



AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

# THE TORCH

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2022-23 Theme

November, 2022

Aquinas Families,

As we approach the day of Thanksgiving, please know of my gratitude for each of you, the students you have entrusted us, and the sacrifices you make daily for our school each and every day. We have had so many things going on here is a run down of the last month or so:

- **Diocesan Visitation-** On Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Diocesan Visitation by Dr, Hecker, Chief Administrative Officer, Fr. Stoley, Superintendent of Schools and Sr. Anne Joelle Braunsroth C.K., Assistant Superintendent. We spoke on a variety of subjects and the team was very pleased with our progress on Spiritual Direction, our commitment to our teachers, our renewed commitment to our Strategic Plan and the corresponding sub committees and the growth of the Elementary and Holy Family Day Care. We are not perfect be we have a good school here in Butler County.
- **Middle School Math-** A huge thank you needs to go out to Jennifer Hein and Stephanie Summers for their work with our students during the past quarter of the school year. We were very much in a bind and they set aside their own schedules and family life to help our students. I am incredibly grateful for their generosity!
- **New Faculty Member-** I would like to personally welcome Mr. Bennet Shane to our staff this second quarter. Shane comes to us from Concordia University where he is finishing up his Degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis in Math. We congratulate him on his marriage this past June to his wife Emma, who is also working on her Education Degree. He is originally from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Last quarter he did his student teaching at Lincoln Southeast. It is our hope that after completing his time here we can bring him on permanently for the second semester.
- **National Honor Society-** On Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> the Aquinas Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted fifteen new members into National Honor Society. I was able to celebrate Mass for them and their families in Aquinas Chapel. Lacie Hartman, Maggie Svec, Tony Wachal and Ally Jelinek spoke on the four pillars of NHS, Scholarship, Service Character and Leadership.
- **Sports/Extracurriculars-** I have been traveling quite a bit trying to make many of the extracurriculars of our students. On October 8<sup>th</sup> I was in Milford as our girls competed in the District Final for Softball. Senior Night, Sub-Districts and the District Final was a great time cheering on the girls, praying with them and just being with them. I was in Kearney on October 21<sup>st</sup> as our Girls Cross Country Team competed at State. Congrats to our girls who placed fourth overall as a team and to the Frasher sisters medaled individually. A shout out to our Marching Band who competed at State in Lincoln and received a rating of Excellent. Lastly, both Volleyball and Football finished their seasons within the last week. While the finish was not what we had hoped their effort and character have left an impression on me. Well done!
- **Radium Girls-** Our drama department has been at it again. This past weekend One-Act performed the true story of Radium Girls. I thought the performance was very good and I am especially proud of the seriousness of the topic. Bravo to Mrs. Heermann and the cast!
- **Generosity-** Lastly, I am beyond proud of the generosity of our community and our students. This month \$2500 was collected for the Meysenburg family and their son Coy, \$1400 was raised for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Venice Florida affected by Hurricane Ian, and over \$900 was collected just this week by our Houses to support St. Gianna House for Women in Lincoln. Fantastic!

Wishing you and your family a safe and blessed Thanksgiving,

*Fr. Michael Ventre*

Fr. Michael Ventre, CAO Aquinas Catholic Schools

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**Middle/High School Principal letter- November 2022**

