



The Torch



February, 2020

Dear Friends of Aquinas & St. Mary's,

Aquinas and St. Mary's Catholic Schools are continually striving to ensure a solid Catholic education for our young people. This includes trying to compensate our talented teachers and staff with higher salaries every year. We want to be able to attract high quality teachers for the future with a higher base salary too. We also have rising expenses for health insurance premiums and building maintenance. The new furnaces and air conditioning at St. Mary's, as well as the Aquinas addition from 2013 was wonderful and sorely needed, but it also means that there are more utility and general maintenance expenses. It is just a fact of growing and getting better as a school system. In order to meet these increased needs, we need an increase of revenue. We are working towards achieving a more balanced revenue mix of parish assessments, tuition and endowment disbursements, and fundraising. This means that for next year, there will be no increase for parish assessments and an increase of tuition.

Earlier this week we announced the 2020-2021 Good Shepherd Scholarship application and tuition amounts. (You can see more information in this edition of the Torch.) The Good Shepherd Scholarship (GSS) is increasing the amount of support for the 20-21 school year. Next year, the scholarship amounts will be \$1,600 for qualifying high school students, and \$1,300 for K-8 students. The Diocese of Lincoln is also expanding the scope of the GSS program, as families at 225% of the federal poverty level will qualify. If a family is over that threshold, we do have Guardian Angel funding to give them assistance. ***Tuition is charged only for the first 3 children, when you apply for the Family Cap Scholarship through the FACTS Grant and Aid application.*** This benefit is for all families, regardless if you qualify for the GSS or not.

We want as many families as possible to apply for the GSS! The application format this year is very simple, so it should not be as burdensome as it was last year. I know that next year's tuition increases will be a challenge for some of our school families, so I really encourage our parents to apply for the GSS. We don't want any family to not come to Aquinas and St. Mary's because of finances. **We will work with any family, and the first place to start is the Good Shepherd Scholarship application.**

Some important notes:

- There will be no increase to parish assessments next year.
- Revenue Mix for the 2020-2021 school year = Parish Assessments 54%, Tuition/Endowment Disbursements 33%, and Fundraising/Development 13%.
- The Diocese of Lincoln Good Shepherd Scholarship Program is increasing the scholarship amounts for the 20-21 school year to **\$1300 for qualifying elementary and middle school children, and \$1,600 for qualifying high school students.** Also expanded to 225% of federal poverty guidelines.
- They have greatly simplified the application process. There are fewer questions, and the only paperwork necessary to submit is your tax return and W-2. **Business forms are no longer required.**

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- Applications for the scholarships via FACTS begins January 1st, 2020, and **ends on March 31st**. All paperwork must be uploaded to the FACTS site by April 15th.

For a family that receives the Good Shepherd Scholarship, the diocesan \$225 tech fee is added on to that amount. (Technology fee is for K-12 only; not pre-school). For a high school student, they get a \$1,600 scholarship, PLUS the \$225 tech scholarship from the diocese (In other words, a \$1825 scholarship). The Diocese will be billing Aquinas-St. Mary's for the technology fee, so when the Good Shepherd Program sends us the scholarship money (once each semester), they will also add in the tech fee money to us as well.

Tuition Amounts for the 2020-2021 School Year

2 day Pre-school - \$975	St. Mary's K-5 - \$1,880
Pre-K 3 day - \$1,100	Aquinas 6-8 - \$2,590
Pre-K 5 day - \$1,225	Aquinas 9-12 - \$3,240

Aquinas & St. Mary's Scholarship and Tuition FAQs

Here are a few questions that we have received about the tuition increases this year.

Why is the tuition increase so much? I cannot afford this.

Aquinas & St. Mary's will work with any family, and the first place to start is applying for The Good Shepherd and Guardian Scholarship through the FACTS Management System. Those families who qualify for The Good Shepherd Scholarship will ALSO have their Diocesan Technology Fee (\$225) covered. Payment plans are available for all families through FACTS. *Please call if you have questions.*

Why do I have to pay for a technology fee this year?

This is a new fee mandated by the Diocese of Lincoln for every student in the diocese. [See more information here.](#)

Will tuition increase every year?

Tuition costs are based upon budget needs. We are trying to give struggling parishes some small relief from increasing their assessments. A committee of parents and financial professionals assist the school in coming up with a budget, which is available to view in the office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Where do I go to apply? Is there a deadline?

Apply on [FACTS Tuition Management](#) BEFORE March 31, 2020

I am still concerned. What should I do?

Aquinas & St. Mary's will always work with any family who still needs assistance after receiving the Good Shepherd Scholarship. No one will be denied a Catholic education who is willing to do what they can. St. Teresa of Avila reassures us, "God is full of compassion and never fails those who are afflicted and despised, if they trust in Him alone." All of our parishes are willing to help with tuition for those who truly need the help. Please contact your parish priest or call me at 402-367-3175.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Sean M. Timmerman".

Fr. Sean M. Timmerman

From the Principal.....



Jan. 26 - Feb. 1
Celebrating Catholic Schools Week



Tri-Council Schedule

Note date change: Thursday, February 13 from 2:00 - 4:00 and 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Aquinas Tri-Councils will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13 from 2:00 – 4:00 and 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. We hope that the afternoon and evening hours will help to make conferences available to as many parents as possible. All conferences will be in the Aquinas north gymnasium with the exception of those parents and students who will meet with Mrs. McMahon in Room 8. You are welcome to attend at any time during these hours; we are not assigning specific times for individual meetings.

