



## Soccer Sidelines

November 4, 2018

Dear Parents,

Soccer Sidelines... seriously! It is between games. The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade blue team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place just an hour ago ... and I am waiting for the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Championship game to begin.

And as I return to the footnotes, I am so proud of these kids for playing with so much heart!

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade lost in a shoot-out to Blessed Trinity after tying it up in the last five minutes to a 2-2 game. The score remained tied after a five-minute overtime, and we did not come up on the winning end of a heart-breaking shoot-out. We never-the-less clinched 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Diocesan Fall Season; and both the JV and Varsity teams were Section Champs.

On that note, I wish to share with you a poem/prayer that my husband recently sent to my nephews who lost the final game of their football season last week. Perhaps you have read this before...

Dear Lord,  
In the battle that goes through life,  
I ask but a field that is fair;  
A chance that is equal with all in the strife  
A courage to strive and to dare;  
And if I should win, let it be by the code,  
With my faith and my honor held high;  
And if I should lose, let me stand by the road  
And cheer as the winners go by.

As our fall athletic season comes to an end, we honor all of all our athletes, who play hard and with passion. Congratulations to those teams who made it to the playoffs and even States (high school women's cross-country), and to those who didn't make playoffs but improved and played hard throughout the season.

Thank you to the parents who have encouraged commitment, even when the going is tough; and sportsmanship, even when the losing is hard!

We know that athletics and extracurricular activities are also means through which students learn virtue and life skills!

... and without missing a beat, let the winter sport season begin!

Proud of ALL of our athletes,  
Leslie

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<sup>1</sup> The **high school fall sport athletic ceremony is THIS WEDNESDAY, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 in the Rhodora.** Please RSVP to Mr. Richthammer if you plan to attend.

<sup>2</sup> **Attention Middle School Parents:**

**Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for High School Information Night on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 in the “Triples” in the High School.**

You can look forward to an evening where Aquinas Middle School Parents can learn about the High School Curriculum, preparation for College, and extracurricular opportunities. Current students, as well as Alumni will present their unique perspective on their high school years at Aquinas Academy and their college experience as it was influenced by their Aquinas decision. You will hear more in the upcoming weeks!

<sup>3</sup> **Field Trips in the next two weeks:**

Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – High School to the Opera Matinee performance of Hansel and Gretel, starring our very own Aquinas Alum Antonia Botti-Lodovico

Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to the Zoo

Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to the Symphony

Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – Tentative Service Project for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to Vincentian Home

<sup>4</sup> **Next Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, we will host 18 teams (which includes the 2 Aquinas teams) for a robotics competition in the Rhodora.** These are the grade school teams participating in the First Lego League competition. If you are curious, you may wish to stop by. The competitions start early, and run all day!

<sup>5</sup> On **Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, Kindergarten will have their Thanksgiving Feast** in the Cafeteria. **All students in grades 1 through 12 will need to pack their lunch that day!**

<sup>6</sup> **On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 15 – 17, Aquinas is hosting a middle school tip-off tournament with 5 local boys’ teams and 5 local girls’ teams.**

Information was emailed separately if you might like to place a business add in the program. This tournament is a good opportunity to have local 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders come to Aquinas and so perhaps consider Aquinas Academy for high school. There will be a constant schedule of games Thursday evening, Friday evening, and all day Saturday! You may want to stop by and watch!

<sup>7</sup> Students in grades K – 5 should please remember to invite Grandparents for Grandparents’ Day on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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<sup>8</sup> Spread the Gift of Warmth! **Please Donate Hats, Gloves, and Scarves for the Homeless this coming week, during Homeless Awareness Week. Please put them in the large box in the Entrance to the High School Building by NEXT Fri., Nov. 9th!** They will be delivered to Catholic Charities.

<sup>9</sup> **Application for Siblings of Currently Enrolled Families: the enrollment period for the 2019-20 school year is now open for siblings of currently enrolled families.** If you have a child starting at Aquinas next year please fill out the attached application and send it to the school office at your earliest convenience. With several families already on a waiting list it is important that we enroll siblings in our own families before we open registration to other families interested.

<sup>10</sup> Parent in grades **PreK through 4 should remember to send any order forms for *Gwendolyn the Graceful Pig*, which they will see performed on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in the gym.** Order forms are due by Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, so that there is time to have David Rottenberg personalize his autograph! Order form attached!

<sup>11</sup> **Can you help?** For a very long time we made great use of the white van that was donated to the school by a generous benefactor. Unfortunately, the time has arrived and we needed to put that van to retirement. **But before we look into purchasing a gently used van or pick-up truck for the school, we thought that we would ask our own families in case there is a good opportunity out there, even another donation.** We need a vehicle to make trips to purchase lumber or large items, to move furniture to and from our storage unit, or to pick up miscellaneous pieces donated to the school every once in a while; a nice size van or a pick-up truck would be ideal. Please let us know if you can help or know of someone who may be looking to sell a vehicle that may serve that purpose at a price we can afford! Thank you so much!!

<sup>12</sup> School photos went just fine last Wednesday. **Note that picture retake day will be on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.** 3-yr-olds will be taken that day, as well as any students who were absent on Wednesday, or those who are dissatisfied with their photos that will be sent home at the end of this week.

<sup>13</sup> **Parent-Teacher Conferences for grades K -12 will be held on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 6:00, or on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to noon. Reminder that there is no school on Friday, November 9th, to allow for conferences.** Information on how to sign up for a conference time was emailed (via several formats and several times 😊 ) on Sunday.

<sup>14</sup> **Last call for the Varsity Letterman jacket order forms.** Order forms have a hard deadline of Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> to allow for Christmas delivery. Order form is sent as an attachment

<sup>15</sup> This year the 8th grade is selling both **Betsy Ann and Sarris Christmas candy. Orders are due November 20th and delivery date is December 19.** Fliers will be sent home in the family folder at the end of the week. This a convenience fundraiser! If you desire to have chocolate on hand for the Christmas holidays, please consider buying from Aquinas to benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class outing! Note that we will also sell Easter Candy in this manner!

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All checks made out to Aquinas Academy.