**Current news**

- **Tri-Councils-** Thank you to all who attended Tri-Councils on October 20<sup>th</sup>! 67% of our MS/HS families were represented. Report cards were sent home with students the following week. As I mentioned in this space last month before Tri-Councils, I can't emphasize enough the importance of good two-way communication between school and home. We all want the best for our students, and we will stand a much better chance at achieving that when we are all on the same page.
- **Technology rollout-** After much time and effort (especially on the part of Mr. Smith), we are planning to deploy the 1:1 technology program after Thanksgiving Break. Additional wireless access points have been installed, iPads for MS students have been on-boarded, and laptops for HS students have been prepared for student use. Teachers will continue to plan for increased implementation of technology in their classes, including Canvas.
- **Parent presentation-** Please plan to attend the parent presentation by Aquinas alum Elise (Klosterman) Brown on Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This will be a highly informative presentation that is a follow-up to the teacher training she will do with Aquinas Catholic Schools staff during our November professional development earlier the same day.
- **Canvas vs. PowerSchool-** We have gotten a number of questions from parents this year about the different places a student's school information may be located. Canvas is a learning management system (LMS) and PowerSchool is a student information system (SIS). Another way to differentiate between them is that Canvas is most useful for classroom content (notes, worksheets, etc.), while PowerSchool is most useful for grades, attendance, and discipline log entries.
- **Canvas parent registration instructions-** If you still want or need to set up access to Canvas, you can either download the Canvas Parent app or visit [www.cdol.instructure.com](http://www.cdol.instructure.com). You will simply need to register for a parent account, then request your student's access code (via email or phone call to school). Once the code is generated you will have 7 days to use the code to link to your student's account, otherwise a new code will have to be generated if not used within 7 days.
- **Special Thanks-** Aquinas Catholic Schools would like to extend a huge thank you to Matt and Nissa Hilger for the time and effort they have put into organizing Burger Bashes! Matt and Nissa have been in charge of Burger Bashes for more than decade and are passing the torch with the graduation of their youngest children.

**THANK YOU MATT AND NISSA!**

**Upcoming events, schedule changes/reminders**

- **All Souls Day Mass-** Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:10am
- **10:00am late start (teacher PD)-** Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Elise (Klosterman) Brown parent presentation-** Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Veteran's Day Program-** Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:10am
- **1:00pm early out (SAT Day)-** Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>
- \* **Houses Parish Service Projects** will also happen this day during school
- **No School (Thanksgiving Break)-** Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>-Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>

God Bless!

*Spencer Zysset*

Spencer Zysset, Principal

**Thank You** .....from everyone at

## *Aquinas Catholic Schools!*

**Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the Health Checks at both the Middle/ High School and the Elementary.**

**Thank you to all who purchased books at the Usborn book sale! We earned over \$1,000 in books for our classrooms and library!**



**Thanks to the students and ladies who helped with the Alumni Newsletter and Annual Report mailings!**

**We thank the Knights of Columbus of Brainard who donated the proceeds from their Annual Poker Run to our Guardian Angel Fund.**

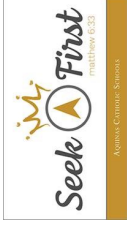
**Thank you to the anonymous donor for the donuts in celebration of Bill "Frankie" Kozisek's birthday!**



**Thank you to Becky Romshek & Amanda Stutzman for feeding our teachers during Tri-Councils!**

# November 2022

## Aquinas Catholic Schools



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	2 All Souls Day Mass	3	4 ACT Registration Due TBA FB State Playoffs TBA State VB	5 TBA State VB One Act Competition @ Norfolk
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends St. Mary's Harvest Festival	7 4:30PM MS GBB @ Schuyler	8	9 <b>Faculty Meeting</b> 10:00AM Late Start 6:00PM MS/HS Council Meeting 7:00PM ELM Council Meeting	10 Veterans Day TBA FB State Playoffs	11	12
13 Alumni Phone-a-thon	14 6:30PM MS WR @ Centennial Quad 6:30PM MS GBB @ Scotus Alumni Phone-a-thon	15	16 Penance Service 6:30PM Board of Advisors Meeting	17 7:00PM Butler County One-Acts @ AHS	18 HS Retreats 6:30PM Holy Family ELC Trivia Night @ Aquinas HS	19 9:00AM MS WR @ Howells-Dodge Invite TBA Conf. One-Acts (Scotus)
20	21 One-Acts @ Midland	22 1:00 Dismissal for <b>SAT</b> (Student Assistance Time) TBA FB State Finals	23 <b>THANKSGIVING VACATION NO SCHOOL</b>	24 <b>THANKSGIVING VACATION NO SCHOOL</b>	25 <b>THANKSGIVING VACATION NO SCHOOL</b>	26
27 <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>	28 4:30PM MS GBB @ Clarkson Leigh District One-Acts this Week	29 4:30PM MS GBB vs Centennial	30			