I strongly urge you to attend, as good communication between parents and the classroom instructor is very important to your son/daughter's success. We have enjoyed excellent attendance in years past, and we are sure you will continue the tradition.

Please keep in mind that teachers may have well over 100 students. For this reason, we ask the teachers and parents to please limit their conference to three minutes if a line of more than two families develops. If you need more time with a teacher, you may come back when the teacher's line has diminished or make an appointment to meet with the teacher at another time.

Class registration forms for 2020 – 2021 are due February 20

The students' 2020-2021 class registration forms for Grades 9 – 12 are due back to Mr. McMahon (Return to Office) **by February 20, one week after Tri-Councils**. The students will receive the forms during the first week of February and should follow these steps.

1. The three columns on the sheet should be filled out.
 - a. In column A, they are to put an X on the line of any class they have successfully completed or are currently taking.
 - b. In column B, they should put a number by the courses they would like to take next year. Number one should be the class that is most important and number nine should be their last choice. Seniors, juniors and sophomores should choose nine classes and freshmen should choose five courses as they have more required courses. It is important that they choose all the numbers because if one class does not fit in their schedule, I will go to the next class in the order that they picked them.
 - c. In column C, the students should get the initials of the teacher whose class they would like to take. Some classes will fill up, and the teacher cannot accept any more students so they won't sign the sheet. A signature could also be withheld if the student has taken a class from the teacher previously and has proven to be unruly and disinterested in the class.
 - d. The student should talk to their TAC teachers, Mr. Svec or Mr. McMahon concerning questions they have about their class choices. They should talk to their math teacher to see what math class they should sign up for and their science teacher for science and so on.
 - e. The course description guides are on the website: aquinas-catholic.com.

Finally, the class registration form should be signed by the parent. We will not accept it if the parent has not signed the form signifying they have discussed the class requests with the students and approve the choices and the order they are in.

AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL 2019-2020

QUARTER 2 HONOR ROLL

FRESHMEN HONOR ROLL: Aletha Breiner, Meghan Burwell, Lacie Hartman, Allisen Jelinek, Natalie Kovar, Krae Lavicky, Adam Oltmer, Joshua Palik, Jocelyn Stara, Margaret Svec, Antonia Wachal, Rachel Wacker, Claire Wisnieski, Mara Yindrick

FRESHMEN HONORABLE MENTION: Noah Grady, Zander Kavan, Luke Sellers

SOPHOMORE HONOR ROLL: Michael Andel, Meredith Dalton, Xavier Fiala, Shae Junck, Benjamin Lyons, Ella Moravec, Aubrey Novacek, Jaxon Ondracek, John Prochaska, Grace Reiter, Caleb Thege, Matthew Vrbka, Gracyn Wollmer, Hailey Woolsey, Hannah Woolsey

SOPHOMORE HONORABLE MENTION: Trista Birkel, Jayden Bollig, Marcus Eickmeier, Christopher Nickolite, Hunter Reisdorff, Ethan Schmid, Gabriel Schmid

JUNIOR HONOR ROLL: Nathan Albracht, Nolan Albracht, Kolby Baer, Blanca Bravo, Russell Brezina, Rylan Chromy, John Dalton, Payton Davis, Jonathan Duke, Nolan Eller, Bethany Emswiler, Alli Hartman, Tylen Jakub, Madisen Jelinek, Brett Kobza, Keegan Lavicky, Jonathan Luna, Kaylee Miller, Kyle Napier, Julia Nemec, Ruth Plasek, Andrew Schmid, Emma Sellers, Benjamin Shonka, Peter Sisco, Terrence Wachal, Jacob Witter, Jude Yindrick, Zachary Zitek, Addison Zook

JUNIOR HONORABLE MENTION: Brian Cech, Natalie Eller, William Eller, Alex Pernicek, Joshua Uhrmacher

SENIOR HONOR ROLL: Elizabeth Aschoff, Justine Beringer, Maria Buresh, Isabel Coufal, Collin Hain, Isabella Hilger, Benjamin Kment, Macy Kobza, Sean Kovar, Caden Kozisek, Darian Krenk, Alexander Lyons, Gabrielle Oborny, Lily Plasek, Maria Pytlik, Jayci Roh, Travis Roh, Owen Schramm, Jadyn Siroky, Braden Smith, Katie Thompson, Kylee Thompson

SENIOR HONORABLE MENTION: Morgan Littlefield, Zachary Pandorf, Macey Thege

SEMESTER 1 HONOR ROLL

FRESHMEN HONOR ROLL: Aletha Breiner, Meghan Burwell, Lacie Hartman, Allisen Jelinek, Zander Kavan, Natalie Kovar, Krae Lavicky, Joshua Palik, Jocelyn Stara, Margaret Svec, Antonia Wachal, Rachel Wacker, Claire Wisnieski, Mara Yindrick

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SENIOR HONORABLE MENTION: Darian Krenk, Morgan Littlefield



Monarchs in the Middle

AQUINAS
MIDDLE SCHOOL

FEBRUARY, 2020

AMS students earn academic awards

The following Aquinas Middle School students received a Scholastic Achievement Award for second quarter. The award is given to any middle school student who has maintained at least a 93 percent average or has improved his grade point average (GPA) from last quarter.

