



AQUINAS & ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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January, 2023



2022-23



AQUINAS MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

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Middle/High School Principal letter- December 2022

Current news

- **End of 1st semester-** I appreciate everyone's cooperation with and understanding of the need to move finals up a day due to the severe weather at the end of the semester. It was not an ideal situation but necessary in the best interest of our students and staff.
- **LJS article on Catholic Schools-** A very complimentary article was written in the Dec. 20, 2022 edition of the Lincoln Journal Star praising the efforts of Lincoln Diocese schools in limiting or avoiding the learning loss experienced by many schools during the pandemic. You can read the article [here](#) if you haven't seen it yet.
 - **Full link:** https://journalstar.com/news/local/education/catholic-students-in-lincoln-fared-well-during-pandemic-according-to-analysis-of-test-scores/article_e63ee271-7e3e-5293-9bd3-01005e66c2d8.html
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Upcoming events, schedule changes and reminders

- **Christmas Break-** Fri. December 23rd-Wed. January 4th
- **No School (Faculty/staff retreat)-** Wed. January 4th
- **Classes resume-** Thur. January 5th
- **Catholic Schools Week-** January 29th-February 4th
 - **Mass w/ Bishop Conley-** Monday January 30th
- **CANCELLED: 10:00am late start (teacher PD)-** Wed. February 1st- this will be a regular day of school
- **CHANGED: No School-** Thur. April 6th (Holy Thursday)

God Bless!

Spencer Zysset

Spencer Zysset, Principal

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



LEARN. EXPLORE. ROAR!

Aquinas Catholic Elementary

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP REGISTRATION & TOUR



Tues. March 14, 2023
6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Aquinas Elementary Gym

BRING

Birth Certificate
Baptism Certificate
Tax Info. for Scholarships

Grade 4



The students in Fourth Grade were busy using a black oil pastel and their colored paints to make a fancy Christmas truck. Merry Christmas everyone!



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			5 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy Roll Corn Peaches	6 Garlic Cheese Bread Marinara Cup Green Beans Pineapple
9 Pizza Jo on Bun Ranch Tots Rosy Pears	10 Chicken Strips Smile Fries Corn Peaches	11 Meatball Cheesy Hash Brown Casserole Green Beans Roll Mandarin Oranges	12 BBQ Pork on Bun Baked Beans Potato Chips Cinnamon Apple- Sauce	13 Pancakes Egg Patty Cheese Slice Hash Brown Yogurt Oranges
16 Teriyaki Chicken Noodles Egg Roll Roasted Broccoli Pineapple	17 Beef Soft Taco NC Doritos Refried Beans Churro Tropical Fruit	18 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Corn Garlic Toast Applesauce Slush	19 Breaded Pork Pat- ty on Bun Cole Slaw Chips Pears	20 Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Peas Grapes
23 Sausage Egg & Cheese Croissant Oven Potatoes Yogurt Strawberries	24 Chicken Patty on Bun Fries Corn Emerald Pears	25 Chili Cinnamon Roll Baby Carrots Warm Cinnamon Apples	26 Chicken Noodle Soup Chicken Salad Sand- wich Crackers Celery w/PB Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges	27 Cheese Lasagna w/ Marinara California Blend Garlic Toast Peaches
30 Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Roll Applesauce Slush	31 Crispy Chicken, Bacon & Ranch Wrap Sun Chips Celery w/PB Peaches	Reminder: We are not able to get all food items we are asking for, so bear with us as menus may need to change, we will try to let students know.	Milk & water offered Daily Fruit/Veggie/ Salad Bar Offered Daily	Menu is Subject to Change and will be posted for students knowledge

AQUINAS S.O.U.L. CLUB FUNDRAISER

4:30 pm to 8 pm

Friday January 20, 2023

**Raffle tickets
\$1 for many
prizes.**

1st prize = \$100

2nd prize - \$ 50

3rd prize - \$ 25

**Other prizes
donated by
area**

**businesses &
individuals.**

**6 tickets for \$5
(for book)
or \$1 a ticket**

**Winners announced at
half time of boys varsity
game 1/20/2023**

(need not be present to win)

**SILENT AUCTION
original artwork
“Dewy Rose” by Amy
Tomasevicz**



ALL FUNDS GO TO AREA CHARITIES

**2023 Bus Raffle Tickets Go
On Sale January 1st!**



**Winners will be drawn at
Gold Rush on April 1st!**

**Tickets will be available at
the Aquinas office as well as
from sellers in the parishes.**

TACO BAR

Aquinas High School

Friday, January 13th, 2023

4:30 to 8:00 P M

During the Basketball Games

Aquinas vs. Grand Island Central Catholic



\$7 Meal

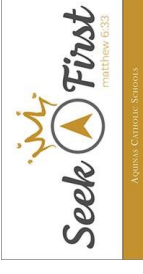
(Includes Entree/Dessert/Beverage)

Sponsored by: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court San Salvador #576

