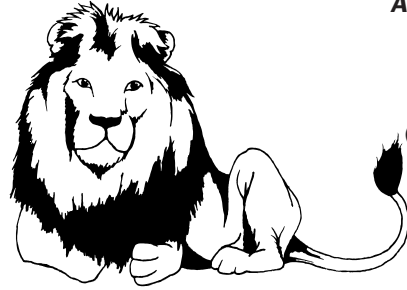


# The Crown Prints

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# Ready, Set, Retreat!



Senior class takes their annual class photo on the steps at Holy Trinity parish in Brainard. Many of the supporting parishes hosted one of the classes for their retreat which included guest speakers and many activities to encourage growth in faith. *Photo courtesy of T. Pokorny*

By Natalie Eller

Students at Aquinas went on retreats recently. The students visited parishes around Butler County to grow in their faith through quiet prayer and Mass.

Campus missionary director Mrs. Beth Nemeč said class retreats are important. “[Retreats] are a time to get away from busy schedules and spend time with their classmates, to do activities together, and do self-reflection to draw them closer to God,” Nemeč said.

Nemeč’s plans accomplishments for each class. Nemeč hopes “students learn about their faith, to realize that they make a difference, and they have a purpose.” Nemeč added “hopefully it’s a time where classmates will build each other up.” Each class had guest speakers. The students also completed activities based on the theme of the retreats.

Sophomore Natalie Petree said she thinks her class retreat helped bond her class together because they got to learn more about each other and just have a good day together. The sophomore class speaker was Sister Bethany Orr. Sr. Bethany talked about how to become a saint and the works for being a saint. Petree said she could apply the speaker’s idea to her daily life knowing “that anyone can become a saint” if one tried hard enough.

Sixth grader Ainsley Wollmer said their class speakers were high school principal Mr. David McMahon and Sister Gabrielle Perry, and they both spoke about bullying. Wollmer felt her class bonded pretty well because they got to talk to people with whom they normally do not. Wollmer said she will take away from retreats to be more courageous and do more things out there.



Sr. Kateri leads the eighth grade class in a warm up exercise to help them notice the differences in each other. The class went to Marietta parish in rural David City. *Photo by J. Brown*

## CrownPrints

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# Bravo experiences America

By Kolby Baer

Flying 4,800 miles and 9 hours to study is something most students will never experience. For foreign exchange student Blanca Bravo, this was the first step.

Blanca Bravo is Aquinas' foreign exchange student from Spain from Las Irlandesas. Bravo wanted to come to America to learn the English language and about the American lifestyle. "I would rather come to America to study because there were more positive aspects if I came to America."

Bravo has wanted to come to study in



America her sophomore year but was not able to because they did not offer scholarships to kids in their sophomore year. Bravo applied and acquired a scholarship through Fundación Amanao Ortega to be able to attend this year.

"[Aquinas] is much smaller and has fewer people," Bravo said. For Bravo's junior year, she will be living with junior classmate Julia Nemec and her family.

Bravo will participate in dance this school year. Blanca's classes consist of anatomy, chemistry, physics, pre-calculus, journalism, broadcasting, religion, English, and American history.

Bravo has 2 siblings, a younger brother Ignacio (13) and an older sister Paula (17). Blanca's mother is an English translator, and her father is a lawyer.

Junior Blanca Bravo balances a book on her face during a class game at the homecoming pep rally. Bravo has traveled to America once before when she vacationed in Florida. *Photo courtesy of T. Pokorny*

# Schrad tries out Aquinas

By Blanca Bravo

Aquinas High School has a new student this year in freshman Nadiya Schrad. "I joined Aquinas because my parents liked the school's values," Schrad said. Her older brother Cameron Schrad is also a junior at Aquinas.

What Schrad likes most about the school is the people. Schrad feels it has been easy for her to make friends, as she is a very open person.

Schrad carries the typical freshman schedule. Schrad said, "I think religion is going to be difficult." She feels like this could make the year harder. Schrad is also taking speech, PE, art, physical science, Spanish, English, American history and algebra as her classes.

At the beginning of the year Schrad decided to join the school's softball team. "[The softball team] feels like a very big family."