# PROACTIVE PARENTING STRATEGIES

*in today's tech filled world*

W E D N E S D A Y

**NOV. 9, 2022**

7:00 PM

*All Aquinas parents are invited*

ELISE (KLOSTERMAN) BROWN



AQUINAS CATHOLIC MS/HS  
NORTH GYM

BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST  
OWNER OF FOCUS CONSULTING & TRAINING, LLC

Holy Family Early Learning Center



**FRI. NOV. 18, 2022**

**6:30 PM**

**AQUINAS MS/HS NORTH GYM**

**JOIN US!**

**\$10 PER PERSON**

**6 PEOPLE PER TABLE**

**PAY IN ADVANCE OR  
AT THE DOOR**

**PRIZES**

**RAFFLE**

3420 MN RD David City, NE

# KINDERGARTEN



The Kindergarten classes would like to thank Steve and Julie Stara for letting us come and pick pumpkins!

**Mrs. Fozzard & Mrs. Miller**

## First Grade

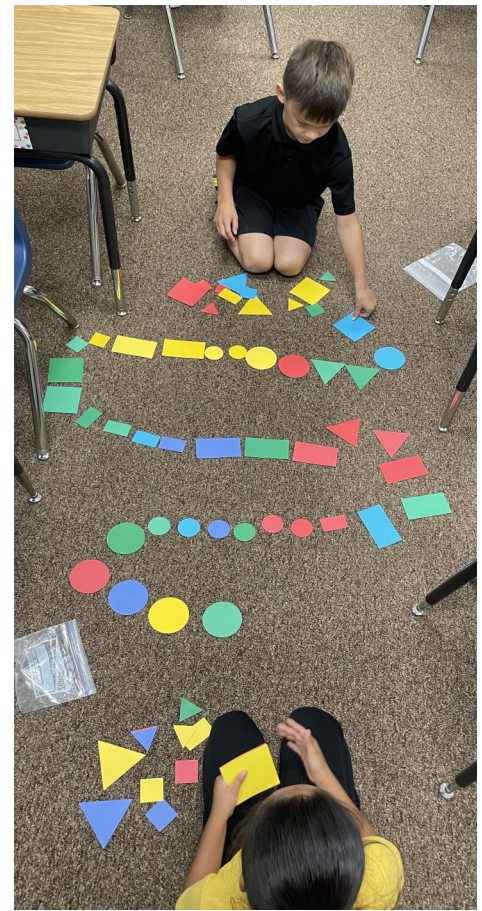
The First Grade classes spent some time during their Science class doing some pumpkin investigations. We labeled the parts on the outside of the pumpkin and the inside of the pumpkin. We measured and weighed our pumpkin. We talked about what a pumpkin needs to grow and the life cycle of a pumpkin. Our favorite part was cutting the pumpkin open and collecting the seeds. We estimated how many seeds there were and then counted to see how close our estimate was. Some of us made a good estimate! We also learned some fun facts about pumpkins.



**Mrs. Ketteler & Mrs. Vavrina**

The 2nd graders are having fun with some hands-on learning in math. First, they had to make a shape train and match similar attributes. Then, they practiced finding sums of 10 with a deck of cards with a partner.

