

Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

February 12, 2010

Academy News

A reminder that there will be **no school** on **Monday, February 15** for a teacher in-service. The campus offices will also be closed. Enjoy your 3-day weekend!

Home and School is sponsoring a trip on Tuesday, February 16 for 5th-8th grade students to attend a concert sponsored by the River Cities Concert Association. The concert will be held at Blesch Auditorium. This is a free concert for students and they will be chaperoned by Home and School parents. If your child is interested in attending, please fill out the permission slip that was sent home this week and return it to school by Tuesday. Students should meet at the side parking lot of the High School at 6:30 p.m. They should wear their STAA T-shirts (either gold or green) if they have them.

Please check your brown envelopes for your **STAA Auction Raffle Tickets**. The Auction will be held on Sunday, March 14 in the High School Gym. Prizes are as follows: 1st - \$500; 2nd – Queen Size Quilt; 3rd – 2 Pre-Season Packer Tickets; 4th and 5th prizes are \$50 each. Winner need not be present and the drawing will be at 6 p.m. The Auction is the Academy's largest fundraiser!

There will be **Open Gym** for 4th-8th grade boys and girls basketball on Sunday, February 14th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the High School Gym.

Thank you to all those who participated in any way with the **Mardi Gras Gala**. It was definitely a successful event which raised over \$16,000 for the Academy! Hats off to the Bulins for organizing the event and to all those volunteers who tirelessly donated their time and talents! Words can't express how much it is appreciated.

Development Update

We would like to thank those parents who attended the meetings last Wednesday and Thursday. We sensed a great deal of excitement from the parents and supporters of the Academy. As we mentioned, we need **EVERYONE** to lend a hand with the school development. The presentation on the development plan has been placed on the Academy website: www.thomas-aquinas.org; click on Academy/Parent Info/Brown Envelope/Development PPT.

We will be in contact with those who signed up to help the Academy flourish. If you have not signed up, please review the presentation. We will be in contact with you. Additional information and specific tasks will be developed over the next few weeks. The third and final Annual Giving Campaign letter will be mailed out very soon. This is our last chance to meet our goal. We are around \$85,000 away from the goal. Please remember if we meet our goal, the Academy will be in much better financial shape next year.

A very special thank you goes out to Tammy Bulin and her Mardi Gras team. This was a tremendous success!

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!

Start saving your junk! Home and School will be sponsoring a **Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 17th** in the High School Gym. This is in an effort to help clean up the old middle school campus, but also to help you clean out your closets and donate items to the event. More details will follow as we get closer to the day.



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February 15-----**No School** - Teacher Inservice
February 16-----Student Ambassadors –
-----Elementary Campus
-----River Cities Concert 6:30 p.m.
-----5th-8th Grade (sponsored by
-----Home and School)
February 22-----Birthday Table – Elementary
February 26-----**Jean Day – K-8**
February 27-----Winterfest – H.S. Gym
March 4-----Jump Rope for Heart –
-----Elementary Campus

Elementary News

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17th. The students and teachers will attend a prayer service with Sr. Helen at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church. All are invited to attend. We will be celebrating Mass on Thursday, February 18th at 8:30 a.m. Join us if you can.

Middle School News

Just a note of concern regarding our lunch program: Our numbers are dwindling for those participating in lunch from Curry's. In order to keep the program viable for Curry's and for our parents volunteering to pick up the lunch, we will need to increase the number of students participating. We have spoken with Curry's about changing some of the menu choices and will let you know if and when they become available.

High School News

We experienced the first home Hi-Q match of the season. We were successful as we tied with Gillett. Both teams acquired 26 points! Congratulations!

This week also saw some of the high school students journey to Iron Mountain for a field trip to Pine Mountain to do some skiing. Those that attended enjoyed the day of fun in the outdoors. Everyone returned safe and sound and no worse for the wear.

Friday's Student Ambassador visit to MCC has been postponed to a time TBA. Tuesday's visit with STAA elementary is still on so we wish the Ambassadors an enjoyable and fruitful day.



HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY!