Schrad formerly attended Seward Middle School and finds the number of students in the school a big difference. According to Schrad, Aquinas High School is much smaller than her previous school.



Freshman Nadiya Schrad catches the ball during an early season softball game. Schrad also participates in pole vault. *Photo by K. Baer*

A growl...or a roar. Monarchs sound off...

What is your biggest goal for this year and how will you accomplish this goal?



"I wish to have another great year in the fine arts, and enjoy spending time with my friends."

Senior Travis Roh



"To make my classroom more interactive by doing lab and group activities."

Physical science teacher Mr. Roy Emory



"I hope to be on honor roll all year, by working really hard and studying."

Freshman Mara Yindrick



"To compete at the highest level possible in sports with my friends and to enjoy the time I have left

with my classmates and friends before we go our separate ways."

Senior Macey Thege



# Lion King 'roars' back to life

By Jayci Roh

Movie: The Lion King

Director: Jon Favreau

Cast: Donald Glover, Seth Rogen, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Alfre Woodard, Billy Eichner, John Kani, John Oliver, Beyonce, James Earl Jones, JD McCrary, Shahadi Wright Joseph.

Synopsis:

Can you feel the love tonight? Disney remade one of the most viewed movies from the 90's. As a live action film, The Lion King "roared" into theaters.

The Lion King is a story about a young lion preparing to become king after his father is brutally killed by his own brother. While Simba starts out as a little cub, he witnesses his father's death and is persuaded by his uncle Scar into running away to never return.

Simba then runs into Pumba and Timon, a resident warthog and meerkat. They teach him to not worry. Simba grows up and encounters his childhood best friend and love interest Nala. Nala persuades Simba to come back him to reclaim his throne. Simba makes a remarkable return and battles his uncle. Simba then bans Scar from the land. Scar is rejected not only by the lions, but by his sidekicks the Hyenas, as well. Simba reclaims his throne and brings the land back to life.

While Disney makes some new changes to the casting of the Lion King, some familiar faces and voices return. James Earl Jones returns to play the role of Mufasa. Newcomer JD McCrary starts out portray-

ing the role of young Simba and as Shahadi Wright Joseph voicing young Nala. Donald Glover and Beyonce provided the voice the older versions of Simba and Nala. Seth Rogen voices Pumba, and Billy Eichner voices Timon. Chiewetel voices the villian Scar. John Oliver portrayed Zazu. John Kani voices the crazy Rafiki. Alfre Woodard voices Simba's mother Sarabi

Disney kept the original soundtrack but put their new touch to the music. In the original Lion King, the animation played a key in keeping the music lively. The original song "Can't Wait to be King" felt alive with the bright colors and animal action throughout the song. In the remake the music is not quite the same. The creators did, however, keep a romantic feel during the song "Can You Feel the Love Tonight." Viewers were thrown off by the realistic characters are talking and singing.

The main difference from the original film is the realistic characters. Viewers were accustomed to the bright and animated feel of the original story. Director Jon Favreau used a high-tech editing skill to bring animals and scenes to life. The movie almost looks as if it is a very detailed nature documentary until

the animals start talking. While some people may like the film, others miss the "extras" added in the animated film.

The first *Lion King* was released on June 24, 1994. On July 19, 2019 the new photo-realism feature brought the 2019 *Lion King* to new life. In 1994 the original *Lion King* made \$88 million dollars its opening weekend and made \$968 million worldwide.

According to Box Office Mojo, the 2019 *Lion King* won the domestic box office with \$75.5 million, raising its U.S. total to \$350.7 million Topping Aladdin's haul of \$345.9 million. This now puts the remake of the *Lion King* in the top five for the 2019 box office records. The *Lion King's* global total stands at \$962.6 million, meaning it is only a matter of time before it crosses the \$1 billion mark.



## Sudoku

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# Volleyball team continues to improve

By Keegan Lavicky

Set it up! The Aquinas Volleyball team looked to gain experience during the early 2019 season and improve from game to game.

Recently the Lady Monarchs took on the Columbus Scotus Shamrocks. The Monarchs lost in three sets to the Shamrocks. Head coach Mrs. Jody Pelan said, "We had inconsistent passing but still did a lot of good things. [Scotus] blocked really well."

