



The Aquinas Institute of Rochester is a Catholic, private, college preparatory, co-educational school educating in the Basilian tradition.

Our mission is to teach all students goodness, discipline, and knowledge, supported through gospel values, within a comprehensive curricular and co-curricular program that will prepare them to be responsible and caring citizens.

Special points of interest:

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A Message from Mr. Mancini

I hope everyone had a great Christmas season and that your New Year is off to a good start. As the mid-term exam period approaches (January 22-29) I want to remind students to study and parents to continue to encourage good study habits at home. Mid-term exam information went home in Friday folders on the 18th. Please remember that the

school will not provide exam information over the phone.

Our students are also scheduled for retreats during the examination period. Please consult the information sent home as to which day your son or daughter has retreat.

As the spring semester approaches so does

re-registration for next year. Your student will be meeting with Mrs. Kilminster to discuss plans for next year. Those students who wrote the placement test will be getting the results in the mail after February 1.

-Mr. Mancini

January Exam Schedule

AM EXAMS ARE (2) HOURS IN LENGTH (STARTING AT 8:00 A.M.)

Jan.22	Jan. 25	Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29
Religion 7	Math 7	Social Studies 8	Living Env./	8th Grade Retreat	
Religion 8	Math 7 Acc.	7th Gr.Retreat (A)	Biology	8th grade retreat is from 8:00–2:30 Students need to bring lunch	
	Math 8	Retreat is 8:00 to 11:00			
	Integrated Algebra				

P.M. EXAMS ARE 2 HOURS EXCEPT SPANISH/FRENCH ARE 1 1/2 HOURS

Spanish 1A	Science 7	7th grade	CLASSES RESUME ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1.		
Spanish 1B	Acc. Science 7	Retreat (B)			
French 1A	Science 8	Retreat is 11:45-			
French 1 B		2:45			

December Student of the Month

7thGrade

Anne Coon
Noah Ogden

8th Grade

Alex Martell
Marco Sayers

Congratulations to these students. They will each receive a gift card to Barnes and Noble for their achievement.

Michael Amico has been named Mr. Manuzak's Regents Biology Student of the Month.



Aquinas Junior High School Faculty

- Mr. Mancini – Director**
- Ms. Kilminster - Counselor**
- Mrs. Mayeu - Administrative Asst.**

- Ms. Baschnagel—AIS**
- Mrs. Brett—Motion Dynamics**
- Mr. Cook—Social Studies**
- Mrs. Duttlinger—Foreign Language**
- Mr. Ferris—Band**
- Ms. Giralico— ELA**
- Mr. Grosodonia—Health**
- Ms. Hahn—Theology**
- Mr. Higgins—Social Studies**
- Ms. Horton—ELA**
- Mr. Kirst—Science**
- Mrs. Krickmire—Drama**
- Mrs. Lynch—Math & Theology**
- Mr. Manuszak—Biology**
- Mr. Mooney—Biology**
- Mrs. Nosky—Art**
- Mr. Sifain—Math**
- Mr. Sussina—Technology**
- Mrs. Rau—Art**
- Ms. Rybak—Spanish**
- Mr. Wilson—Music**
- Mr. Young—Science**

No Homework?

READ A BOOK!



Aquinas Parent Association

8th Grade Parents—the High School APA is looking to fill 3 positions on their board for the 2010/2011 school year. Positions are Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested please send a letter of intent to Aquinas addressed to Anne Gray, President of the APA. If you have questions contact Anne Gray at annegray62@yahoo.com or speak with a current officer: Lori Lawlor, Vice-President, Lisa King, Treasurer, Catherine Klinkbell, Secretary, Michelle Seavy, Volunteer Coordinator.

Aquinas will begin considering letters of intent starting in January 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year. It is our hope to fill positions prior to our senior parents leaving office so we can help in the transition. We look forward to hearing from you. It is a great way to meet other parents and become involved with the students. Please consider this experience.

Service Project

We wish to thank all the students, parents and faculty members who have sent in coats, sweatshirts, jeans and jackets, also we need t-shirts for children/teens. We are still collecting all of the above mentioned items plus new socks for Mary's Place.



Student Government News

Washington, D.C. Information:

There was a parent meeting held on January 5th in the auditorium for parents of 8th graders who are interested in going to Washington, D.C. The itinerary, cost of the trip and fundraising options were discussed at this meeting. The 8th grade students are selling packets of coffee for \$1.00 per pack to help defray the cost of their trip.