Mrs. Eller, Mr. Weiss & Mrs. Smith

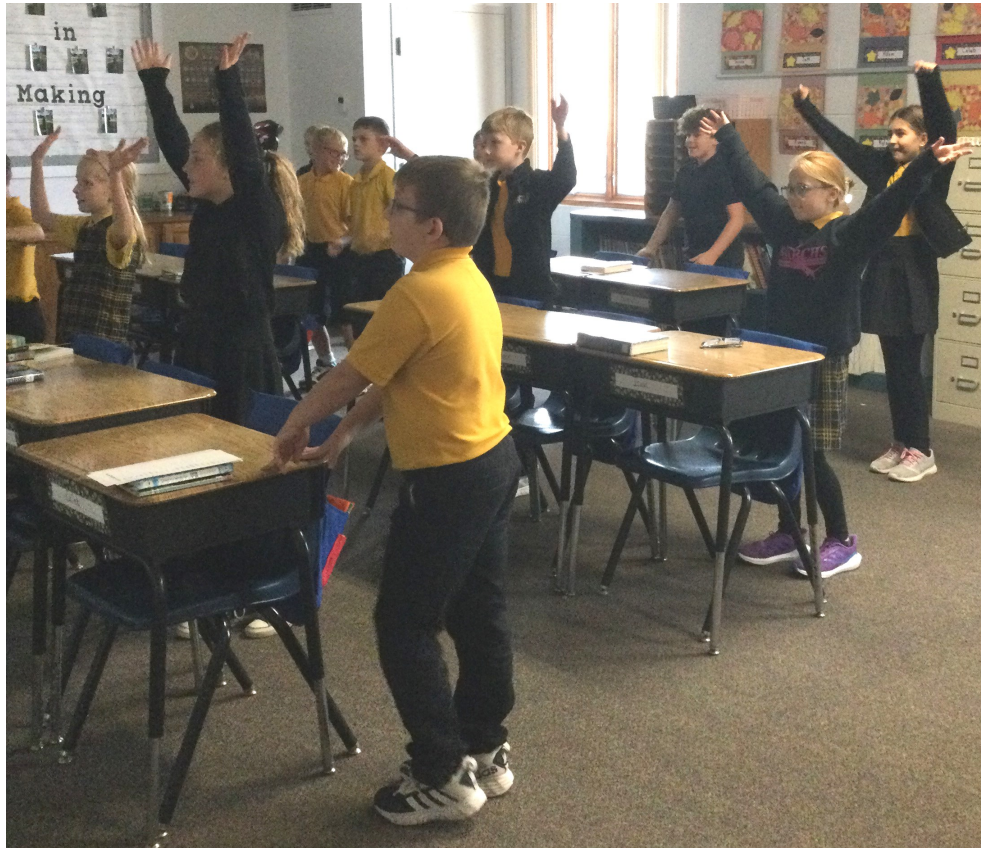


### Third Grade

We began their Rosary unit in October, the month of the Rosary. We are studying each set of Mysteries in detail and learning how to say the Rosary. The students are almost finished coloring the pictures that will be made into Rosary books.

It was nice to see everyone at conferences!

