

Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

December 18, 2009

Academy News

This will be the last brown envelope/
E-mail until after Christmas vacation. Look for your
envelopes/e-mails to begin again the first week of
January. The faculty and staff would like to wish
everyone a very blessed and joyful Christmas.

A big thank you to all those who volunteered
for the Holiday Tour of Homes and to those who
baked treats for it. It was much appreciated and it
helped this year's fundraiser to be a great success!
The Tour raised over \$9,300!

We are keeping the Rice family in our
prayers. Mr. Rice's mother passed away last Sunday.
We wish them peace and comfort during this time.
We are also keeping Mrs. Chilcote's husband in our
prayers for a speedy recovery from surgery.

Thank you to Mrs. Schultz and the Art
students for the beautiful Christmas prints which
Fr. Joe brings to the shut-in and homebound.

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



December 21-----Birthday Table – Elementary
-----Campus
December 22-----Jean Day – All Academy
December 23-----Christmas Vacation Begins
January 4-----School Resumes
January 6-----Home & School Meeting
-----6:30 p.m. High School Campus

Home & School News

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

Elementary News

Thank you to all who made donations during this
Advent season. St. Vincent de Paul and the Haven of
Hope both contacted us, letting us know how much
they appreciated our generosity. This week students
are making cards that are sure to bring joy to
residents in area nursing homes. We can touch so
many lives by our small acts of kindness.

Santa's Helpers was a BIG success! Thank you
to Home and School for all they did to make this
such a fun event for our students. Thank you also to
the parents who volunteered to help the children shop
and wrap their presents. The children were proud
and excited to bring their wrapped presents home this
week!

The internet is making its way into all of our
classrooms. Special thanks goes out to Mike and
Karen Finger and Deb Konyn for their dedication in
helping us with this project.

Middle School News

On Tuesday, December 22 the 6th, 7th, and 8th
grade students will be treated to a Taco Buffet Lunch
including an ice cream treat. Students will have a
choice of hard or soft-shelled tacos. If your child
does not want tacos that day, they should bring a
bagged lunch. **There will not be lunch from
Curry's.** During this season of giving, we are asking
students to bring in canned goods in coordination
with this lunch. Items collected will be given to the
Peshtigo Food Pantry.

Thank you to all those who donated items for
local nursing homes. Items will be distributed to
Whispering Oaks Nursing Home in Peshtigo.



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High School News

Some recent incidents have been brought to my attention that students are remaining in the school building between the end of the school day and the time of their athletic activities. This is not allowed. Students may not be in the building or on school grounds after 3:30 p.m. unless they are participating in an activity under the direct supervision of a coach or teacher.

Our St. Vincent de Paul chapter recently held a very successful clothing drive with the Juniors being the biggest donors at 48 items per capita. The Freshmen were a close second with 40 items per capita. Rumor has it the Middle School students assisted the Juniors with their donations. So be it.

On December 15 we were privileged to witness the National Geographic Geography Bee. Congratulations to all on a job well done! Next we will go on to enter a written exam at the national level.