Grade 8 students include Dylan Andel, Rebecca Andel, Jordyn Bohuslavsky, Josiah Brezina, Lydon DeWispelare, Gianna Frasher, Tate Hain, Ryan Hein, Jakob Kavan, Wesley Miller, Alan Morales, Jacob Moravec, Spencer Nickolite, Emma Prochaska, Robert Pytlik, Luke Reiter, Bianca Romshek, Cecilia Sisco, Caroline Slama, Jack Timoney, Stellan Wessling and Clayton Zavodny.

Grade 7 students include Alan Antholz, Kurtis Baer, Katie Burwell, Bella Comte, Isaiah Coufal, Flora Dalton, Caleb DeWispelare, Sydney Hartman, Keltie Hein, Jacksen Jelinek, Catlyn Kratochvil, Marcus Krivanek, Garrett Novacek, Avery Oltmer, Kaleb Palik, Ally Prochaska, Lizzie Roh, Molly Ruiz, Bryant Stouffer, Brooklyn Stutzman, Traeton Vandenberg, Reese Woolsey, Finley Zook.

Improving: Kelby Coufal, Miriam Frasher, Andrew Fuller, Isabel Grady, Calle Hilderbrand, Izzie Kadavy, Kasen Lavicky, Trenton Mefford, Kailer Pohl, Sara Schmid, Calib Svoboda, and Garrett White.

Grade 6 students include Lilly Collins, Nathaniel Hain, Evan Hoelscher, Grace Masek, Lauren Meister, Lydia Meysenburg, Marissa Miratsky, Violet Schmid, Sydni Svoboda, Madison Vandenberg, Rebecca Wacker, Ainsley Wollmer, Gus Yindrick, Isaac Zimmerman. Improving: Berenice Alarcon, Oliver Antholz, Seth Hlavac, Kenadi Hotovy, Brynn Kudlacek, Michael Kunasek, Noah Polacek, Jonathan Pytlik, Jarin Thege, Allen Wachal, and Drew Wachal.

Students work on writing, vocabulary

The eighth graders are hard at work this third quarter writing their first ever research papers. We are learning the process of gathering research, paraphrasing information, organizing the research, and citing sources. We have spent a lot of time in the library and computer lab the last few weeks learning about various types of sources where reliable information can be found. Between creating bibliography cards, note cards, thesis statements, and outlines, the students are becoming great researchers and catching on quickly! The next couple of weeks will be spent composing rough drafts and final drafts. This research paper is a great introduction into what will be expected of the students throughout their high school years.

The seventh graders are currently reading the book *Freak the Mighty*. The students have had some great discussions related to the novel's themes of friendship, bullying, and courage. Vocabulary is an important aspect of this book as one of the main characters is a child genius with an extensive vocabulary. Therefore, we are spending time focusing on the language used in the book as well as the language we use in our everyday lives. In relation to that, we have been concentrating on the importance of word choice in our writing. In English class, we wrote essays with an emphasis on using unique, vivid words.

~Mrs. Taylor Murren



Monarchs in the Middle

AQUINAS
MIDDLE SCHOOL

FEBRUARY, 2020

Dissections take attention of Science students

Middle School Science has been very interesting since we got back to school after the Christmas break. Sixth and seventh grade did dissections and are moving on to Earth Science while the eighth grade are finishing up the body systems and will dissect a perch soon. Sixth Grade did a dissection of a segmented worm while the seventh graders dissected a frog. Sixth grade will be learning about the inside of the earth.

Seventh grade moved on to Weather. They first learned about the layers of the atmosphere. They will start reading of the factors that affect weather. They will learn how to make weather station models that illustrate the temperature, wind speed and direction, cloud cover, dew point and air pressure. They will be researching different storms and making power point presentations to communicate what they have learned.

Eighth graders are finishing up the body systems. They have learned the parts of the brain, eye and ear, all to understand the nervous system. The eighth graders did a reaction time experiment by dropping and catching a meter stick. We wonder if our reaction time is better in the morning or afternoon. They will then move into an Astronomy unit.

~ Mrs. Shelly Mayo



Kaleb Palik and Kasen Lavicky look at the frog's tongue.



Gianna Frasher catches the meter stick that Jack Timoney dropped. We wonder if girls or boys have a faster reaction time.



St. Mary's Catholic School

February, 2020

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week Year Round

We take this time each year to celebrate the reasons we all make sacrifices to keep our kids in Catholic Schools. We know that these schools help to fill the pews in our parishes in the future, bring more vocations forward, increase academic achievement, and make our kids strong citizens in their communities. Our schools provide the most effective means for passing on our Catholic faith and helping our children develop real relationships with Jesus by giving them daily opportunities for Mass and prayer in an environment with students and adults who are on the same journey. There are no guarantees in life, but it is a relief to know that we are doing the best we can in the formation of our children as we all work to get them to heaven. We are happy to cooperate with you as primary educators of your children to help them Learn. Love. Serve. Succeed. (Catholic School Week Theme)

Please pray for our school and our supporting parishes in a particular way this week that we may serve all of the children in our care in the best ways possible.

May you have a blessed Catholic Schools Week and enjoy the blessings of our schools all year.

Mrs. Zook

Below Photo: Students delivered 1400 cookies, made by our cooks, to our supporting parishes at Sunday Masses.