Mrs. Janak  
& Mrs. Naiberk



**4<sup>th</sup>** graders enjoy doing brain breaks between subjects to get up and move!

**Mr. Beller and Ms. Koranda**



5th grade celebrates 80s/neon day

During Homecoming Week

*Mrs. Nienhueser  
and Mrs. Comte*





# Aquinas Elementary November 2022 USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>Menu is Subject to Change and will be posted for students knowledge</b>	1 <i>No School</i> <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 <i>Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce</i> <i>Green Beans</i> <i>Garlic Toast</i> <i>Grapes</i>	3 <i>Fiestada Pizza</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Strawberries</i>	4 <i>Egg Patty</i> <i>French Toast Sticks</i> <i>Yogurt</i> <i>Celery Sticks/PB</i> <i>Peaches</i>
	7 <i>Steak Fingers</i> <i>Mashed Potatoes</i> <i>Green Beans</i> <i>Roll</i> <i>Emerald Pears</i>	8 <i>Meatloaf</i> <i>1/2 Baked Potato</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Garlic Toast</i> <i>Oranges</i>	9 <i>Cream Chicken</i> <i>Mashed Potatoes</i> <i>Peas</i> <i>Applesauce</i> <b>10AM Late Start</b>	10 <i>Orange Chicken</i> <i>Rice</i> <i>Egg Roll</i> <i>Roasted Broccoli</i> <i>Pineapple</i>
14 <i>Chicken Strips</i> <i>Smile Fries</i> <i>Green Beans</i> <i>Pears</i>	15 <i>BBQ Pork on Bun</i> <i>Baked Beans</i> <i>Potato Chips</i> <i>Pineapple</i>	16 <i>Corn Dog</i> <i>Tater Tots</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Mandarin</i> <i>Oranges</i>	17 <i>Turkey,</i> <i>Mashed Potatoes,</i> <i>Gravy, Stuffing,</i> <i>Cranberry Fluff,</i> <i>Green Bean Casserole,</i> <i>Roll</i> <i>Pumpkin Dessert</i>	18 <i>Bosco Sticks</i> <i>Marinara Sauce</i> <i>Baby Carrots</i> <i>Ranch</i> <i>Ruby Pears</i>
21 <i>Popcorn Chicken</i> <i>Mashed potatoes</i> <i>Gravy</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Roll</i> <i>Mandarin</i> <i>Oranges</i>	22 <i>Bacon</i> <i>Cheeseburger</i> <i>Baby Carrots</i> <i>Ranch Dressing</i> <i>Crinkle Fries</i> <i>Applesauce</i> <i>Slush</i> <b>1:00 Dismissal</b>	23  <i>No School</i>	24 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	25  <i>No School</i>
28 <i>Tater Tot Casserole</i> <i>Green Beans</i> <i>Garlic Toast</i> <i>Mandarin</i> <i>Oranges &amp; Pineapple</i>	29 <i>Cheesy Bacon &amp; Potato Soup</i> <i>1/2 Ham and Cheese Sand</i> <i>Baby Carrots</i> <i>Ranch Dressing</i> <i>Applesauce</i>	30 <i>Beef Nachos</i> <i>Nacho Cheese</i> <i>Doritos</i> <i>Taco Meat</i> <i>Cheese Sauce</i> <i>Corn, Churro</i> <i>Peaches</i>	<b>Milk &amp; water offered Daily</b> <b>Fruit/Veggie/Salad Bar</b> <b>Offered Daily</b> <b>knowledge</b>	

To celebrate Veteran's Day, the library has set up an America's White Table display as a symbol for and remembrance to service members fallen, missing, or held captive in the line of duty. The tradition of the table is explained in a book by Margot Theis Raven. Also included in the display are Twenty-one Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, All the Gallant Men, and A Time To Honor.

Thank you to the American Legion for the donation of A Time to Honor to Aquinas Middle/High School Library.



S.O.U.L. CLUB (SERVING OTHERS UNDER LOVE) is a service club that supports 7 charities. Mrs. Nolan has been volunteer moderator since 1999. The annual **Christmas Angel Tree project** has all classes collect funds to give gift cards and special items requested by families served by Genesis PDC. This year SOUL Club been asked to help a family with 2 tween boys, 1 boy and 2 girls in the 10 year old range. All 5 of these children would love to have new bikes. The presentation will be made Friday December 9th during House period at 9:30 am.

**COAT DRIVE:** we will again be collecting new or gently used coats which will be distributed by Blue Valley Action.

# 2022 Booster Club Membership Drive

In the coming months you have a chance to become members of the Aquinas Booster club by using this sign up sheet that you can send back to Aquinas, or you can contact your parish representatives.

## Business Membership

Price- \$40.00

Schedule poster, booster sign. Members printed on back of basketball programs.

## Monarch Membership

Price- \$180.00

## Individual Monarch Card

Price- \$90

Immediate family members get into all **Aquinas** events for the year.

GREAT Deal, admission prices are \$6.00 & \$4.00

Gets one adult person into all **Aquinas** events for the year.

## Gold Card

Price- Donation

Any **Aquinas Patron** over 65 can get one.

Send in name and address.

