Campus
February 6-----Mardi Gras 7 p.m. –
-----High School Gym
February 8-----Virtus Training – Holy Family
-----Parish Center – 5:30-8:30 p.m.
February 15-----**No School** - Teacher Inservice
February 22-----Birthday Table – Elementary
February 26-----**Jean Day** – K-8



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Saturday, February 6
5:30 p.m. High School Gym.*



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Elementary News

Our plans for Catholic Schools Week are set! Please see the note in today's family envelope. It has all the details! There are **3 permission slips** that need to be signed and returned. Please send them back as soon as possible. Thank you!

Our students follow the dress code pretty well. As the middle/high school has consequences for dress code violations, we will also. The dress code is on pages 18 and 19 in the Student Handbook. The 1st offense will be a note home that needs to be signed and returned. The 2nd offense will be a note and recess detention, and the 3rd offense will be a phone call home. We have the dress code and we need to enforce it. We want to put more focus on our teaching than looking for students out of dress code. We appreciate your help with this.

The Kindergarten through 4th grade were treated to a puppet show put on by the 5th graders. Mr. Ziech, our guidance counselor, read the story *Rasberries: An American Tale of Cooperation*, and had the 5th graders do it as a puppet show. The 5th graders did a great job and showed us how we can accomplish so much when we work together!

Middle/High School News

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday. While we are not able to have as grand an observance as in past years, you will find in this newsletter some notes on events we are planning. One of the most appropriate ways to celebrate Catholic Schools Week is to encourage your friends to consider Catholic education. Promote our Catholic school. If you have friends or family who are thinking about the possibilities of Catholic education for their family, now is a great time to have them call or visit our Academy. In these difficult times, many people are surprised to find how affordable Catholic education can be. Assistance is available. This year's catch phrase for the week is particularly apt because

Catholic schools offer not only a bargain now but – **Dividends for Life.**

Listed are plans for Catholic Schools Week. On Tuesday, doughnuts will be provided during break time by the Catholic Order of Foresters for 6th-12th grade. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will be going bowling at the Dome Lanes in the afternoon. Please check your envelope for **permission slips**. On Wednesday, students will present Spiritual Bouquets at the all-school mass to Fr. Dorner and others. On Thursday, students will enjoy an ice-cream treat during both lunch periods provided by Home and School.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting Math and Spelling contests for students in grades 5-8 again this year. They will be held on Thursday, February 11th at 3:15 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus clubhouse on Main Street in Marinette. Winners will be selected for each grade and for each test. Winners from each grade advance to the Regional/Diocesan contest, and winners from there compete in state contests. If you have any questions, you may contact Kaleb Case at 735-3103.

Congratulations to Our two High School students for scoring their 1000th point of their high school basketball careers. Our boy accomplished his points during the game against Coleman and Our girl accomplished her points in the game against Gibraltar. This is a special achievement for these athletes and we are grateful for the joy they've given us by watching them over the past 4 years!

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!

