

# Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

May 7, 2010

## Academy News

A reminder that there is an **Early Release Day** on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Elementary students are dismissed at 12:35 p.m. and Middle/High School students are dismissed at 12:50 p.m. There is **no Marinette bus service** on this day; however Peshtigo buses will run.

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!

This week students were introduced to the **Guardian Angel Project** which was started this year by John Paul Thornton, who paints portraits of missing children and sends them out to people across the United States. These people become the "Guardian Angels" of the missing children depicted in the paintings. Sandie Blair, a local resident of Menominee, Michigan is a Guardian Angel to a missing child. Sandi visited STAA this past week with a portrait of Jozlynn Martinez to promote awareness of her and to honor her. This was also the kick-off to the **Guardian Angel FOCUS to Find Missing Children Portrait Contest**. Mrs. Christy Schultz and her students will be making portraits of a missing child in Art Class. These portraits will be submitted to be judged among other portraits from other schools; the top portrait from each school will be displayed at the Stephenson Public Library from May 19<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>. Prizes are yet to be announced. We will keep you updated on the results of the contest.

You can still purchase **Cookie Dough** from the Snackhappy Fundraiser. The cost is \$16 for one box of cookie dough which makes 48 cookies. You may contact either campus office for more information.

We are in need of a **Cook** for **Oktoberfest** which is coming up in the fall. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact the Middle/High School Campus. This is an important fundraiser for STAA and we would appreciate a volunteer to step forward and help out in this area.

## **REGISTRATIONS BEING ACCEPTED!**

*Please help us plan for the  
2010-2011 School Year by  
registering now!*

*Important  
DATE!*

May 7-----6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance – 6-9 p.m.  
-----High School Gym  
May 11-----Step-Up Day – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
-----Middle/High School Campus  
May 12-----Early Release – Dismissal for  
-----Elementary -12:35 p.m.;  
Middle/  
-----High School – 12:50 p.m.  
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



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## Elementary News

The elementary students honored our Blessed Mother on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Sister Helen led us in prayer and carried our statue of Mary, followed by the students in a procession, down the hall to our special place for Mary. Each child carried a carnation and placed it in a vase by her statue. We ended with the Hail Mary prayer. It was wonderful to see all the students, 3 year olds to 5<sup>th</sup> graders gathered for this special ceremony.

Mr. Davis is having a band instrument fitting for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders on May 12<sup>th</sup> after school at the elementary campus. This is to find out what instrument any interested 4<sup>th</sup> grade student would like to play for next year. He sent a note home earlier. If you would like to make an appointment, please call Mr. Davis at 906-290-3803.

Karolyn Rice, along with some of our Academy students, will be sharing their talents at the St. Mary Mother/Daughter Banquet on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be doing a rehearsal on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> for the elementary students at 2:00 p.m. Parents and others are invited to come, listen, and enjoy.

Spring fever is in the air and we “changed things up” a little during our lunch time this week. Hot lunch students ate in the lunchroom and cold lunch students ate in their classroom. Each day was different. Milk, spoons, and forks were available to everyone. All students went outside at 11:25 for recess. Next week we will all be back in the lunchroom. But we may “change things up” again the following week. We will be getting feedback from the students.

## Middle School News

On Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be welcoming the 5<sup>th</sup> graders from the Elementary Campus for a **Step-Up Day**. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will arrive at 8:30 a.m. and stay until 10:30 a.m. These students will get a taste of the Middle School experience and have activities planned by the teachers and Student Ambassadors.

There will be a **Middle School Dance** on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m. in the High School Gym for grades 6-8. In addition to dancing, dodgeball will be played, and pizza and soda will be available for purchase. Appropriate music will be provided by DJ JB. Admission is a can of food for St. Vincent de Paul or \$2. If you have any questions, you may contact the school office.

