

Aquinas High School

P a r e n t N e w s

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Dear Parents,

February is typically a busy but quiet month. Basketball teams are gearing up for region play, musical rehearsal is in full swing, French students arrive, and several academic competitions highlight the next four weeks. Please review the calendar of events and note the items that are most relevant to your family.

Our entrance test for rising freshmen will be given this Saturday, February 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Students need to bring two #2 pencils and \$20.00 to cover the testing fee.

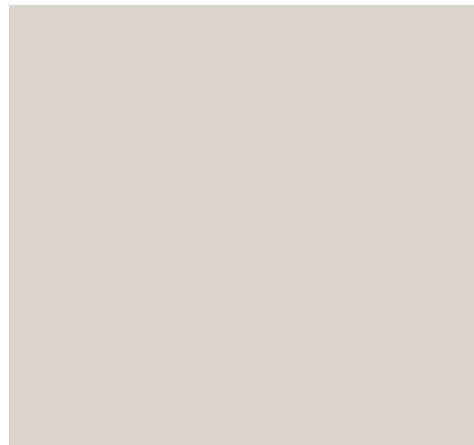
This month features our annual gathering of all Catholic educators for a diocesan- wide conference here in Augusta. On February 18, Bishop Boland will celebrate Mass for the 425 teachers in the diocese. Teachers will attend four workshop sessions on Thursday at St. Mary's, and then the keynote address on Friday in our new hall.

Ash Wednesday comes early this year: February 25 starts the Lenten season. We will celebrate Mass on that day and hold a penance service later in the season for our students. You are always welcome to attend any of our liturgies. Lent always offers us the extraordinary opportunity to check our own spiritual growth. It is a time of deep personal reflection when we evaluate our role in the miracle of the Resurrection.

Thank you, again, for all of your support. May God continue to guide and direct us in all that we do.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Larcher
Principal



Entrance Exam

Saturday

February 7th

8:30 a.m.

- Students need two #2 pencils and \$20 for the test fee.
- Typically, the test lasts until 11:45.

Winter Closings

In the event of severe weather in our area, we will post a school closing on our webpage www.aquinashigh.org. This will be the earliest announcement possible. We will also notify a group of radio stations, who typically update school closings every 15 minutes: 93.9 FM, KICKS 99, WBBQ, WPRW, and WEKL. The slowest media to update listings are the television stations.

Happy Birthday

Megan Caswell, Hannah Dewes, Sarah Ellison, Anne Jackson, Ian Jesse, Joel Joseph, Bowen Klosinski, Timothy Leonard, Zach Lovering, Alicia Manigault, Lauren Marshall, Andrew May, Kea Mindy, Frances Ann Morgan, Shelby Mueller, David Mysona, Collin Oliver, Dallas Pitts, Alex Rogers, Carrie Stewart, Ian Tierney, Timotio Wilsey.

The Staff and Faculty at Aquinas High School wish you all a Happy Birthday!

Guidance

Happy Valentine's Day! I have had a very busy and exciting month as your new School Counselor. I look forward to getting to know each and everyone of you and I am thankful for a career that allows me to show Christ's love every day.

We have made it through one month of second semester and we only have four months to go. My prayer is that those doing well will continue working hard in their studies and those struggling will not give up because there is still time to pull up grades –it's not over. You can do it! No matter what, we should all be striving to grow as a person, as a student and as a servant of Jesus Christ. "And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." James 1:4

We will hold an Entrance Exam for upcoming freshman on Saturday February 7th at 8:30 am. All incoming freshman are required to take the Entrance Exam. The cost is \$20; please have students bring two #2 pencils.

We will be registering current students for the 2009-2010 school year from February 23rd –27th. Students will be advised prior to registration. If there are any questions pertaining to what classes are needed, please check through Power School. The forms will be finalized on the 27th with teacher signatures.

Quotes for the Month:

Love takes up where knowledge leaves off.
Saint Thomas Aquinas

I do not pray for success, I ask for faithfulness.
Mother Teresa

Jessica P. Jenkins
School Counselor

For any questions, please e-mail me at jjenkins@aquinashigh.org.

“ . . . developing Christian leaders ”

Mission Statement

The mission of Aquinas High School is “developing Christian leaders” through an excellent Catholic secondary education. The school emphasizes moral/ethical standards, and strives for a Christian integration of Spirit, mind and body in each student. Aquinas seeks to foster respect for all persons, to encourage responsibility in each individual, and to promote Christian service among its students.

Yearbooks on Sale

*LAST SALE
Limited Supplies*

The yearbook is on sale! This will be the last sale of the year. There are only 70 books left so you will need to get your book as soon as possible.

