

Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy News

September 18, 2009

Academy News

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! It has been a busy beginning to the school year and we appreciate your patience as many things get settled. The first brown envelope was sent home today; many of you chose the e-mail version and we are working to accommodate your requests. It will take another week to get that portion up and running, so expect your e-mail to begin next week. Also, if you have information you would like sent home using the envelope, we will need it **no later than Thursday morning**. If it comes in after that time, it will be put into the next week's envelope. Also, the information can be sent to us via e-mail. The e-mail address at the Middle/High School Campus is MCCHS@hotmail.com.

We are in need of strong people to help move lockers from the former Middle School to the High School. This will take place on Saturday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m. The move should take about 3 hours. Please come if you can and bring your muscles!

We would like to acknowledge all the hard work that is being done during this transition time. There has been a lot of painting at both campuses to improve the walls and the first set of lockers from the former Middle School were moved to the High School already. These were big undertakings that took many hours, and we would like to thank all those who have volunteered their time. You have made a difference at the Academy and we are grateful!

Oktoberfest will take place on Saturday, October 10 with dinner from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. and dancing from 7:30 – 11:00 p.m. Oktoberfest raffle tickets are on sale in the school office. The cost is \$75 per ticket and only 250 tickets will be sold so get your ticket soon!

The Magazine Sale will kick off on Tuesday, October 13 so save your renewal notices until then! The sale will run much like it did last year with certain hand-in dates. More information will follow in the weeks ahead.

Enclosed you will find a volunteer form to be filled out by each family. This helps so much with each of our events here at the Academy. Please consider where you may be able to help and thank you for all you can do! Also, one item missing from the list on the form is the Halloween Party that will be taking place on October 31 in the High School Gym. Please see more information about this in the Home and School portion of this newsletter to see how you can donate your time for that event.

We are working on the family directory and should have that completed within the next couple of weeks. If you have any changes that need to be listed, please contact the office at 735-7481.



September 21-----Picture Day – Middle/High
-----Campus
September 22-----Picture Day – Elementary
-----Campus
September 28-----Virtus Training 5:30-8:30 p.m.
-----Elementary Campus
-----September Birthday Table –
-----Elementary Campus
October 6-----No School
October 10-----Oktoberfest – High School Gym
-----5:30-8 Dinner; 7:30 -11 Dancing
October 13-----Magazine Sale Kick-Off
October 14-----President's Address 6 p.m.
-----High School Gym
-----Home and School Meeting
-----4:30 p.m. High School
October 31-----Community Halloween Party
----- (Pre K-5th) 1-4 p.m.-H.S. Gym



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Elementary News

Picture Day is Tuesday, September 22. Pre-K (3 year old) parents can bring in their child if it is not a school day for them, or they can wait for the retake day. The retake day has not been set, but it will be a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. It is a non-uniform day for students at the Elementary Campus. Pictures will be taken at the start of the day and completed before first recess.

We have many parents who pick up their children from the bus at the Marinette High School. The south parking lot is the lot parents should be parking in. The lot closest to the school is the one children walk through to get to the other parking lot. This is a safety concern and we hope that parents will park in the appropriate lot.

Monday, September 28 is a Virtus training session at the Elementary Campus from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. If you have not taken this training, and want to volunteer during the school year, don't miss this opportunity. Most of the training sessions are in Green Bay, so we are fortunate to offer one locally. Please call the school office with any questions.

There have been some questions about absences and what to do if your child is absent. Please continue to call in on the day your child is sick. In addition, we are asking that you send in a note on the day your child returns, saying that he/she was absent on what day. This is a system policy that is Academy-wide. Thank you for your extra effort on this.

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of September already! We have some exciting things planned for October. Watch for more information in the next newsletter.

SMILE!

Middle/High School News

Picture Day is Monday, September 21. Pictures will be taken at the beginning of the day. Students should wear their uniform pants, but can wear an appropriate non-uniform shirt for the day. However, if shirts are not appropriate, students will be asked to change and parents may be called.

Implementation of the dress code is progressing. Widespread disregard for and defiance of the code is causing an inordinate drain on resources necessary to enforce it. The cooperation of students and parents is essential to resolving this problem so we can all turn our full attention to more substantive concerns.

We have not forgotten the issue of lunch for the 6, 7, and 8th graders. We are still working out details and will let you know more next week. Thank you for your patience on this matter.

Home and School News

Home and School had their first meeting of the school year on Wednesday night. What a great turnout! Plans for the community Halloween Party were made. If you would like to help with this event, please add that to your Volunteer form enclosed in the brown envelope. If you would like to help with decorations, specifically on Friday, October 30 please contact Tammy Bulin at 732-1268 or tbulin@centurytel.net. Don't miss this great opportunity to become involved!

Home and School will meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. at the High School Campus. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14.