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Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

PARISH	Community & Our Students	Visitors from our Community	Donuts after Mass	Wear red, white, or blue tops with uniform bottoms.	Pajama Day	FAMILY
	Making care packages	Begin Coin War benefiting Fr. Phan	With the Bishop Class Adoration	Our Nation	May bring pillows blankets to read on during the day	
					Get up and Go for Vocations	
					Ice cream sundaes	
					Teachers & Staff	
					NO SCHOOL	
					Teacher Spiritual Retreat at St. Gregory the Great	





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Pre-School/Pre-K News

This week the Pre-schoolers and Pre-K students experimented with sinking and floating. We listed qualities of objects that sunk and objects that floated. We selected objects and predicted if they would sink or float. We love to experiment! (Right Photo)



Fourth Grade News

"Divide...Multiply... Subtract... Bring down ..." Do you recognize these steps of long division? Our fourth graders sure do! Daily practice of this new skill is becoming easier and makes us more confident each day.

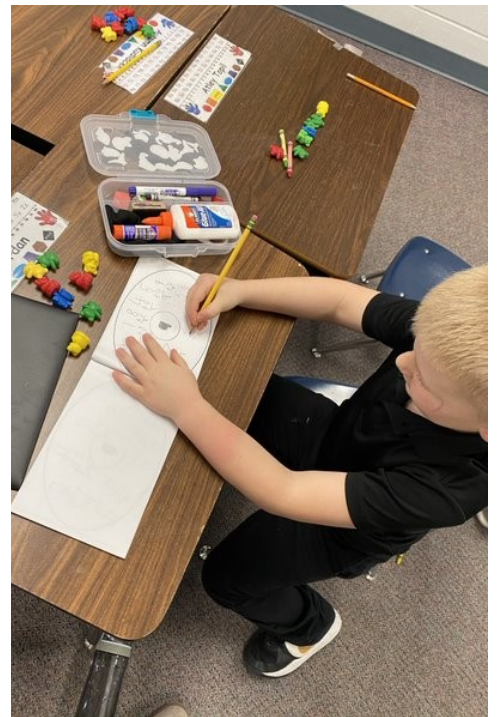
We were also excited to choose biographies from the library, which we will read in preparation for our first research paper. We will learn how to take notes and what information goes in a bibliography before tackling the organization and writing of our paper.

~ Miss Ellen Ridder
and Mrs. Julie Smith

Kindergarten News

The Kindergarteners have been working very hard at learning their addition facts. We started "Addition Boot Camp" in October, and the kids have learned all of their facts up to the sum of 10! Students will be starting "Subtraction Boot Camp" soon to get ready for First Grade!

~Mrs. Alison Fozzard
and Miss Katie Healy





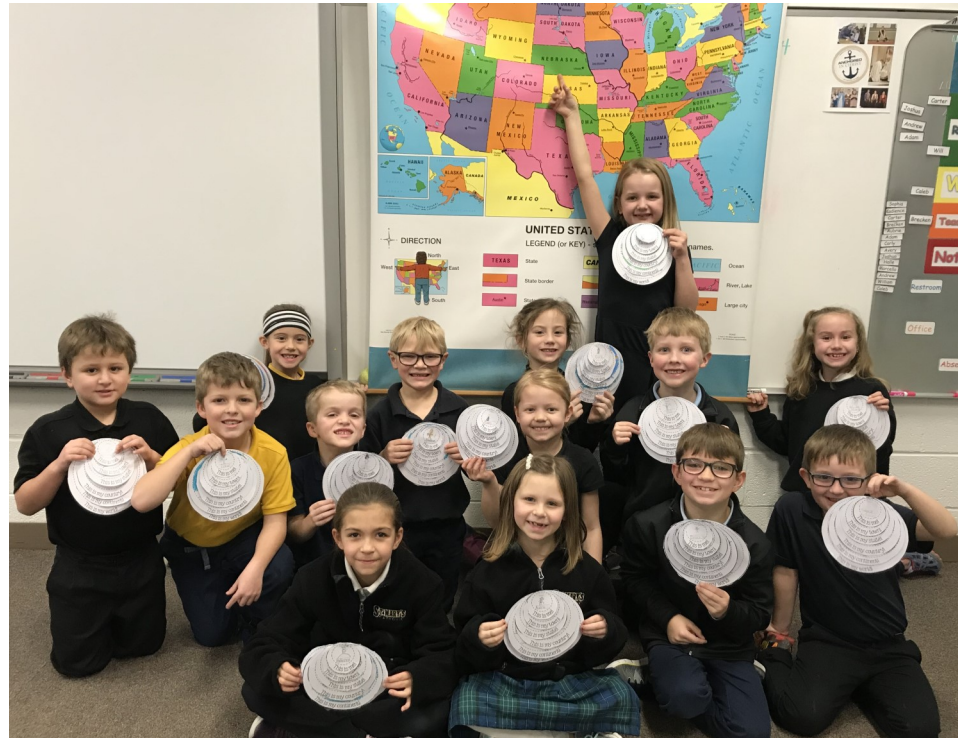
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First Grade News

The first graders found our place on the map! We know our planet is Earth; our continent is North America; our country is United States of America; our state is Nebraska; our county is Butler; and our town is David City and a variety of other neighboring towns. By looking at maps of the world and our country, we found where we lived. We also made a fun book to show that we belong to the big earth clear down to our town. We will be learning more important things about our country, state, and town next week. (Top Photo)

