

**SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS ACADEMY
NEWSLETTER**



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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.

Dates to Remember

February 11	Hygiene Drive begins
February 16	CCAC Pizza Pick-Up SVdP Bake Sale – both campuses
February 17	CCAC Pizza Pick-Up
February 20	BOT Meeting–6 pm–STAA Elem
February 22	Jean Day
February 24	Winterfest

A special thank you is extended to Fr. Celestine & Fr. Ed for visiting both campuses during Catholic Schools Week last week. It was wonderful to see them enjoying the activities with the students!



Thank you to all who supported the Green & Gold Gala. The evening was a fun & successful one! A special thank you is extended to Tammy Bergeson & Nikki Sotka for all of their work preparing for the event and to all those who attended, donated, or volunteered. We couldn't have done it without you!

**STAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th @ 6 PM
STAA ELEMENTARY CAMPUS**



Registration for the WI Parental Choice (Voucher) Program is open! This program is open to all Wisconsin residents and eligibility is determined by income and residency. Please visit: www.dpi.wi.gov/choice or call the Academy at 715-735-7481 for more information.

**TRANSPORTATION
CHANGES**



**WESTLUND BUS RIDERS
SHUTTLE BUS ONLY**

Thursday, February 15th & Friday, February 16th
Elementary Students will be picked up & dropped off in the morning & afternoon at the STAA Marinette Campus Parking Lot. (Marinette Schools do not have school on 2/15 & 2/16).

KOBUSSEN BUS RIDERS

NO BUSING for Elementary Students on Thursday afternoon, February 15th and Friday, February 16th.

Shuttle Bus will run for Middle & High School Students on both days. (Peshtigo Schools have Early Release on 2/15 & no school on 2/16).



The Family Radio's Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive February 11 through March 3!

The Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive will run from February 11th until March 3rd. Donations of personal hygiene and cleaning products may be dropped off at both STAA locations. Donations will remain local and given to the Saint Vincent de Paul Pantry & Haven of Hope in Marinette and Abundant Life Mission in Menominee. Last year, local donations totaled \$19,500 for local crisis programs in the counties of Marinette, Oconto, & Menominee, Michigan. Thank you for your generosity!

Saint Vincent de Paul Bake Sale!
Friday, February 16th at both campuses.
Proceeds to benefit the Uganda
Conference. Mini-Vinnies &
Y & Y Vincentians are reminded to bring in
baked items for the sale!



ELEMENTARY NEWS

Student Council will be having their monthly *School Store* on Monday, February 12th during lunch recess. Items range in price from \$.25 to \$1.50. There is no change given so please plan accordingly.

Students will be walking to Peshtigo Elementary to experience *World Fest featuring Sarah Siraj*. Permission slips were sent home last week in the family envelope.

Popcorn Friday is February 16th! Order forms are included in the family envelope. Please make sure the form is completely filled out before returning it to school. Orders and money are due Wednesday, February 14th.

Children still need to have their "*winter gear*" at school, especially jackets. We have had some warmer temps but areas on our playground are wet and messy. Thank you!

Congratulations to James McCarrier, a kindergartener from our St. Francis class! He was voted *Student of the Month* for January. The quality of the month was **LOVE**. James is always kind and caring toward his classmates and adults in our school. He listens and participates at Mass. James demonstrates a positive attitude in all situations and when working with others! He is pictured below with Mrs. Brief and Father Ed.



MIDDLE & HIGH NEWS

Middle & high school students will be attending *Ash Wednesday Mass* with the elementary students next Wednesday, February 14th at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary in Peshtigo. They will not be attending Mass on Friday, February 16th.

The *Middle School Band Concert* is scheduled for Monday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the STAA High School Gym. Band students should plan to arrive at 6 p.m. with instruments and books and report to the band room. Warm up on stage at 6:15 p.m. Performers should wear dress clothes that follow the school dress code or school uniforms. The concert is free and open to the public.

The *Winterfest Dance* for high school students will take place on Saturday, February 24th in the STAA High School Gym. The Grand March is at 7:30 p.m. with the dance to follow until 10:30 p.m.

The Art Room is in need of ice cream covers (lids). If you are able to contribute, please send them in to Mrs. Schultz. Thank you!

**REMINDER TO PARENTS OF
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:
END OF DAY BELL RINGS AT 2:55 P.M.
STUDENTS NEED TO BE PICKED UP
BY 3:05 P.M. THANK YOU!**



Happy Valentine's Day!
February 14, 2024

Cavalier Apparel Store closes February 15!

To order, visit:
[Cavalier Apparel](#)



**CCAC PIZZA PICK-UP IN THE STAA GYM:
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – 4-7 P.M.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – 8-11 A.M.**



**COURT OF DREAMS
STAA VS. STOCKBRIDGE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024**

**OSHKOSH ARENA
(HOME OF THE WISCONSIN HERD)
VARSITY GIRLS GAME – 6:15 P.M.
Girls Middle School Scrimmage at Halftime
VARSITY BOYS GAME – 7:30 P.M.
Boys Middle School Scrimmage at Halftime**



*Please see the flyer in the family envelope today.
A digital copy is also being sent with the
weekly email.*



LOOKING AHEAD!

CCAC Lenten Fish Fry

STAA High School Gym

March 22 – Dine-In or Carry Out – 4-7 p.m.

March 29 – Carry-Out Only – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dine-In or Carry Out – 4-7 p.m.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Sports Schedule through February 29, 2024

Middle School Girls Basketball

February 10 @ Gillett – 8 am

February 12 – Twin City Eagles – 5 pm (H)

February 15 @ Crivitz – 5:30 pm

February 16 @ Gillett – 5 pm

February 17 – Scrimmage @ Oshkosh (Herd Event)

February 26 @ Peshtigo – 5 pm

High School Girls Basketball

February 16 @ Gillett – 7:15 pm

Feb 17 vs Stockbridge @ Oshkosh (Herd Event) – 6:15 pm

Middle School Boys Basketball

February 17 – Scrimmage @ Oshkosh (Herd Event)

High School Boys Basketball (JV)

February 9 @ Wausaukee – 5:45 pm

February 15 @ Oneida – 5:45 pm

February 22 @ Gillett – 5:45 pm

High School Boys Basketball (Varsity)

February 9 @ Wausaukee – 7:15 pm

February 15 @ Oneida – 7:15 pm

Feb 17 vs Stockbridge @ Oshkosh (Herd Event) – 7:30 pm

February 22 @ Gillett – 7:15 pm

GO CAVVIES!