

# Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

December 11, 2009

## Academy News

**There is only 1 week left to order Scrip before Christmas!** If you are interested in placing an order, simply fill out the pink order form sent home in your brown envelope and return it to school by Monday to ensure delivery of your order by next Friday; or you can call or stop in at the office to place an order. Scrip cards make great gifts! Also, thank you for remembering to leave your pink unused order forms in your envelopes. This is helping to keep our copies down!

There will be a **Jean Day** on Tuesday, December 22. This includes high school students as well.



December 4-16-----Scholastic Book Fair  
-----Elementary Campus  
December 16-----Santa's Helpers – Elementary  
-----Home & School Meeting  
-----6:30 p.m. – High School  
December 18-----Christmas Program K-6 & Band  
1 p.m. - Elementary Campus  
December 21-----Spiritus Retreat – Grades 3-5  
-----Elementary Campus; Grades 6-8  
-----Middle Campus  
-----Birthday Table – Elementary  
-----Campus  
December 22-----Jean Day – All Academy  
December 23-----Christmas Vacation Begins  
January 4-----School Resumes

## Home & School News

The next **Home & School Meeting** will be Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the High School Campus. Hope to see you there!

The **Angeli's Flower Cards** are still available for \$25 each and they make great gifts. They will be on sale until January 1<sup>st</sup>. You can purchase them at either school campus.

**Academy T-shirts** will not be ordered again until the end of January, so please hang on to your order forms until then. Thanks to all those who have purchased the t-shirts. They are a great way to advertise our school!



## Elementary News

Today was the last day to hand in your form for Santa's Helpers. If you forgot to send it in, please contact Jennipher Howarth **today**. Home and School members will be shopping this weekend in order to have enough gifts for the children to pick from on Wednesday. Home and School does a terrific job with this and the children have so much fun shopping for family members! We appreciate the time and effort Home and School parents dedicate to this special activity!

Thank you to Anita Folgert for bringing the Scholastic Book Fair to our school! Thank you, also, to the parents who have been running the book fair before and after school. The book fair remains open until Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Books make awesome gifts, so stop in if you haven't already.



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It looks like winter came at us full force this week. We may or may not have been ready for it. We do expect the children to go outside for recess. Children will go outside when temperatures are above 0 degrees. They should be dressed appropriately. Hats, gloves or mittens, snow pants, and boots are recommended. Older children may wear another pair of shoes for outside use. Girls need to decide if their boots are fashion boots (to be worn inside) or snow boots (to be worn outside). The boots can not be both. Children are encouraged to wear their gym shoes inside, to get the most wear out of them. Children who do not have boots and snow pants will need to remain on the blacktop, which is usually plowed. It would be a good idea to keep an extra pair of socks in the backpack. Playing outside in the winter can be lots of fun, and we want the children to be comfortable (and dry) when they are in class.

We appreciate all the parents who help out in our lunchroom. Without them, we couldn't have hot lunch. Young children who come with mom or dad are welcome to have hot lunch also. We ask that you **please** call the school office **that morning** to let Mrs. Woulf know. Our lunch count needs to be called in by 9:00 a.m., to ensure enough lunches for the students. Thank you for helping us with this.

Thank you to everyone who donated cleaning items for the Haven of Hope homeless shelter. Next week, students will be making cards to be given to area nursing homes. Blessings to your family as Advent continues.

We look forward to seeing you next Friday for our Christmas Program that will include Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, the Band, and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Rainbow Ringers! We've had our big snowfall, so we should be all set for next week!

## Middle School News

A reminder that those students who are participating in the Christmas Concert at the Elementary Campus on December 18 should board bus number 83 behind the Marinette Middle School. **The bus leaves at 7:40 a.m. sharp!**

There is still one week left to donate items for local nursing homes. Items to be collected include lotions, body sprays, hats, gloves, baseball caps, seasonal knick-knacks, etc. We appreciate any donation that can be given.

## High School News

As of today, the Saint Vincent de Paul clothing drive has been quite successful. The boxes have filled up nicely. We appreciate all the donations that have been given.

Upcoming scholarships for seniors include the following: AXA Foundation, Fireside Catholic Publishing, Engineers Foundation of Wisconsin, Daughters of the American Revolution, NWTC Educational Foundation, John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage Essay Contest.