Yearbooks will be sold beginning on Monday, February 2nd and the sale will be closed just before midnight on February 20th with a purchase price of \$55.

Purchase your yearbook online by going to the Aquinas website and clicking on the link or by logging on to www.jostensyearbooks.com or through Mr. Lambert at Aquinas High School.

Aquinas Drama Department
presents

GODSPELL

Our talented musical and drama club students will perform **GODSPELL**, a musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. It will be performed in the Aquinas High School Dining Hall.

Dates of the production are March 26, 27, and 28.

Call the office or look for future publications for more information. (706) 736-5516

Showcase Your Talented Student in an Ad for the Spring Production of **GODSPELL**

Parents, you can place an ad for “your star” or just support the spring musical by placing a business ad. Prices are 1/4 page - \$40; 1/2 page - \$60; and a full page - \$100. Godspell will run March 26-28. Please send your form with text, picture (if needed), and money to the office as soon as possible.

Name: _____

Ad Size: _____

Total Price: _____

Fighting Irish Highlights

Coca-Cola's Scholars Program

Joel Joseph has been designated as a Semifinalist in this year's Coca-Cola Scholars Program. According to a representative from Coca-Cola "this honor is a reflection of Joel's commitment to academics, leadership and volunteer service."

This honor will allow for Joel to advance to the next step of the program and possibly be awarded Coca-Cola's National Scholarship.

The Aquinas Family wishes Joel the best in this worthy endeavor.



Aquinas Student Named News Channel 6 Scholar Athlete

Elissa Visotski was announced News Channel 6 Scholar Athlete. This award is given to the student athlete in the area that has maintained excellent grades and has great team spirit.

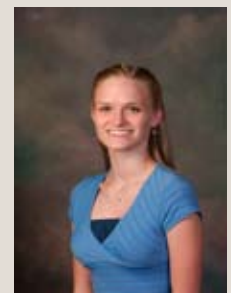
Congratulations Elissa on this notable achievement.



Aquinas Student Placed on Georgia's Music Educators Honor Band

Kateri Sheppard, a junior at Aquinas, auditioned for and was placed on the Georgia Music Educators District 10 Honor Band. She will occupy one of the chairs in the flute section of the Symphonic Band. This is quite an accomplishment, especially for someone that does not participate in an organized band program. Her competition included all of the Richmond and Columbia County high schools and several outlying counties in this part of the state.

Congratulations Kateri on this wonderful honor and we wish you all of the best.



Aquinas High Honor Roll

1st Semester of 2008-09

First Honors

Juniors

- Sarah Peeler
- Kateri Sheppard
- Daniel Williams

Sophomores

- James O'Meara

Freshmen

- Dylan Douglas
- Alysse Edwards
- Amelia Hagler
- Daniel Jackson
- Luke Joseph
- Stephen Lint
- Georgianna Malchow
- Allison McInerney

- Lauren McKinney
- Matthew Moses
- Alex Paczynski
- Alison Rafoth
- Hunter Rafoth
- Matt Ross
- Izzy Serji
- Connor Tierney

Second Honors

Seniors

- Joel Joseph
- Josh Mysona
- Zach Whisenhunt

Juniors

- Chris Edry
- Connor Lacey
- Matt Lint
- Zach Ross
- Ian Tierney

Sophomores

- Holley Avrett

- Anne Carroll
- Patrick Conner
- Sarah Ellison
- Mary Ellen Fain
- Stacia Fritz
- Katelyn Kessinger
- Christopher Leneer
- Morgan Tuschen
- Mary Ziemba

Freshmen

- Dane Anderson
- Jack Bernard
- Clay Blalock

- Elizabeth Brady
- Bleak Chandler
- Wilson Gambill
- Catherine Grady
- Sarah Kameron
- Will Kittle
- Hannah Nieman
- Kellie Pitts
- Alex Rogers
- Taylor Schnieder
- Emily Skidmore
- James Williams

Commended Honors

Seniors

- Micheal Eubanks
- Rand Floyd
- Mary Beth Grady
- Ashley Jackson
- Ian Jesse
- Anna Marshall
- Kathleen May
- Sean Mongan
- Frances Ann Morgan
- Ryan Sather
- Heather Ziemba

Juniors

- Stephen Barry

- Paul Cundey
- Matthew Elam
- Lauren Genova
- Sarah Harpring
- Jack Hudson
- Matthew Leonard
- Timothy Leonard
- Garrett Pippin
- Carrie Stewart
- Michael Thompson

Sophomores

- Andrea Castresana
- Hannah Dewes
- Megan Duncan

- Brandon Hewlett
- Christopher Krug
- Elizabeth McIntyre
- Rebecca O'Shea
- Alex Rogier
- Anthony Spencer
- Bradley Thomas
- Nicholas Zabala

