

# Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

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## Academy News

The **STAA Auction** is coming soon! It will be held on Sunday, March 14 in the High School Gym. Prizes are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$500; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Queen Size Quilt; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2 Pre-Season Packer Tickets; 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> prizes are \$50 each. Winner need not be present to win and the drawing will be at 6 p.m. You may drop off donations to the Auction at the Middle/High School Campus. This event is the Academy's largest fundraiser!

**Windsor Players** will be presenting the play **“Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead”** on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the High School Gym. Tickets are available at the door - \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. This comedic play reinterprets Shakespeare's “Hamlet” from the point of view of two minor characters: Rosencrantz and Guildenstern.

The delivery date for the **“Snack Happy” Fundraiser** will be April 16, 2010. This fundraiser contains a variety of cookies, desserts, and other snacks to purchase and school will receive 40% of the proceeds. The drive will end on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made payable to STAA and orders can be sent in to either campus office.

Congratulations to Frank and Chris Faucett for being this year's recipients of the **Touhey Award**. This award is named after Sister Mary Xaveria, the former Mary Touhey, who was one of the five original graduates from our high school and later founded the first college for women in Maine. The award is given to individuals who best exemplify the ideals of Catholic education and service in the love of God. The Faucetts will receive this award on Saturday, April 24 at the Lourdes Social Center in Marinette. We thank the Faucetts for their dedication and service to the Academy.

**Registrations for the 2010-2011 school year are due March 31 to receive your 5% discount! The registration fee is \$100/student or \$150/family.**



February 27-----Winterfest – H.S. Gym  
March 4-----Jump Rope for Heart –  
-----Elementary Campus  
March 5-----Mid-quarter reports  
-----Hoops for Heart – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
March 11-----Open House – Elementary  
March 12-----NO SCHOOL – Teacher  
-----Professional Development Day  
March 14-----STAA Auction – H.S. Gym  
March 16-----Early Release – **bus service will  
-----be provided**  
March 17-----President's Address – 6 p.m.  
March 26-28-----Windsor Players Play  
-----“Rosencrantz and Guildenstern  
-----Are Dead” – High School Gym  
March 28-----**Jean Day – K-8**  
March 29-----Birthday Table – Elementary  
-----Campus  
-----End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

## Elementary News

The elementary campus received new computers with a grant through the M & M Foundation. All 15 computers are up and running. We are in the process of downloading free software from Oracle which includes word processing, slide presentation, and data spreadsheet application. At the present time, the computers are in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms, but can easily be moved from classroom to classroom. The Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms also have working computers. Thank you to all who helped with this project!

During Lent we are focusing on our relationship with Jesus. We are working on strengthening that friendship through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Many of the students are putting money into the rice bowls that were given out on Ash Wednesday. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders are doing an alms giving project for the Lenten season. Students are asked to



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sacrifice and make choices that allow them to contribute to their “Alms Boxes”, which are in their classroom. They have decided to give their donations to the Animal Shelter. Sister Helen gave out cards with names with people to pray for each day. We are also sending these people little cards or notes to let them know we are praying for them during the Lenten season. May everyone continue to grow closer to Jesus.

## Middle School News

Congratulations to both on a job well done to our middle school math team!

The 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be participating in Hoops for Heart in gym class on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Students have been taking pledges and will be “shooting buckets” to raise money for the American Heart Association.

All 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending the Weidner Center’s performance of “Four Score and Seven Years Ago” on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. After the play is over, they will have lunch at Fazoli’s. Please check your brown for more details.

## High School News

A reminder to parents as well as students that we are privileged to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the school chapel each First Friday. Unfortunately, the response of students to this opportunity has not been all it could be. Someone needs to be in the chapel at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. A schedule for Adoration on March 5 will be available in the office starting Monday. Please encourage your children to spend a few minutes with Jesus and you are welcome as well.

We have had some occurrences of petty theft. The reality is that in a decent, trusting community such as St. Thomas, we are vulnerable to the shameful acts of those who would steal. It is also true that most theft can be prevented by simply

taking responsibility for the security of our belongings. A good first step would be to think about which small, valuable items one needs to bring to school in the first place. Next, one needs to keep valuables on one’s person or in a secure location. Be assured that anyone caught stealing will be dealt with appropriately.

Tardies: being repeatedly or chronically late for school is inconsiderate to say the least. Students who are late tie up office staff and create paperwork. Detentions generated by persistent tardiness further distract faculty and staff from more important duties. Please understand that each student’s tardiness compromises everyone’s experience.

**Guidance Notes:** We are in the process of scheduling students for the 2010-2011 school year. Students will be bringing home their course selection sheets and we ask that parents sign these and return them to school by Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

College bound juniors should plan to take the ACT on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to register for the April ACT is March 5<sup>th</sup> to avoid paying a late registration fee.

Michigan juniors who will be taking the MME will need to be at Menominee High School by 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> to fill out registration forms for the test. The actual tests will be at Menominee High on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. Students should plan to arrive by 7:45 a.m. The testing will last several hours each day.

There are a good number of scholarships which can be applied for and are due over the next few weeks. Please encourage your senior sons and daughters to apply. Students whose parents have Catholic Knight Insurance can apply for special scholarships.

