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The mission of Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy is to provide an affordable education in the Catholic teaching tradition that inspires in students a life-long thirst for knowledge, wisdom, and truth; a desire to reach the full potential which God intended for them; and a recognition of the discipline of mind and heart required for effective service to others in the love of God



“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations.” “Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.” *Psalm 96:1-3, 11-12*

May these words inspire joy and celebration in our hearts as we honor the beauty of God’s creation and the blessing of His salvation.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 20 - Saint Vincent DePaul Meeting Both Lunches
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 1st Christmas Break - No School
- Jan. 2 - School Resumes
- Jan. 3 - Jean Day After Mass for Family Envelopes MS/HS
- Jan. 5 - Home & School Meeting - 6:00 PM - MS/HS
- Jan. 6 - Clean out the Closet - Clothing Drive for SVDP District Both Campuses Ends Jan 15th
- Jan. 7 - Marines Assembly HS 10:30 Am - 11:00 AM
- Jan. 9 - Career Expo 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Jan. 10 - Saint Vincent DePaul Meeting Both Lunches

CHRISTMAS BREAK

DECEMBER 23rd, 2024 Thru JANUARY 1st 2025
SCHOOL AND OFFICE HOURS RESUME JANUARY 2nd 2025



ELEMENTARY NEWS

January Birthday Celebration will be on Monday, January 6th, 2025! All students and teachers who have a January birthday have a non-uniform day and will receive a treat from our Elementary Student Council.

Congratulations to Lucy Patz, a 4th grader from our St. Anne class, and Otto Dreifuerst, a 5th grader from our St. Clare class! Their artwork was chosen for our annual STAA Christmas card! These cards are sent to supporters of St. Thomas Aquinas Academy. We are blessed to have talented students who share their gifts.

Attention Middle School Girls:

If you are interested in playing basketball, please sign up in the office

Congratulations to Mrs. Behnke, our Kindergarten teacher, for receiving the "I Noticed..." award for November/December! Thank you, Mrs. Behnke, for going above and beyond and for being such a wonderful, dedicated teacher!

Parents of Seniors:

The 2025 College Goal event is being held at NWTC in Marinette on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 from 6-8P.M. This is where you can get hands-on help to complete the FAFSA application. If your daughter/son will be going to college or technical college next year (2025-2026), FAFSA is the application for financial aid. Colleges and career schools use the FAFSA form to determine how much financial aid you're eligible to receive, which could include grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans.

The FAFSA application opened on December 1st. Prior to the College Goal event, create an account. Please write down your account information in a place you will remember as you will be using the information numerous times throughout the year. Go to [Create Account | Federal Student Aid](#) to start the process.

Finally, if you choose to complete the FAFSA application on your own, please make sure to complete an application for the "2025-2026" school year. Cautionary note: make sure you use the fafsa.gov website. This is the official site and it is a free service. Should you have any questions, please email me at counselor@staa-edu.us

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Gratitude Corner

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the generous donors who have brightened our days with delightful lunches and treats. Your kindness and support are truly appreciated by everyone. Your generosity has brought joy and connection to our community.

We are excited to share that the High School Student Council provided water and a treat for lunch on Tuesday. Their enthusiasm and commitment to our school truly embody the spirit of giving and community.

Additionally, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our parents and volunteers. Your selfless dedication and unwavering support are the foundation of our vibrant community. From organizing and assisting at events to helping in classrooms, the office, and when items need to be fixed, your contributions make a significant impact on our school. We are incredibly grateful for your time, effort, and kindness. You truly make a difference in the lives of our students and staff.

Thank you all for your unwavering commitment to our school. Your acts of kindness ripple through our halls, touching hearts and inspiring others to give back. We are immensely grateful for everything you do. ❤️

Christmas Blessings

As we celebrate the joyous season of Christmas, let us reflect on the true meaning of this special time. In the spirit of this season, we draw inspiration from the beautiful words of John 1:14:

“And the Word became flesh, and made his dwelling among us.” John 1:14

This verse reminds us of the profound miracle of Christ's birth, a time when love and light entered the world in a unique and transformative way. May this holiday season fill your hearts with peace, love, and gratitude.

**Warmest Regards,
The Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy Community**

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS:

Please reference attached file regarding College Goal Wisconsin FAFSA Completion Event, NWTC Marinette January 15, 2025 6:00-8:00 PM

High School News

On Tuesday, January 7th Sargent Gleason with the Marines will be having an assembly in the gym for High Schoolers from 10:30am until 11am and then he'll have a table in the foyer if students have questions during their lunch.

CAVIVIES SPORTS SCHEDULE

Girls Varsity School Basketball

Dec. 20 - @ Wausaukee - 6:00 PM
Jan. 3, 2025 - @ Oneida - 5:45 PM

Boys Middle School Basketball

Dec. 20 - Home Game Gillett - 5:00 PM

Boys JV Basketball

Dec. 27 - @ Gresham Community High School Oneida-12:15 PM
Dec. 28 - @ Gresham Community High School Oneida-TBD
Jan. 3, 2025 - @ Oneida - 4:30 PM
Jan. 7, 2025 - Home Game Crivitz - 5:45 PM
Jan. 10, 2025 - @ Wausaukee - 5:45 PM

Boys Varsity Basketball

Dec. 27 - @ Gresham Community High School Oneida-3:30 PM
Dec. 28 - @ Gresham Community High School Oneida-TBD
Jan. 3, 2025 - @ Oneida - 7:00 PM
Jan. 7, 2025 - Home Game Crivitz - 7:00 PM
Jan. 10, 2025 - @ Wausaukee - 7:00 PM

Fishing Club

Jan. 8, 2025 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM,
Location: Mrs. Rice's Room# 105

<https://www.stthomasaquinasathletics.com>

www.marinetteandocontoconference.org

GO CAVVIES!





Heavenly Father,

In this season of light and joy, we gather together in celebration of the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank You for the precious gift of His presence among us, a beacon of hope and love in our lives.

As we remember the humble birth in Bethlehem, we are reminded of the profound humility, kindness, and compassion that Jesus taught us. Help us to embody these virtues in our own lives, spreading Your love to all those we meet.

We pray for our school community, for every student, teacher, staff member, and family. May Your blessings be upon us, filling our hearts with peace, joy, and gratitude. Guide us with Your light, and strengthen us with Your grace.

We lift up those who are suffering, whether in body, mind, or spirit. May Your healing presence bring them comfort and peace. Surround them with Your love, and let them feel the warmth of Your embrace. Help us to be instruments of Your compassion, reaching out to those in need with empathy and support.

We wish all of the Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy families, friends, and supporters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for your time, talent, and treasure that you share with us year after year. We pray for you and wish you many blessings from above.

Let this Christmas season be a time of reflection and renewal. May we open our hearts to Your presence, and may the joy of Christ's birth inspire us to live with greater love and compassion each day.

In Your holy name, we pray.

Amen.