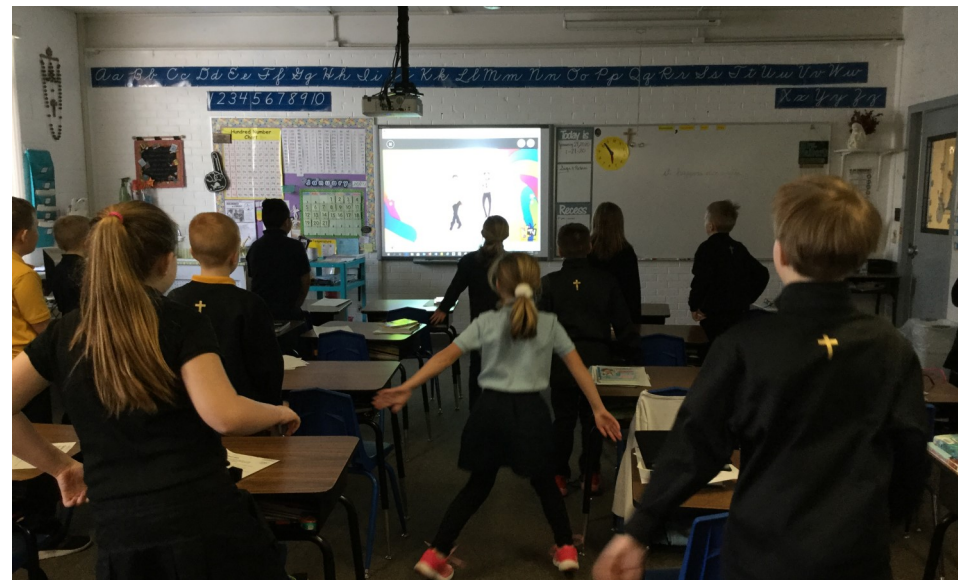
~Mrs. Suehl and Mrs. Vavrina



Third Grade News

After a long, relaxing Christmas break, we are back into the swing of things. In Math, we have learned the perfect squares and are learning many new multiplication facts. We continue to do daily word problems, tell time, addition and subtraction problems with regrouping along with calendar skills.

In Science, we recently learned about magnetism and forces. We did a fun experi-



ment using magnets!

With the cold weather, we have been inside for recess a few times. On these days, we get some exercise by doing

GoNoodle, a fun website with movement activities. (Photo) Stay Warm!

~ Mrs. LaDonna Naiberk
and Mrs. Tina Janak



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Second Grade News

The second graders had a big week last week! Most of our second graders had their First Reconciliation on Tuesday the 21st! There were a few nerves to start the night, but they all did a wonderful job. And they all agreed they had a wonderful that evening and the next day afterwards. Father Buhman celebrated with them on his weekly visit to our classrooms. He shared one of his favorite treats, salt water taffy, with both classes! Thank you, Father Buhman! We will now shift our Religion studies to the next big sacrament that the second graders get to receive, First Communion!

THANK YOU to all who brought cookies for our First Confession Reception!

Other news in the classroom: the second graders have now moved on to their subtraction facts! We have been doing subtraction, time, and fractions in math!

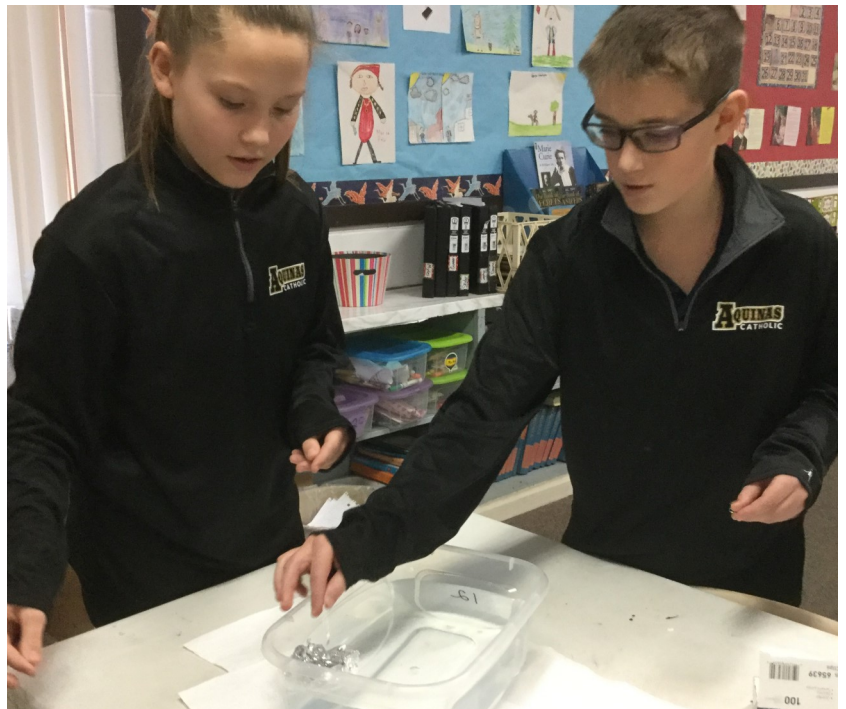
The study of penguins started off our second semester in Science. With the weather outside being so cold, the students could draw a comparison to the summer temperature of the South Pole. The summer average temperature of the South Pole is -30 degrees. That makes our temperature seem warm!

~ Mrs. Carly Eller and Mr. Trevor Weiss

Grade 5 News:

The fifth grade students recently began their science unit on Properties of Matter. In photo, they are studying volume by building a "boat" out of aluminum foil and predicting how many paper clips can be added before it sinks.