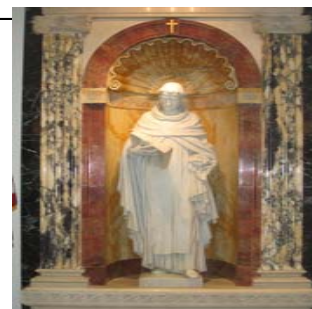
The dates of the trip are **May 12, 13, and 14**. The cost of the trip will be determined by the number of students going on the trip. The initial deposit of \$125.00 per student is due on **Friday, January 15th** (\$75.00 of which is non-refundable). On **Friday, February 5th** your second payment of \$150.00 is due. If the student is accepting insurance, a separate check of \$29.00 payable to First Choice Travel is due this day.

February 26th your rooming list with all student travelers is due.

March 26th your unpaid balance is due.

THE AQUINAS INSTITUTE OF ROCHESTER

Motto: Credo quid quid dixit dei filius.



Happy New Year from Mr. Sussina



Let's forget about the bits and bytes for now. I was privileged to be invited to the Karen New Year celebration at the Lake Ave. Baptist Church. You do not pronounce Karen like the female name in the U.S. you pronounce Karen with the emphasis on the ren part of Karen.



The Karen people are an ethnic group in South-east Asia. The AQJH is honored to have a 7th grader, Has Keh Po, as a member of the Aquinas family. She has been in the U.S. almost 3 years. She is a hard working student that speaks fluent Karen.

Governments around the world are beginning to accept Karen people, mostly from Burma and Thailand. It must be known that the Karens are coming to America at the invitation of the US Government through the Federal Resettlement Program. They enter the US legally and are on a legally prescribed path to obtain US citizenship should they decide to do so.

Most Karen people have come to this country after going through rigorous resettlement interviews and cultural orientation. The jump to the US is huge. Many Karens are experiencing the "fast" life in the US for the first time without speaking the English language.

The Karen New Year celebration was quite an event. I have never been to anything like this in my life. The colorful clothing, their traditional dances, their ethnic food (of which I had no problem eating, and eating a lot) was like watching the Discovery Channel live. The Karen people are smart, hard working, warm and generous. I felt like I was at home after just a few minutes. One thing was obvious. Kids are kids. Most of you know what I mean. The little ones—you can't tell what country they are from, they all act the same. One person was trying to video the speeches and dances, and this 2 or 3 year old kept kicking his tripod, all morning long. When this little guy stopped, another little guy took his place.

Aquinas welcomes Has Keh Po (shown above with her younger brother) and her family. The one nice thing about Aquinas is that once she started here, she immediately was a member of her new family, the Aquinas family.

The Aquinas Parents Association is looking for volunteers to help run AQJH events. Contact Alyssa Whitfield or Rose Callea or the Junior High Office for information.

AQ Fact:

In 1932 the first permanent members of the St. Thomas Club are inducted. First Mission Bouts. In 1937 full administrative authority for Aquinas is transferred from the Diocesan clergy to the Basilian Fathers.

Aquinas Sports

Aquinas will again be offering its Winter Baseball Camp for students in grades 1–9. The camp is being held February 15–February 18.

Please contact Mark Magliocco at web.mac.com/xdawg

What's going on in January

January 4—School Opens

January 5—Parent Breakfast Meeting
7:30–8:15 a.m. in Cafeteria

January 5—8th grade Parent Meeting
7:00 p.m. –Auditorium

January 12—Dance Recital—7:00 p.m.

January 18—Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day—No School

January 22—Mid-term Exams begin

January 26, 27, 28, 29—Jr. High Retreats

Recent AQJH Events



- AQJH dancers performed in the Winter Dance Concert.
- 8th graders wowed friends with the video games they created in Mr. Sussina’s class



- 7th graders rewrote and presented their favorite childhood stories in Mrs. Krickmire’s class.

Coming up in February

Feb. 4, 5, 6—Winter Play *A Raisin in the Sun*—7:30 p.m.

Feb. 8—Recommendations for Courses due

Feb. 9—8th grade Parent Meeting—7:00 p.m.

Feb. 12—Jr. High Dance—7:00—9:00

Feb. 15—Feb. 19—Winter Recess

Feb. 28—Pasta Dinner 1:00—5:00