Freshman

- Jose Blanco
- Denton Boone
- Christopher Bugg
- William Few
- Corey Gomillion

- Lauren Gubosh
- Nicholas Hall
- John Ingram
- Meghan Longtin
- Andrew May
- Forest O'Quinn
- Collin Oliver
- Samuel Pierce
- Sadler Quarles
- Jennifer Salizonni
- Ettele Toole

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 12:00- 2:00pm Open	2 Basketball vs. Thompson JV 5pm	3 Rifle Team vs. Laney Basketball @ Warren JV/G/B	4 Grades Due	5	6 French Students Arrive Basketball vs. Taliaferro JV/G/B	7 ACT Testing 8:30am Entrance Test Basketball @ Westside Boys/Girls 5:00/6:30
8	9 Senior Flower Sales	10 SAT Registration Deadline Rifle Team @ Westside Soccer G/B vs. Washington	11	12	13 Flowers Delivered Basketball vs. Harlem JV/G/B Soccer @ ARC Swim Team State Meet	14
15	16	17 Rifle Team vs. Madison Soccer vs. Jefferson Golf vs. Evans Basketball Regions TBA	18 Tennis @ Greenbrier 4:30	19 NO SCHOOL DIOCESAN IN-	20 NO SCHOOL DIOCESAN IN- SERVICE Basketball Region TBA	21 Baseball @ Benedictine Scrimmage 2:00
22	23	24 Rifle Team vs. Elbert County Golf vs. Lakeside Baseball vs. Claxton 4:00 Soccer @ Laney	25 Ash Wednesday MASS 8:43am Tennis vs. Westside 3:30 Track @ Westside	26 Soccer @ Evans	27 ACT Registration Deadline Baseball @ Calloway 4:00	28 Baseball @ Bowden 12:00 Soccer Boys @ Sav C Day 2:00

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AHS Lunch Menu

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Meatballs Hotdog Fries Rice Crispy Milk – Tea - Juice	3 Chicken Pasta Salad Dinner Roll Brownie Milk – Tea - Juice	4 Chicken Sticks Mini Corn Dog Seasoned Fries Cookie Crumble Pudding Milk – Tea - Juice	5 Grilled Chicken Salad Seasoned Fries Corn Brownie Milk – Tea - Juice	6 Pizza (Cheese, Pepperoni, Bacon) Salad or Soup Cookie Milk – Tea - Juice
9 Popcorn Shrimp or Mini Corn Dog Seasoned Fries Corn & Cookie Milk – Tea - Juice	10 Beef Stir Fry Broccoli, Carrots, Pepper & Fried Rice Chili Banana Pudding Milk – Tea - Juice	11 Beef Burrito Mexican Rice Chili Banana Pudding Milk – Tea - Juice	12 Popcorn Chicken or Mini Corn Dog Fries Corn Rice Crispy Milk – Tea - Juice	13 Pizza (Cheese, Pepperoni, Mexican) Salad or Soup Cookie Milk – Tea - Juice
16 Chicken Wrap Fries Corn Cookie Milk – Tea - Juice	17 Hoagies (Turkey – Cheese) Soup Potato Chips Brownie Milk – Tea - Juice	18 Bourbon Chicken Yellow Rice Green Beans Cupcake Milk – Tea - Juice	19 No School	20 No School
23 Cheeseburger or Hotdog Fries Fruit Milk – Tea - Juice	24 Chicken Tenders Fries Corn Rice Crispy Milk – Tea - Juice	25 BBQ Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Seasoned Fries Corn Bread Milk – Tea - Juice	26 Chicken Fajita Vegetable Rice Refried Beans Cake Milk – Tea - Juice	27 Pizza (Cheese, Pepperoni, Bacon) Salad or Soup Cookie Milk – Tea - Juice

Valentines

Remember that someone special in a special way

By ordering your carnations today!

(Delivered Friday, February 13th)

Use this form and return it with payment to aquinas High School by Wednesday, February 11th to confirm your order. Contact Mrs. Bell at 706.736.5516 for additional information. Proceeds help subsidize Senior Class Projects!

<i>Description</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Total</i>
Single carnation with card	\$1	_____	_____
Single carnation with card, bow, and fern	\$2	_____	_____
Bud vase with 3 carnations, card, bow, fern	\$7	_____	_____
Dozen carnations with card, bow, and fern	\$13	_____	_____

Order by _____

Daytime telephone Number _____

Approximate time you wish to pick up your order _____

Parents, if you wish to send a student flowers please fill out the information below.

Delivered to (name) _____ Homeroom _____

Message _____