~ Mrs. Comte and Miss Koranda



St. Mary's School

KINDERGARTEN
ROUND-UP

February 11, 2020
9:00 AM

Please RSVP

402-367-3669

for registration information



SCHOOL
UNIFORMS

by TOMMY HILFIGER

We are pleased to announce that **St. Mary's and Aquinas Catholic Schools** have chosen School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger as your uniform partner for the upcoming school year. We look forward to the opportunity to serve your uniform needs. **Later this spring, you will be able to click on a link to your schools' store and order for the 2020-21 school year.**

***Note from school: We are going with a new uniform supplier because they are able to provide a black, white and gold plaid and because their prices are less expensive. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call.*

February 2020

Aquinas/St. Mary's Catholic Schools

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Presentation Gourmet Burgers & Dessert Bar	3 6:00PM Res. B/GBB @ Wahoo	4 6:00PM GBB vs Wahoo	5 Faculty Meeting 10:00AM Late Start 6:30PM Board of Advisors Meeting	6 4:30PM MS BBB vs Schuyler 6:00PM GBB vs Scotus	7 SMS Baptism Mass & Adoration	8 9:00AM MS BBB @ Scotus 9:30AM WR @ GICC 2:00PM B/GBB @ Lincoln Christian Speech @ TBD ACT Testing
9	10 5:45PM MS BBB @ Millford Tournament	11 9:00AM SMS Kindergarten Round-up (No Kindergarten Classes) 4:30PM B/GBB vs Humphrey St. Francis (BB/Dance Senior Night) SOUL Club Raffle/Auction CDA Taco Feed during BB	12	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 1:00PM Dismissal 2:00-4:00PM 4:30-7:00PM Aquinas/St. Mary's Conferences </div>	14 NO SCHOOL TBA WR Districts	15 8:00AM MS BBB @ Lakeview Tournament 8:00AM Res B/GBB @ Scotus Tournament 3:00PM BBB @ NE City Lourdes TBA WR Districts Speech @ DCHS
16	17 TBA GBB Sub Districts This Week	18 6:00PM Preschool Preview	19 Penance Service & Eucharistic Adoration 6:30PM SMS Council Meeting 6:30PM Aquinas Council Meeting	20 State WR Tournament 4:30PM MS BBB vs Seward 6:00PM BBB @ Columbus Scotus Sub-Districts at AHS	21 State WR Tournament	22 State WR Tournament Speech @ Aquinas
23	24 TBA BBB Sub Districts This Week	25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 4:30PM MS BBB @ Seward St. John </div>	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28 SMS Spirit Day GBB District Finals ACT Registration Due	29 BBB District Finals Speech Conf. @ Omaha Concordia



.....from everyone at
Aquinas & St. Mary's!

Thank you to the Fuller Family for their donation of blankets for the classroom Go Buckets. More donations are still needed. If you would like more information, please go to the following website:
<https://aquinas-catholic.com/need-go-buckets-supplies/>

Thanks to Will Yindrick (Class of 2018) for taking time, after Midland's concert, Jan. 27, to come down to Senior English and talk to the seniors about his college journey and how he did not start at Midland but how he made his way there.



The Aquinas Library thanks Walmart for the grant and MA Hotovy for her book donations.

THANK YOU

To all Aquinas & St. Mary's Faculty Staff and community: thank you.

Thank you for making all 43 years pleasant to work here.

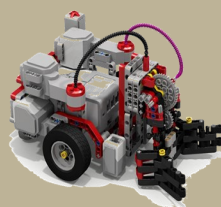
These years were a good part of my life that I will never forget.

Bill
a.k.a. Frankie



Bill used part of his retirement gifts to purchase a comfortable new recliner.

St. Mary's Robotics program would like to thank all of the



volunteers who have helped with this STEM program for our students.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Aquinas Invitational.



Seniors and their parents: Watch your emails for information from the Career Counseling Office. There have been several emails sent out this year.

February To-Do List

- Start filling out local scholarships
- Apply for all scholarships.
- Log on and create a [FAFSA ID](#)
- Ask admissions rep about scholarships at the college
- Make an appointment with EducationQuest to assist you in filing the FAFSA

Save the Date...

Feb.19 Wayne Rep

Dual Credit: Juniors and Seniors are currently enrolled in a combined 300 hours off college credit during the 2018-2019 school year. A special thanks to our teachers for going above and beyond to be able to offer this. Congratulations to our students!

The average senior fills out between 30 and 40 scholarship applications. This may seem like a lot however, once you have completed one form, the rest get easier.

Tips for filling out applications:

- Include an activities resume
- Turn applications in early
- Type everything!**
- Write "see attached sheet" if there is not enough space
- Include letters of recommendation
- Explain your participation in clubs
- Be neat
- Keep copies (to use for other forms!)
- Have applications proof-read
- Be creative in essays
- Include a personal statement or letter
- Be professional

The average scholarship form make take 30 minutes to complete, if you are awarded the scholarship and its worth even \$100-if you look at it as being paid by the hour, you'll never be paid that well again!

Testing Update:

[PSAT Test Information](#)

Scores are available electronically to students

[Iowa Test of Basic Skills](#)

This test will be given to 6-10th grade students in the week of March 2-5.

[ACT Testing Dates:](#)

April 13, June 13, July 18

Registration April 13 date is due Feb. 28

"To report allegations of sexual abuse by any person affiliated with the Lincoln Diocese or anyone else, contact your local law enforcement agency or the Nebraska Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-652-1999).

After contacting civil authorities, you may also contact our Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator at 402-613-2488."

