

# Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

April 16, 2010

## Academy News

The **Rummage Sale** is being held on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the High School Gym. You may bring in marked items to sell on Friday (4/16) from 7:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Unsold item must be claimed between 2-4 p.m. on Saturday. Anything not claimed will be disposed of. If you wish to donate time to helping with this event, don't hesitate to come on either Friday or Saturday.

**Cookie Dough** from the **Snack Happy Fundraiser** can be picked up on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 p.m. in the High School Gym.

The Athletic Club will be hosting their **Annual Brunch** this Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at Schussler's from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Proceeds from this event will benefit STAA athletics.

The fifth annual **Scholarship Salad Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. in the High School Gym. The proceeds from this luncheon will be used to award three scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year. Please see the enclosed letter in your brown envelope for more information.

**Good news for St. Thomas Aquinas Libraries!** For the second school year, our libraries were chosen from among 4,000 other public and school libraries across the United States to be the recipient of the NEH/ALA "More Perfect Union" Bookshelf Award. This program is made possible by a gift awarded to our libraries through the *We the People* Bookshelf national grant project.

The grant includes 17 hardcover books, the DVD edition of *The Civil War*, an award-winning documentary by Ken Burns and companion book, bookmarks and bookplates. The books included in the grant span the Kindergarten through high school reading levels. Something for everyone! This grant has been awarded by the National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA). We are most grateful and look forward to the delivery of all the materials.

*Please check your brown envelopes for an important letter and packet of tickets regarding the Holy Family Picnic that is coming up this summer!*

**RUMMAGE SALE!  
SATURDAY  
8 A.M. – 2 P.M.  
HIGH SCHOOL GYM**



April 17-----Rummage Sale – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
-----High School Gym  
April 18-----Athletic Club Brunch  
-----9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Schussler's  
April 21-----Home & School Meeting  
-----6:30 p.m. – High School  
April 26-----Birthday Table – Elementary  
-----Campus  
April 29-----Scholarship Salad Luncheon  
-----11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – H.S. Gym  
April 30-----**Jean Day – K-8**  
May 26-----Academic Awards – 9 a.m.  
-----High School Gym  
May 27-----Baccalaureate Mass – 9:30 a.m.  
-----Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
May 30-----Graduation 2 p.m. – H.S. Gym

## Home & School News

The next **Home and School Meeting** will be Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the High



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School. We will be “wrapping-up” the Rummage Sale. We hope to see you there!

## Elementary News

Thank you to Bev Doucette for donating a computer, monitor, keyboard, and mouse to our Pre-K 3 year old classroom. Wireless internet was also installed through a USB wireless adapter. We appreciate her generosity!

Please keep our 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders in your prayers. They have been preparing for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Ms. Fritz has been helping them understand that Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist through holy communion, we are able to receive Jesus in a special way. Students from Holy Trinity Parish in Oconto will make their First Communion this weekend. Students from St. Mary Parish will make their First Communion the weekend of April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Students from Holy Family Parish will make their First Communion on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and blessings to all of them!

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Graders have started a 5-week course on Manners. Mrs. Pecor will be helping them learn that different behaviors are needed to fit a variety of situations. These social skills can be used to settle conflicts and develop responsibility. Phone etiquette, making introductions, maintaining eye contact, and table conversation are some of the topics that will be discussed. They will also practice setting a table correctly. At the end of this course, the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders will be treated to a nice meal, where they will have a chance to practice these skills. It should be a fun learning experience!

## Middle School News

A reminder to parents that the deadline for ordering **Summer Skills Math Books** for students in grades 6-12 is Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. You should have received an order form with your child’s report card. This is a great way for students to keep their math skills sharp throughout the summer. The cost of the book is \$18. We are asking that the order form be returned even if you are not ordering a book. This can be indicated on the form. If you wish to order a book, you may send payment with the form. Checks can be made payable to STAA. The books will be shipped to school and distributed before the end of the school year.

## High School News

We would like to remind parents and students of special dates that are coming up in May. The Academic Awards will be held on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the High School Gym. The Baccalaureate Mass with Bishop Ricken will be on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Marinette. Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Gym. If you have any questions regarding these dates, please feel free to contact the office.