Detach along the dotted line and send to Ron Mimick, Aquinas High, PO Box 149, David City, NE 68632

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Card \_\_\_\_\_

Price Free (donations accepted)

Business Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Price **\$40.00**

Monarch Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Price **\$180.00 or \$90.00 for an individual.**

Family members names needed for individual cards (these will be sent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Detach along the dotted line, include check or money & send to:

Ron Mimick, Aquinas, PO Box 149

David City, NE 68632

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR APP** the App with the Hat



### **PARENTS, STUDENTS, and MONARCH FANS:**

The rSchool Today Activity Scheduler Mobile App allows you instant access to the updated Aquinas Catholic's School Calendar.

Get and download the App at your App Store by searching "Activity Scheduler".

Need support? Email [support@rschooldtoday.com](mailto:support@rschooldtoday.com) M-F from 7am-8pm

## **Aquinas High School Honor Roll**

### **Quarter 1, 2022-2023**

**Freshman Honor Roll:** Lilly Collins, Bella Fontenot, Nathaniel Hain, Grace Masek, Lauren Meister, Lydia Meysenburg, Colby Miller, Marissa Miratsky, Miranda Novacek, Becca Podolak, Violet Schmid, Kaitlyn Schneider, Sydni Svoboda, Madison Vandenberg, Rebecca Wacker, Ainsley Wollmer, Augustine Yindrick

**Freshman Honorable Mention:** Berenice Alarcon, Clarice Andel, Oliver Antholz, Danica Bohuslavsky, Evan Hoelscher, Kenadi Hotovy, Brynn Kudlacek, Jarin Thege

**Sophomore Honor Roll:** Isabella Comte, Isaiah Coufal, Flora Dalton, Caleb DeWispelare, Isabella Kadavy, Marcus Krivanek, Garrett Novacek, Avery Oltmer, Alexandra Prochaska, Elizabeth Roh, Bryant Stouffer, Tylee Truksa, Traeton Vandenberg

**Sophomore Honorable Mention:** Alan Antholz, Kurtis Baer, Sydney Hartman, Keltie Hein, Jacksen Jelinek, Karmen Karpisek, Kasen Lavicky, Moly Ruiz, Sara Schmid, Matthew Storm, Brooklyn Stutzman, Reese Woolsey, Finley Zook

**Junior Honor Roll:** Dylan Andel, Rebecca Andel, Josiah Brezina, Timothy Duke, Gianna Frasher, Tate Hain, Ryan Hein, Jakob Kavan, Wesley Miller, Emma Prochaska, Robert Pytlik, Bianca Romshek

**Junior Honorable Mention:** Jordyn Bohuslavsky, Jacob Moravec, Luke Reiter, Cecilia Sisco

**Senior Honor Roll:** Aletha Breiner, Lacie Hartman, Brooke Hoelscher, Colin Hough, Allisen Jelinek, Zander Kavan, Natalie Kovar, Krae Lavicky, Joshua Palik, Veronica Reimers, Luke Sellers, Jocelyn Stara, Margaret Svec, Antonia Wachal, Rachel Wacker, Mara Yindrick

**Senior Honorable Mention:** Delayne Adamy, Ava Hilger, Mackenzie Kobza, Adam Oltmer, Claire Wisnieski

## **Aquinas Middle School Honor Roll**

### **Quarter 1, 2022-2023**

#### **Honor Roll:**

**Grade 6:** Regina Breiner, Camden DeWispelare, Damon DeWispelare, Madelyn Emory, Thomas Juranek, Dirkson Kavan, Emerson Krivanek, Sabra Meister, Zane Meysenburg, Danica Romshek, Emily Schmid, Holly Schmid, Tanner Smith

**Grade 7:** Jacqueline Comte, Kristin Coufal, Robert Dalton, Royce Fontenot, Allie Kudlacek, Natalia Lopez, Rebekah Masek

**Grade 8** Brookelynn Banholzer, Riley Campbell, Sarah Coufal, Tristan Davis, Madelyn Hein, Dayne Jakub, Mason Krivanek, Annastasia Meysenburg, Mary-Kate Moravec, Max Oliver, Anna Schmid, Kade Semin, Taylor Smith, Jordyn Vandenberg, Jacob Wacker