The Monarchs competed in the North Bend Invite against North Bend and Wayne. Senior setter Macey Thege said, "We definitely improved as a team. They were two of the tougher teams we have played this year." Aquinas defeated the North Bend Tigers in two sets but lost to Wayne in two sets.

The Monarchs also took the short bus ride to play at Shelby-Rising City. Pelan said, "We played solid but had a couple lapses to let them back in it, but we domi-



Senior Jadyn Siroky passes the ball during a volleyball game. against GICC. Siroky is an outside hitter for the Monarchs. Photo by J. Brown

nated the last set." The Monarchs won three sets to two.

The Monarchs did suffer a tough loss against Arlington in the home opener. Aquinas was up two sets until Arlington battled back to win in the fifth set. Pelan

said, "[Arlington] was probably our biggest disappointment thus far. We had to learn how to finish."

Aquinas competed in the Kearney Catholic and Hastings St. Cecilia triangular. Junior middle hitter Madison Jelinek said, "We had a rocky start but started to gel, and then we started playing well." The Monarchs lost to both teams in two sets.

The season opener for the Monarchs was at Guardian Angels Central Catholic (GACC). The Monarchs lost three sets to one. Pelan said, "We were very up and down."

According to Pelan the biggest challenge of the 2019 season has been setter inexperience. Jelinek said, "We're still trying to gain experience on the varsity level." Thege also added, "We are struggling to be consistent in the back row and find a second consistent setter."

# Football continues winning tradition

By Payton Davis

"Who are we? Monarchs!" The Aquinas Catholic football team started off the 2019 season with two wins and one loss. Recently the Aquinas football team won a defensive battle against Hartington Cedar Catholic. The final score was 21 to 14. Head coach Ron Mimick said, "We played good on defense, with limited mistakes on offense and kick teams, and that led to our win."

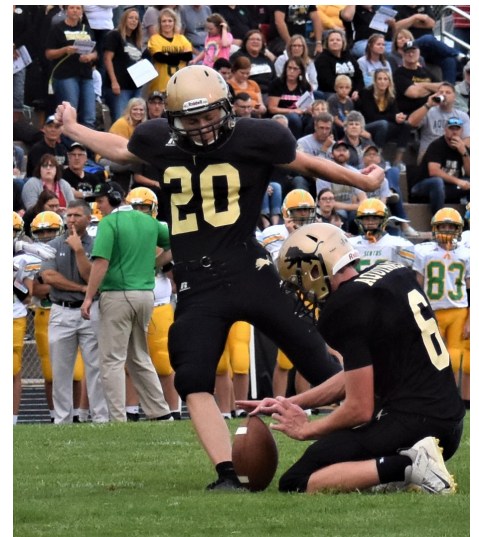
The Monarchs won the second game of the season against Norfolk Catholic. In the first three quarters neither team gained a lot of momentum on offense, but in the fourth quarter Aquinas made some big plays that led to their win. According to junior quarterback and safety Kyle Napier, the turning point in the Norfolk Catholic game was "when Braden Smith caught that long pass." The Monarchs won 14 to 3.

In the season opener, the Monarchs lost

a close one in the Columbus Scotus game. Senior wide receiver and cornerback Braden Smith said, "We gave up a few big plays early which hurt us." Smith felt this was a key factor in the loss against Scotus. Aquinas lost 27 to 19.



Junior Kyle Napier looks to throw the ball to junior Keegan Lavicky. The Monarchs fell short in their game against Scotus. Photo by P. Davis



Senior Braden Smith holds the ball for junior kicker Brian Cech. This is Cech's first year playing high school football. Photo by P. Davis



# Monarchs swing into the softball season

By Gracyn Wollmer

The Aquinas softball team swung into a challenging season. The team has focused on building bonds and trust on and off the field to achieve some early to mid-season wins.

Recently Aquinas took on Lakeview at home. Senior pitcher Darian Krenk said, "Our defense struggled at first, but our batting was better than previous games." Despite the challenges that were faced, the Monarchs came out with a 12-4 win.

