

# Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

May 14, 2010

## Academy News

**Congratulations to the Golf Team!** They are the M & O Champs for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year in a row.

Please take a look in your brown envelopes for a special letter from the Development Team regarding the referral of new students. Also, the Academy's new brochures are enclosed. The Development Team has been working diligently on our marketing and this is a great example of their efforts.

**It is not too late to register for the 2010-2011 School Year!** Early registrations are important in helping teachers and staff plan for the upcoming school year. If you need a Registration Packet, please contact either Campus Office.

A reminder that all **Raffle Tickets** for the Holy Family Parish Fest must be turned in by the end of the month. This raffle is our last fundraiser for this school year. Let's end it on a bang!

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

May 19-----Water Safety Presentation -  
-----Elementary Campus  
May 24-----Birthday Table – Elementary  
May 25-----4<sup>th</sup> Grade Manners Lunch  
May 26-----Academic Awards – 9 a.m.  
-----High School Gym  
May 27-----Baccalaureate Mass – 9:30 a.m.  
-----Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
May 28-----Jean Day – **K-8**  
May 30-----Graduation 2 p.m. – H.S. Gym  
June 1-----Summer Birthday Table –  
-----Elementary Campus  
June 4-----Jean Day  
June 8-----Cleaning Day – Elementary

## Curriculum Update

Over the past academic year, STAA has been diligently engaged in a review of our Academy's mathematics curriculum. The goal of this review is three-part. Firstly, to review our existing curriculum specifically to determine how well it encompasses the standards which were set forth by the Green Bay Diocese at the beginning of the year. Secondly, to review the current textbooks to determine if improvements and or updates can be made to help us meet the standards and to improve our math program in general. Third, to look for additional innovations which could be initiated to enhance the mathematics education of our students. This effort has been lead by a curriculum committee consisting of Mrs. Dau – high school teacher and chairperson, Mrs. O'Connor – 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Everson – Kindergarten teacher, and parents Mrs. May and Mrs. Hornick. Mathematics teachers Academy-wide are participating in the curriculum review pertaining to the Diocese Standards. Much progress has been made to date with the standards review nearly complete and the textbook review well underway. The work of the committee is ongoing, so if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact one of the committee members. It is all of our desire to ensure that our school offers the very best academic programs possible to our exceptional students.



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We will have the Summer Birthday Table on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Students who have a birthday in June, July, or August will have a Jean Day and sit at the Birthday Table for lunch!

**Safety Alert!** Shoes that have wheels (Heelies) are not allowed at school. Students may wear the shoes, but the wheels are not to be brought to school.

Permission slips for the Graduation Mass with Bishop Ricken are in this week's family envelope. Please sign and return them to school.

On Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders visited the Middle Campus for Step-Up Day. They were greeted by the Student Ambassadors, followed by a few "icebreaker" activities. The 5<sup>th</sup> Graders enjoyed a scavenger hunt through the school, a snack, song practice with Mrs. Rice, and a mini class tutorial with Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Pecor. They were also able to meet some of their teachers for next year. Thank you to the Middle School teachers and the Student Ambassadors for making it an enjoyable morning!

Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students are also welcome to receive a tour of the Middle School Campus to see what the Academy has to offer for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and to have their questions answered. If parents are interested, they may contact the Middle/High School Office at 735-7481 to make arrangements.

## Middle School News

The 6<sup>th</sup> Graders enjoyed the Step-Up Day that was presented to the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. They were able to show the students their daily schedule and have them meet their teachers. Everyone enjoyed the special activities and snack that the Student Ambassadors provided.

Mid-quarter Progress Reports are being sent home today in your brown envelopes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teachers.

## High School News

Joe Molosky, a 2003 graduate of Marinette Catholic Central and a 2007 graduate of the University of Notre Dame will be the Commencement speaker on Sunday, May 30. Joe graduated from Notre Dame with a B. B.A. in Management Information Systems. While at Notre Dame, he was elected as the Controller of the Club Coordination Council and was responsible for the distribution and management of over \$250,000 of university funds used by over 250 clubs on campus. After graduating from Notre Dame, Joe joined Protiviti, a risk consulting firm in Chicago, where he has spent the last three years assisting Fortune 500 companies with managing their risks associated with data privacy. Joe has been active in Potiviti's CommUnity Scholarship Fund as the Chair of the Fundraising Committee that annually raises \$40,000 from Protiviti employees to provide college scholarships for eight Chicago Public High School students. Joe will be taking the next step in his career this summer as he will be leaving Protiviti and enrolling at the University of Notre Dame Law School. Joe is the son of Darlene and Joe Molosky of Marinette. Joe will be sharing with graduating seniors his positive message that there are opportunities in these difficult economic times for students and young adults to pursue their dreams and put forth the necessary effort.

Once again, STAA is offering the Marge Bruemmer Scholarship to a student who has been at the high school for at least one year. The student should be a Catholic student who is working to the best of his/her ability and who has the sincere desire to attend college after high school. The amount of the scholarship this year is \$1,000. Students can pick up an application form at the high school office. The forms should be returned by Friday, May 21 to the school office.

