

# Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

February 5, 2010

## Academy News

**Mardi Gras** will be held this Saturday, February 6 in the High School Gym. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and tickets will be available at the door if you haven't purchased yours yet. Admission tickets are \$35 each or 2 for \$60; raffle tickets are being sold for \$50 each. The first prize is \$4000; the second prize is a 42" plasma TV from Drees Electric. We hope to see many friends there!

The **2010-2011 Registration Packets** are included in this week's brown envelope. Please look over all the information. Registrations are due by March 31, 2010 to receive a 5% discount for the upcoming school year. It is important to register now to assist us in planning for the new school year. Thank you!

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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!



February 6-----Mardi Gras 5:30 p.m. –  
-----High School Gym  
February 8-----Virtus Training – Holy Family  
-----Parish Center – 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
February 11-----KOC Math & Spelling Tests  
----- (grades 5-8) 3:15 p.m.  
-----KOC Clubhouse  
February 15-----**No School** - Teacher Inservice  
February 16-----Student Ambassadors –  
-----Elementary Campus  
February 22-----Birthday Table – Elementary  
February 26-----**Jean Day – K-8**  
March 4-----Jump Rope for Heart –  
-----Elementary Campus



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5:30 p.m. High School Gym.*



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## Elementary News

Thank you to all parents, teachers, and students who shared their time, talent, and treasure to make Catholic Schools Week a success! We focused on important values, did some extra things to make people we appreciate feel special, donated snacks to a dedicated group, and had some extra fun!

A special request: We were asked if school staff and visitors could please park along the grassy area of the parking lot. That would leave parking spaces along the parish building for parish staff and visitors. It is good that the parish and school can work together and support each other!

Mrs. Chilcote is coordinating the Jump Rope for Heart on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. All money raised goes to the American Heart Association. Flyers went home on Tuesday. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

Valentine's Day falls on a Sunday this year. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day at school on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. It is a great time to show one another how important friendships are. We are asking that room parents provide a simple treat and drink—thank you! Students will be exchanging valentines in all classes.



## Middle School News

**A reminder that the Knights of Columbus will be conducting Math and Spelling Contests in grades 5 through 8 again this year.** They will take place on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 p.m. at the KOC Clubhouse on 1502 Main Street in Marinette. Please encourage your children to consider participating in this event. Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy has always had good representation at this event and it is important to continue that tradition. Thank you!

## High School News

Catholic Schools Week is coming to a close, to be followed by Catholic School Teachers' Extra Trips to the Gym month. Seriously, the meals and treats provided by Catholic Order of Foresters, Home and School, and parents were scrumptious. Perhaps the best treat is that we welcomed two new students to the STAA community. The high school students learned about spiritual bouquets and the middle school students had a refreshing afternoon of bowling. Now as we head into deepest winter, let us keep our spirits up and look toward not only to our earthly goals, but beyond them to our true destination.

Students who are participating in the **Ski Trip to Pine Mountain** on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> will be boarding the bus at 7:15 a.m. and the bus will leave **promptly at 7:30 a.m.** Please plan to be on time!