The Monarchs played in the Ashland-Greenwood Invite on Sept. 14. The team lost to Ashland Greenwood 6-10, Ralston 2-18, and Omaha Gross 6-13. First baseman Macy Kobza said, "We hung pretty well with the teams for how big they were compared to us."

The team has faced much tough com-

petition this year. Kobza said, "Neumann or GACC (Guardian Angels Central Catholic) will be the toughest competition this year because Neumann lost a lot of people like we did, so we know it will be a more competitive game with some rivalry." The Monarchs lost to GACC 4-14 and lost to Neumann 9-10.

In other early season games, the Monarchs beat Logan View 8-4 and lost 3-13 to Freeman. At the Twin River Triangular the softball team lost to Kearney Catholic 6-9. They also lost to Twin River 7-11.

The Monarchs beat Schuyler at home 15-3. At the GACC Invite the Monarchs beat South Sioux City 8-1, lost 4-5 to West Point-Beemer, and lost to Tekamah-Herman 0-8. The Monarchs lost 4-5 to Wymore Southern.

The softball team is always looking to achieve goals and break records. Krenk said, "[My personal goal is] to always keep a positive attitude and to always do what is best for the team in every situation."

The softball team's two senior captains are Macy Kobza and Darian Krenk. Being a team captain comes with responsibilities, including being a strong team leader. Krenk said, "[I can help lead my team by] showing them how to play together, for each other, and how to not get down on each other, but instead pick each other up."

Against teams like Neuman and GACC, the Monarchs take different preparations to prepare themselves for the big games. Kobza said, "We try to not let it [pressure] get in our heads, and we remember the fundamentals while preparing for tough games."

# Cross Country team sprints for distance

By Shae Junck

The cross country team has faced several different changes and challenges this season. The boys added state medalist distance runner junior Payton Davis, and the girls' team runs only three girls.

The boys cross country team finished second at the Scotus meet. They fell short from first by one point. Davis ended in first, junior Peter Sisco in ninth, and junior Will Eller in tenth. Freshman Jocelyn Stara received eleventh, individually. Cross country coach Mr. John Svec said the team performed "outstanding, it was a great meet on a great course, with very tough competition, and the monarchs stepped up."

As a team the boys got first at the Fremont Began meet. Freshman Xavier Fiala said, "[The Bergan Meet] went really well it's a tough course, but we ran to the best of our ability." Davis placed first, Sisco in third, Eller in fourth place, Fiala in seventh, junior Jake Witter in eighth and junior Terrence Wachal in fourteenth. For the girls Stara placed individually with third, and Sophomore Ella Moravec in fifteenth.

Svec said, "The Seward meet was huge; there was over 300 runners in each division, and there were runners in class A and class

B. Our team had a good experience, and I like the fact that they got to witness dedicated cross country schools like Lincoln North Star, Lincoln Pius and Elkhorn South." The boys finished first. Davis received first place. Stara finished in third, individually.

At the East Butler meet the boys placed first overall. The medalists were Davis with first, Sisco in fourth, Eller in fifth, Fiala in eighth, Witter in fourteenth. Stara finished in fifth, and Moravec in seventh, individually. Fiala said the highlight of the East Butler meet would be "learning we beat the state champions [Malcom] for two years"

The girls' team is unable to place at any meets because, for a team to place there needs to be at least four runners. Freshman Meghan Burwell says, "I think our team is really close and we always cheer each other on while we run [having three girl runners] has affected our training because we all run different paces, so we can't talk as much while we run."



Ella Moravec pushes her self to the finish line in a cross country meet. The other two girl runners are Meghan Burwell and Jocelyn Stara. Photo by: Mr.Svec



# Climate change is reeking havoc on earth

By Morgan Littlefield

***The climate is changing. We have all heard it, but few people pay attention.***

Human's emission of greenhouse gases has warmed the earth and caused damage for the past few centuries. Even if humans stopped emitting gases today, the effects could continue for decades, even centuries.

The California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) explains climate is a change in temperature over a period of time, usually thirty years. Climate change is a shift in temperature in the whole planet or a significant portion of the planet. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) stated that the "greenhouse effect" is the "warming that results when the atmosphere traps heat radiating from Earth toward space." Gases which contribute to the greenhouse effect are nitrous oxide, carbon dioxide, methane, chlorofluorocarbons, and water vapor.