# November 2022



## AQUINAS CATHOLIC MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 <b>No School</b> All Saints Day	2 <b>All Souls Day Mass</b> Sack Lunch Chips Carrots Banana Cookie	3 Chicken N Rice Broccoli Jell-O Tea Roll Fruit	4 Cheesy French Bread Pizza Tri Tater Side Salad Fruit
7 Fiestadas Tri Tater Green Beans Fruit	8 Baked Potato Bar Garnishes Broccoli Fruit Brownies	9 Chicken Patty on a Bun Jo Jos California Blend Fruit	10 Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap Garnishes Corn Cookies	11 Lasagna Roll- Ups Side Salad Fruit Bosco Stick
14 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Side Salad Fruit Garlic Bread- stick	15 Walking Tacos Garnishes Corn Fruit Strawberry Short Cake	16 Mr. Ribs on a Hoagies Bun Chips Mixed Veggies Fruit	<b>Thanksgiving</b> 17 <b>Meal</b> Turkey Dressing Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Jell-O Tea Roll	18 <b>High School</b> <b>Retreats</b> Shrimp Poppers Mac & Cheese Peas Fruit
21 BBQ Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Fruit	22 <b>1:00 Dismissal</b> Meatball Subs Chips Green Beans Fruit	23 <b>No School</b>	24 <b>No School</b>  Happy Thanksgiving!	25 <b>No School</b>
28 Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Broccoli Normandy Fruit	29 Chili Garnishes Cinnamon Roll Fruit	30 Beef N Cheddar Sandwich Tater Tots Mixed Veggies Fruit	1 Popcorn Chicken Bowls Corn Fruit Cookie	2 Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup Garnishes Crackers Fruit

# Campus Ministry

Dear Parents,

We, as parents love our sons and daughters and want so much for them to be happy. We hope that in life they will make good choices, get involved or stay involved in their Catholic Faith. It is so difficult and my heart goes out to you. More than ever before, it seems harder and harder to guide young people down the right path morally, and in making good (and holy) choices. Below you will see several events that are available for high school students. The Steubenville Conference is open to current 8<sup>th</sup> graders as well.

Your son or daughter may want to attend one or all of the events. I promise you that it will be the best financial investment you can possibly make in your child's future. It is good to start young as they get busier as the years go by. For some, your child may say, "No way. I don't want to go!". **In truth, they do not know what they are saying no to.** I have heard more times than I can count how many students over the years who have said after a TEC retreat or Steubenville Conference etc. that their mom or their parents "Made them Go!" and they loved it and want to go on as many of the events each year as they can. It is in my own son's testimony entering the seminary, "When I was a freshman in high school, my mom made me go..."

**Getting out of their comfort zone and trying new things helps them to see life through a new lense.** They can grow to realize that being Catholic can be fun, through new friendships and most of all encountering Christ through new experiences and getting out of "the norm." The result is often a crack in the door to being more open to their Catholic Faith. Don't hesitate to contact me personally with any questions at 402-641-4023.

May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

*Beth Nemec*, Campus Minister



see Mrs. Nemec  
for more info

## MARCH FOR LIFE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Jan 17-22, 2023

Registration  
open NOW

Cost: HS  
\$480  
Adult: \$250

Washington, DC  
POST ROE ERA

## STEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 2023 Exact  
date TBA

Registration  
will open in  
January.  
Approximate  
cost: \$390  
(TBA)

Springfield,  
Missouri

## ROME PILGRIMAGE

June 2024 TBA

Registration  
open Aug/Sept  
2023

Approximate  
cost: \$2800  
(TBA)

Rome, Italy

## NIOBRARA RIVER CANOE TRIP

July 9-11 and  
July 11-13

Registration in  
Spring 2023

Approximate  
Cost: \$100  
(TBA)