(Proceeds Benefit Catholic Charities, FOCUS & Vagabond Missionaries, and Seminarians)

January 2023

6-12 Lunch Calendar



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

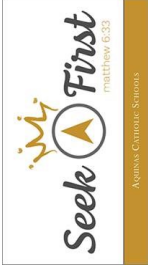
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	SOLEMNITY OF MARY	Veg/fruit bar & milk offered everyday	Christmas Vacation 5:45PM B/GBB vs Clarkson-Leigh	Christmas Vacation Faculty In-Service	Classes Resume Porkettes Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Corn Bread Fruit	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Garnishes Crackers Fruit	
8		Corn Dog Potato Jo Jo's Green Beans Fruit	10 Baked Potato Bar Garnishes Broccoli Brownies	11 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Side Salad Fruit Garlic Breadstick	12 Biscuits/Gravy Hash Brown Egg Patty Yogurt Parfaits Fruit	13 Cheese Pizza Tri Tater Green Beans Fruit	14
15		16 Goulash Side Salad Fruit Garlic Bread	17 Meatball Subs Chips California Blend Fruit	18 Loaded Tots Garnishes Green Beans Fruit Cookie	19 Creamed Chicken Over Biscuits Mixed Veggies Fruit Jell-o	20 Shrimp Poppers Mac & Cheese Peas Fruit	21
22		23 Grilled Ham & Cheese Chips California Blend Fruit	24 BBQ Pork Sandwich Tater Tots Mixed Veggies Fruit	25 Potato Soup or Broccoli Cheese Soup Lunch Meat Sandwich Crackers Fruit	26 Chicken cordon Bleu Rice Pilaf Broccoli Fruit	27 Lasagna Roll-Ups Green Beans Fruit Bosco Stick	28
29	Dwight Assumption God Bless America Dinner Catholic Schools Week	30 Students' Choice Catholic Schools Week	31 Students' Choice Catholic Schools Week				

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January 2023

Aquinas Catholic Schools

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



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SOLEMNITY OF MARY	Christmas Vacation 6:00PM Res. B/GBB vs Cross County	Christmas Vacation 5:45PM B/GBB vs Clarkson-Leigh	Christmas Vacation Faculty In-Service	Classes Resume 4:30PM B/GBB @ Pierce	ACT Registration Due	TBA Speech @ TBD 10:00AM WR @ Aquinas
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	6:00PM Res. BBB vs North Bend	5:45PM B/GBB vs Twin River		6:30PM WR BC Tri @	2:30PM JV WR @ Schuyler 5:45PM B/GBB vs GICC	TBA Speech @ Raymond Central 9:30AM WR @ Schuyler 5:15PM B/GBB @ Lakeview
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	4:30PM MS BBB vs Twin River 6:00PM Res. BBB @ Scotus	5:45PM B/GBB vs Lincoln-Luthers		4:30PM MS BBB vs Shelby-Rising City 7:00PM WR @ Filmore Central Dual	6:30PM BBB vs Hastings St. Cecilia SOUL Club Night	TBA Speech @ Scotus 10:00AM WR Conf @ GICC 1:30PM B/GBB @ Kearney Catholic
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	TBA B/GBB Conference		Penance Service	4:30PM MS BBB vs Milford		TBA Speech @ Conestoga 10:00AM WR @ Boone Central TBA B/GBB Conference @ Boys Town
29	30	31				
Dwight Assumption God Bless America Dinner	6:00PM Res. BBB vs Wahoo	4:30PM B/GBB @ Malcolin				
Catholic Schools Week						



.....from everyone at

Aquinas Catholic Schools!

Thank you to everyone who donated coats for the SOUL Club coat drive and to those who made cash donations to the Genesis House



From the Elementary Library, Thank you to all who supported the Aquinas Elementary Library this past year- be it through memorial donations, book donations, Follett online book sale, Usborne book sale or novelty sale.

Thank you, also, to our guest readers during Children's Book Week in November. The students loved hearing your stories!

Wishing all a very blessed Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who made donations for the Elementary School Christmas giving projects.



Aquinas Middle/High School Home & School Association:

Thank you to Amanda Stutzman and Becky Romshek for organizing a meal for the teachers during Tri-councils.

Thank you to Cris Hoelscher and Jill Kobza for chairing the Post Prom Committee.

Save The Date

AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

A WALK DOWN
MEMORY LANE

Gold Rush

SATURDAY APRIL 1

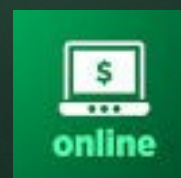
2023

25th Anniversary

Your year-end Gift to
Aquinas Catholic Schools
makes a year-round
difference.



Aquinas offers many ways to Give:





HAPPY NEW YEAR

“The New Year is a painting not yet painted; a path not yet stepped on; a wing not yet taken off! Things haven’t happened as yet! Before the clock strikes twelve, remember that you are blessed with the ability to reshape your life!”

—Mehmet Murat ildan

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