Resistance to the idea of climate change is certain. According to OPR, three main arguments exist in disagreement to global warming. A majority of the deniers believe greenhouse gases are not causing these effect—it is actually the sun, volcanoes, or another source. This belief backs up the claim the sun is always changing temperatures and volcanoes have long term effects on the climate.

Another argument against the idea of global warming is if next week's weather cannot be predicted, how can the future climate predictions be accurate? This argument claims that climate and day-to-day weather are interchangeable.

The third claim disagreeing with climate change is temperatures are not actually increasing, but dropping in some places. "A common denier tactic is to point to a narrow geographic area that may have seen relatively constant or even cooler temperatures in recent years," according to OPR.

***NASA, OPR, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have evidence that contradicts the various claims against climate change.*** Their extensive research, some of which was completed together, proves there is more than just natural changes and

greenhouse gases are to blame.

First, evidence confirms that volcanoes and the sun are not the main causes of the climate changing. Natural changes do have a slight impact on the climate; output from the sun increased gradually over the past 150 years, but the planet has only warmed by one degree. IPCC stated volcanic eruptions have only short term effects that last two to three years. "Scientists account for these natural changes in their climate models to show the difference between natural changes and human activities over long time-scales," IPCC explained.

NASA's evidence backed up the IPCC. "If the warming were caused by a more active sun, then scientists would expect to see warmer temperatures in all layers of the atmosphere. Instead, they have observed a cooling in the upper atmosphere." Evidence shows greenhouse gases are trapping the heat in the lower atmosphere and dramatically heating the atmosphere. Solar irradiance changes cannot produce the increase of temperature without the rise in greenhouse gases.

Secondly, weather and climate are not the same. The weather on any specific day can be chaotic, but scientists still know the long-term averages in temperature and rainfall. "Climate science is not trying to predict the weather on a given day in the future. Rather, its focus is on how general trends will change over time," IPCC stated. NASA's findings show that the earth's average surface temperature has risen about 1.62 degrees Fahrenheit since the late nineteenth century due to carbon dioxide. Most of the temperature increase has happened over the past thirty-five years. The five warmest years on record have been since 2010, and the warmest year recorded was 2016.

Fossil fuels have also increased the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. According to IPCC, "More than ninety-five percent of human activities have warmed the planet over the past fifty years." The global temperature is predicted to rise 2.5-10 degrees within the next one hundred years. This rise will cause the growing season to lengthen, more droughts and heatwaves, stronger hurricanes, and the sea level to rise one to four feet by 2100, which

will increase flooding.

Finally, temperatures may be decreasing in some areas, but the global temperature as a whole continues to rise. Proof of this comes from NASA's study with ice sheets: "Greenland lost an average of 286 billion tons of ice per year between 1993-2016. Antarctica lost 127 billion tons of ice during the same time." The arctic ice mass loss has tripled in the last decade. The increase in temperature will also effect the Midwest in a big way. The growing season may be lengthened, but extreme heat, heavy downpours and flooding are predicted.

Global warming is important for everyone today. The effects are evident in our communities, our climate, and our health. Heat waves, extreme natural disasters, and horrible draughts are rampant across the world due to greenhouse gases. Recent events in Nebraska could be related to climate change.

The big question is how we can help combat this problem. NASA explains responding to climate change involves a two-pronged approach: mitigation or reducing emissions of and stabilizing levels of heat-trapping greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and adaptation or adapting to climate change already in the pipeline.

We can mitigate by "reducing sources of these gases" according to NASA. The goal of mitigation is to avoid human interference with the climate system. According to the Center for Science Education (UCAR), a few ways to participate in mitigation is by planting trees to absorb carbon dioxide from the air, increasing the fuel efficiency of our vehicles, and using compact fluorescent bulbs instead of incandescent lights.

Adaptation can be achieved by adjusting to expected future climate changes. According to NASA, "[Adaptation] also encompasses making the most of any potential beneficial opportunities associated with climate change (for example, longer growing seasons or increased yields in some regions)." UCAR explains that adaptation can come from government policies or technical advances, along with simpler methods, such as insulating the attic to keep cool during summer heat waves.