The National March for Life

Forty-four Aquinas students had an amazing experience, standing up for Life in Washington D.C.





If you have any questions with this online application, please call the Aquinas Office at 402-367-3175



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Apply Today!

The Good Shepherd Scholarship enables families of all income levels to receive a Catholic education.

The impact of Catholic education can be seen through the success of our children, in graduation rates, college attendance, vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and in the way our children and their families serve in their communities, parishes and schools.

<p><i>The Good Shepherd Scholarship*</i> will award</p> <p>\$1,600 scholarship (9-12th grade student)</p> <p>\$1,300 scholarship (K-8th grade student)</p> <p><i>*to those who qualify</i></p>	<p>If you don't qualify for The Good Shepherd Scholarship, you may still qualify for scholarships from <i>The Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund.</i></p>
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Good Shepherd Eligibility Guidelines

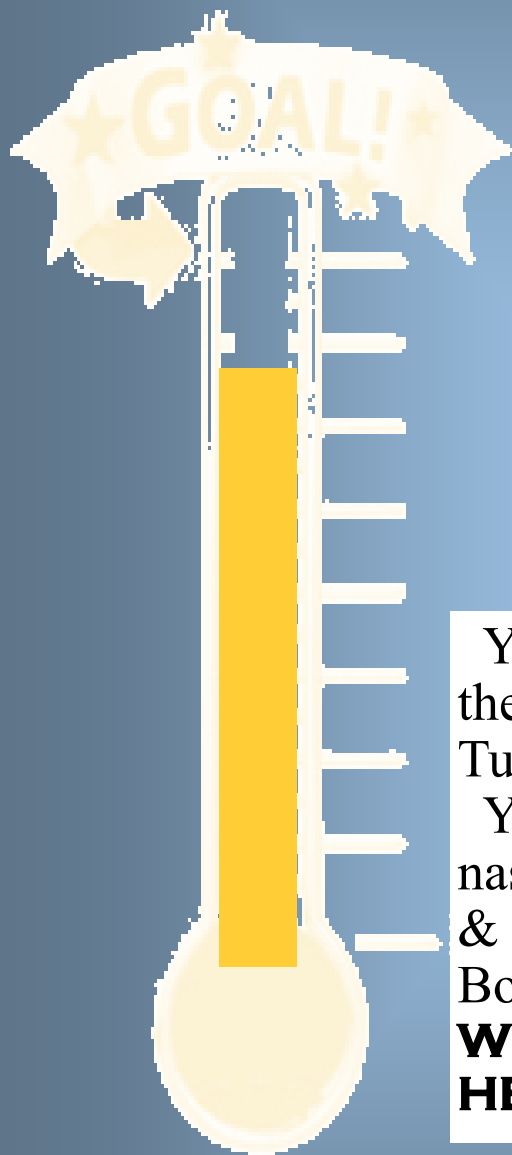
225% of Federal Poverty Guidelines							
Family Size (including parents)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AGI	\$38,048	\$47,993	\$57,938	\$67,883	\$77,828	\$87,773	\$97,740

If your AGI is at or below these levels, you automatically receive*
 \$1,300 per K-8th Grade Student | \$1,600 per High School Student
**as long as you complete the FACTS Grant & Aid Application*

HOW TO APPLY

1. Go to <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/43NG4>
2. Apply for FACTS Grant & Aid Scholarships using 2019 or 2018 tax return
3. Complete application **BEFORE March 31, 2020**

AQUINAS & ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2019-20 ANNUAL APPEAL



Your generous gift will help us to bridge the gap between Parish Assessments and Tuition.

You can make your gifts online at aquinas-catholic.com or mail them to Aquinas & St. Mary's, Attn: Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 149, David City, NE 68632

WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

GOAL: \$140,000.00

Received: \$113,200.00

THANK YOU! You've already helped us raise 80% of our goal.

Prom Dress clarifications presented

NOTE: The following information was discussed with the junior and senior girls.

Dear Parents:

At Aquinas Catholic High School we want to work with our parents to educate students on practicing the virtue of modesty, which we know is not easy in today's society, so we want to clarify acceptable dress styles as listed in the handbook. This isn't a change in the policy but a clarification of how the policy will be enforced. As the handbook states, *"Prom is a FORMAL event. Girls may wear formal dresses. Nothing low-cut, or backless is permitted. Dress hemlines and/or slits must be a modest length below the fingertips, and midriffs may NOT be exposed. Girls need to have their shoulders covered for Mass."* The following should be followed:

- *Dresses may be strapless (if they fit properly) or include spaghetti straps.**
- *Dresses may be lower in the back, as long as they are not cut below a line drawn around from the naval.**
- *2-piece dresses MUST overlap at the waist: meaning top MUST overlap with skirt waistband. Midriffs will not be exposed. This includes both front and side. With arms down at your side, if flesh touches flesh, the dress is inappropriate. Also, when arms are raised (such as in slow dancing) the midriff will not be exposed.**
- *Dresses may not have a slit that exceeds mid-thigh. This is fingertip length.**
- *Dresses may not be cut below the bust line.**
- * Undergarments should not be visible. See-through apparel is not permitted.**
- * Garments that are tight or low-cut are also unacceptable.**
- * Side cuts would not be considered modest but could be altered by inserting fabric to cover the cut areas**
- * Dress length must be mid-thigh (approximately 5" inches above the middle of the knee both in the front and the back).**

Gentlemen, you are expected to wear formal attire. Formal prom attire may be classified as a tuxedo or dress suit, including a tie or bow tie, a dress shirt, which may include a vest or cummerbund, and dress shoes. Shirts are to be worn at all times. Tennis shoes and athletic shoes are unacceptable. If you are bringing a date from another school, they will have to comply to the same rules as our female students.

