

St. Thomas Aquinas Academy Elementary Newsletter

November 14, 2025



Virtue of the month: Hope

From Mrs. Gruber

We will attend Mass on December 8 @ 12:00 for the Holy Day of Obligation. This is the Immaculate Conception when we celebrate Mary's conception without original sin. There will also be our regular Wednesday Mass with the student led parts. (Dec. 10)

Please make sure to call the school office when your child(ren) will not be at school. Our start time is 8:00, with the tardy bell at 8:10. If your child arrives after 8:10 they will be marked tardy. If you have called, it will be excused, if not, it will be unexcused. This is marked in PowerSchool and will be on your child's report card. For absences, we will call you if you don't call us. We always want to make sure there isn't a problem! Also, please let us know ahead of time when you know your child is going to miss school, whatever the reason. There is a form to fill out for a pre-excused absence. Thank you!

Next week is our final week before the Advent season and we have many things planned. We have everything in the dates to remember section.

Our next fundraiser is the Home for the Holidays Tour of Homes on December 5 and 6. Tickets will be available Nov 17th at both schools. We need volunteers to make this successful! Here is the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ACAB2DA4F49-44322785-holiday#/>

Other:

- *We have new phones! When you call our number (715-582-4041) you will get a message that says please hold while I try to connect you, then music. Please hold on and then you will either get a person or the opportunity to leave a voicemail message.*
- *We will continue the tradition of Donuts with Dads (or other significant male figure) on Dec 3. Please join us for Mass at 8:30 with donuts, social time, and recess afterwards. The time will be until 10:00 if you are able to stay. Please return the sign up sheet so we know how many people to plan for.*
- *Our Christmas concert date has been set for December 12 at 1:30 p.m. Church doors will open at 1:00. There is a parish Mass at noon so please be respectful of those in Mass. Students may be signed out for the day after the concert or may be picked up/take the bus at the normal dismissal.*

Dates to remember:

Tues. Nov 18 hot lunch (French toast sticks/sausage)

Thurs. Nov. 20 jean day (system wide)

Fri. Nov. 21 Yeti tumbler orders are due

- Elementary PJ day with a \$2 donation for St. Vincent de Paul

Mon. Nov. 24-28 No School-Thanksgiving week

Dec 1-first week of Advent

- Dec. 1 birthday celebration @ lunch-non uniform day for those students

Wed. Dec. 3 donuts with "dad" Mass @ 8:30 with donuts after-we will announce the student nominated for the virtue of the month, which is Hope

Fri Dec. 5 & Sat Dec. 6 Christmas Tour of Homes (volunteers needed)

Sun. Dec. 7 St. Mary Pancake and Porkie breakfast (in school gym)

Sun. Dec. 7 Home and School meeting @ 6:00 at the MS/HS-ALL are welcome

Mon. Dec. 8 Holy Day of Obligation-Immaculate Conception we will attend Mass @ noon

Fri. Dec. 12 Christmas Concert @1:30 (doors open at 1:00-there is Mass prior)

Thurs. Dec 18 jean day (system wide)

Fri. Dec.19 Santa's Helpers

Mon. Dec. 22 Mrs. Gruber will provide cookies to decorate for the community and each student will get one for themselves

Tues. Dec. 23 elementary PJ day

Wed. Dec 24- Mon. Jan. 5 Christmas break-Jan. 5 is our first day back to school.

Sunday Readings:

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a

Ps 98: 5-6, 7-8, 9

2 Thess 3:7-12

Lk 21: 5-19

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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 has intended for them; and a recognition of the discipline of the mind and heart required for effective service to others in the love of God.

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