Valentine, NE

## TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

Cost: \$120

Registration open NOW

**TEC #119** Dec. 3-5, 2022 at Neb. City, Lourdes HS

**TEC #120** Feb. 18-20, 2023 at St. Patrick School, McCook

**TEC #121** Feb. 18-20, 2023 at Wahoo Neumann HS

**TEC #122** April 15-17, 2023 at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha

**TEC #122** June 10-12, 2023 at Aquinas Catholic HS

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

## November To-Do List

- Send all admissions applications
- Plan a college visit
- Attend a Financial Aid night or webinar
- Job shadow and explore careers
- Know your colleges Priority Deadline
- Start to look for and fill out scholarships!
- Register for a FSA ID and start the FAFSA

### Commonly Asked FAFSA Questions:

#### What is the deadline?

It can be filed anytime between Oct. 1 and June 30; most colleges will have a specific deadline.

#### Can I make changes to the FAFSA after it is submitted?

You can go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and click on "make corrections" and log in using your PIN.

### The Do's and Don'ts of Applying for Scholarships

Scholarships come in all shapes and sizes, but most of them have a similar application process. If you know some general guidelines for scholarship applications, it can make the process seem a lot less overwhelming. Here are some do's and don'ts that you should keep in mind while applying for scholarships.

#### DO Make the Deadline

The first thing you should do when you decide to apply for a specific scholarship is check the scholarship deadline. Now that you've found the date, make sure that you understand how to send your application, where to send it, and by what time (if applicable). Some scholarships list a postmark deadline, in which case the application needs to be mailed by the deadline. Other scholarships require that your application arrives by the deadline. Now make sure that you send ALL of your application materials according to the deadline instructions. If your application is late, it will often not be considered. Why would you put in all that work for nothing?

#### DON'T Procrastinate

It's no secret that scholarship applications take time and effort to complete. So it's very important that you not put off the application until the last minute. If you procrastinate, you are more likely to make mistakes in your application or not be able to get everything together in time. Even if you are able to get all of your application materials together correctly, the quality of your application will suffer. If possible, give yourself at least two weeks to complete an application, and make sure you give yourself plenty of time for essays and letters of recommendation to be written.

#### DO Follow the Directions

The directions on a scholarship application are not suggestions. These are the basic requirements that you need to fulfill in order to be considered for a scholarship. If you do something careless like emailing your application when you are supposed to mail it or not bothering to format your application correctly, you may not get a scholarship (no matter how amazing your essay is).

#### DON'T Submit an Incomplete Application

Scholarship committees request specific information because they need it to make sure you are eligible for the scholarship and to make an informed decision on who to select. If the scholarship committee does not receive all of that information from you, you will most likely not get a 'free pass' and get a scholarship anyway. The scholarship committee will likely look at your application, see it is incomplete, and move it to the disqualified pile. Some scholarship committees will contact you in an effort to complete your application, but NEVER assume that this will be the case. Part of being a college student (and an adult) is submitting everything correctly the first time. Why not practice that skill now with your scholarship applications?

#### DO be Neat

You can't win a scholarship if the review committee can't read your application. This doesn't mean that you can't fill out applications by hand (unless the directions say you have to type your application—see above), but this does mean that you should use your best handwriting and try to keep your application in good condition.

#### DON'T Forget to Proofread

ALWAYS have someone proofread your application before you send it in. This will help reduce any spelling or grammar errors or other mistakes that may be in your application before you send it. If you want to earn some money, you'll want your application to be as polished as possible!

## Important Dates and Events:

**November 4: ACT Registration for Dec. Test**

**December 10: ACT Test**

WAYNE STATE COLLEGE DUAL CREDIT  
REGISTRATION UPCOMING !!!

Senior Parents,

Be watching for emails concerning important information about WSC English college credit. This registration will take place in late November!

**John Baylor Update** This month we are continuing with our John Baylor Prep Program. Students will continue to have 24/7 access to the material at [www.johnbaylorprep.com](http://www.johnbaylorprep.com). I encourage them to log in to their accounts, watch videos, and complete the practice problems.

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Thanksgiving was never meant to be  
limited to a single day.

“O Lord my god, I will give  
thanks to Thee forever”

Psalm 30:12



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