Even though in the past, dress attire that did not meet this criteria may have been admitted, this criteria will be adhered to beginning this year. We hope to maintain the integrity and formality of this night by enforcing this simple dress code. To ensure we don't have to turn students away due to violations, we will require girls to send photos of themselves wearing the dress ahead of time. The photos will need to show a full front, both sides, and back view. Also, a photo will be required of the girl with her arms raised to ensure no midriff is showing. Due to body types not being the same, approval will be on a case by case basis. Photos will be sent to Mrs. Pokorny and Mrs. Svec. If girls would rather bring their dress to school ahead of the Prom date and try it on for Mrs. Pokorny or Mrs. Svec, they may do so. A dress that doesn't meet the criteria may be easily altered by inserting fabric. We will work with girls, regardless of when they have their dress (even the day of the event) to ensure they can attend.

Junior and Senior girls will watch a presentation that will show acceptable and unacceptable dress choices. Another option for girls is to rent a dress from the Rent The Runway website:

<https://www.renttherunway.com/>

Sincerely,

Fr. Sean Timmerman
Chief Administrative Officer

Teresa Pokorny
Senior Class Moderator

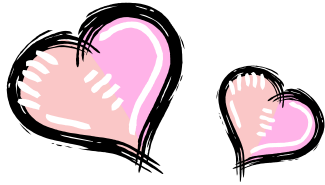
Seth Pierce
Junior Class Moderator

February 2020

Aquinas Catholic Schools

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Veg/fruit bar & milk offered every day.						1
2	3 Pizza Tri-Taters Side Salad Rice Krispie Bar Fruit	4 Tacos Garnishes Corn Churro	5 LATE START Deli Sandwich Nachos Green Beans Fruit	6 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy Hash Browns Egg Omelet Fruit	7 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Relishes Fruit	8
9	10 Porkettes Mashed Potatoes Corn Cake with Strawberries Fruit	11 Chicken Noodle Soup Chicken Salad & Ham Sandwich Relishes Fruit	12 Baked Potato Bar Garnishes Brownie Fruit	13 1:00PM Dismissal Hot Dogs/ Polish Dogs Baked Beans Sun Chips Fruit	14 NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 Chicken Alfredo Side Salad Tea Roll Fruit	18 BBQ Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Coleslaw Fruit	19 Chili Cinnamon Roll Relishes Fruit	20 Meatball Subs Sun Chips Broccoli Fruit	21 Fish Sandwich French Fries Peas Fruit	22
23	24 Chicken Nuggets Tri-Taters Mixed Veggies Muffin Fruit	25 Orange Chicken Rice Stir Fry Veggies Fruit Fortune Cookie	26 Ash Wednesday Tuna & Noodles Peas Tea Roll Fruit	27 Mr. Rib Potato JoJos Green Beans Fruit	28 French Toast Sticks Egg Patty Hash Browns Fruit	29

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St. Mary's Grade School

February 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Milk and/or Water Offered Daily	Fruit and/or Vegetable Bar Offered Daily			
3 Chicken Sticks Peas Pineapple	4 Nachos Taco Meat Chips Corn Orange Slices	5 Late Start Pizza Green Beans Brownies Pears	6 Hamburger Gravy Potato Broccoli Mixed Fruit Roll	7 Cheese Crunchers Carrots Fruited Jello Marinara Sauce Yogurt
10 Sloppy Joe on Bun Baked Beans Mixed Berry Cups Pickles	11 Scrambled Eggs Bacon Muffin Hash Browns Fruit Cocktail Orange Juice	12 Chicken Noodle Soup Cheese Sticks Carrots Peaches	13 Pigs in the Blanket Veggie Sticks Strawberries	14 No School
17 Chicken Patty On Bun Sun Chips Pears	18 Hamburger Goulash Green Beans Peaches Bread	19 Chicken and Rice Soup Crackers Broccoli Pineapple	20 Pizza Carrots Applesauce	21 Fish Sticks Mac-n-Cheese Peas Fruited Jello
24 Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Pineapple	25 Chili Soup Carrots & Celery Bread	26 Ash Wednesday Cheese Pizza Green Beans Peaches	27 Beef Stroganoff Peas Cherry Cobbler	28 Pasta & Sauce Carrots Mandarin Oranges Bread

Bus Raffle Tickets on sale now!



Raffle tickets for the Annual Aquinas & St. Mary's Bus Raffle are on sale now and can be purchased from someone in your parish or at Aquinas Catholic Schools for \$100 each. Winners will be drawn at Gold Rush, **April 4, 2020**—you need not be present to win.

Prizes:

\$5,000.00

\$2,500.00

\$1,000.00

\$1,000.00

\$500.00

You can purchase tickets at the Aquinas office or contact the following parish reps to purchase tickets:

St. Mary's/Appleton: Mike & Pam Siroky

St. Peter's/St. Josephs: Cory & Jenny Kavan

St. Francis: Jason & Tori Lavicky,

Immaculate Conception: Al Moravec

Holy Trinity: Lyle & Pam Jakub

Sacred Heart: Lindsey Truksa

Presentation: Matt & Nissa Hilger

Ss. Peter & Paul/St. Anthony: Trev & Michaela Moravec



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