

Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

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Academy News

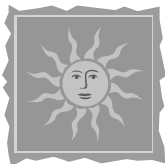
The **Summer Hours** for STAA will be at the Middle/High School Campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This will begin the week of June 14th and continue throughout the summer. If you need assistance during the summer, please call or stop in during these times.

The **Holy Family Parish Picnic** will be held on Saturday, July 11th from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Half of the money raised from this picnic goes directly to STAA! In addition, STAA is responsible for staffing the children's area. There is a volunteer sheet in your family envelope for you to fill out and return by Friday, May 28th. Also, all **Raffle Tickets** for the picnic 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!

Memory Books were handed out this week for PreK-8th grade students. We have a few extras if there are students still interested in purchasing one. They are \$7 each and can be obtained at either campus office while supplies last.

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 **Semester Exams** will be held for 6th-12th Grade on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 8th and 9th. On these days, students will be released at 12:05 p.m. **There will not be bus service.**



IMPORTANT DATES

May 24-----	Birthday Table – Elementary
May 25-----	4 th 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 8-----	Cleaning Day – Elementary
June 9-----	Early Release – Elementary
-----	12:35 p.m.

Elementary News

Our 4th Graders were invited to participate in “Spanish Day” at Marinette High School last Friday. Along with 4th Graders from Park Elementary, everyone sang the Spanish alphabet in the auditorium. The class attended a language lesson where they learned names of animals in Spanish. They then went to the bank for euros and were able to purchase candy and little tidbits with their euros. They also had an opportunity to play some Spanish games and try Spanish and Mexican food.

On Monday, the elementary students were visited by Ms. Amy Roden, Honey Princess of the American Beekeeping Federation. Her presentation included posters of 3 kinds of honey bees, discussion of the importance of pollination, and information about the job of beekeepers. People are usually afraid of bees and this neat presentation put a positive spin on the role of bees. Each child was given a pamphlet with honey recipes-yum!

On Tuesday, Mary Kay Selsor, president of the Catholic Central Foundation, came to talk with our 4 year old Pre-K and Kindergarten students. She read a story about St. Thomas Aquinas, talked about his life, and showed them a statue of St. Thomas Aquinas. It was a real treat!



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We had visitors from the YMCA at our school to talk about water safety with students in grades 1-5. Leanne Daniels and Margie Harper did a great presentation using a DVD called "Do Your Part, Be Water Smart" and posters to reinforce key ideas. The video gave real-life situations and used catchy rhymes to teach important water safety rules. With summer just around the corner, we'd like to share these catchy tips with you, so you can talk about it with your family. Here are the tips: Be Cool, Follow the Rule; Look Before You Leap; Think So You Don't Sink; Reach or Throw, Don't Go; Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket; Protect the Skin You're In; In Your House and in Your Yard, Watch for Water, Be On Guard; and Wave, Tide, or Ride, Follow the Guide. Hopefully these tips will help keep our children (and families) safe this summer!

Thank you to Dawn Carviou for painting 2 more four-square grids on our playground! We just got some new balls to use, also. Our students are fortunate to have so many choices of activities to do at recess and the space to do it!

Our "cleaning day" will be Tuesday, June 8th. We ask the children to bring in a bucket and 2 rags (one for washing, one for drying). We will be washing tables, desks, and chairs, and moving everything out into the hall. It is a big job, but with everyone helping, it goes fast and is fun!

Please check your family envelope for our new Academy brochures that were created by our Development Team. They have been working hard on our marketing and this is a great example of their efforts.

Middle School News

There is a permission slip being sent home this week for the students to attend the Graduation Mass on Thursday, May 27th at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Bishop Ricken will also be there to celebrate Mass. Please sign the permission slip and return it to school by Monday, May 24th.

A reminder that Grilled Cheese will not be available for lunch on Fridays for the rest of the school year. Curry's will also not be offered on Fridays, so students will need to bring a bagged lunch.

Parents of 8th Grade Students, please check your brown envelope for information on **Merit Scholarships that are offered by the Catholic Central Foundation** to all incoming freshmen. If your child plans on attending STAA as a freshman in the fall, he/she is eligible and simply needs to fill out an application form and explain the reasons why he/she wants to come to STAA. The deadline for these applications is May 28th.

Catholic Youth Expeditions is offering a one day Middle School Expedition to Kangaroo Lake on Wednesday, June 23rd. This is open to middle school students who have completed their 6th grade year to middle school students who have completed their 8th grade year and are going into high school. This expedition is to give you a taste of what a four day high school expedition is like. Get ready for a power-packed day of fun in the sun in Door County. They will be offering some fun outdoor adventure for those who are fired up about learning more about their Catholic faith, meeting some awesome young adult Catholics on our summer staff and enjoying the beauty of God's grand cathedral of nature! Transportation offered on the CYE bus from CYE Base Camp in Appleton and they will also pick-up in Green Bay. There are registration forms available in the office for those who are interested in going on this adventure.



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High School News

A number of students have been persistently tardy. This behavior is disrespectful of the school. It creates unnecessary work for faculty and staff and degrades the learning environment for everyone. It can also be illegal. Unexcused tardies are equivalent to unexcused absences and we currently have several students who could be referred to juvenile court. Since detentions are not working to change behavior and suspensions create even more wasted time, we must consider all options.

On Wednesday, May 26th the Student Council will be sponsoring a High School End of the Year Picnic on the school lawn. Grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, and other snacks will be provided. Join in the fun, games, and food from 3-4:30 p.m.

A host family is needed for a female foreign exchange student from Spain. The student speaks English very well and comes from a Catholic family. She will be a senior this coming year. There are also possibilities for families to host male students. Hosting foreign exchange students presents an excellent opportunity to increase our school's enrollment while providing a wonderful learning experience for international students.

