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# The Torch



"Mercy  
in Motion"  
School Year  
Theme for  
2017-2018

November, 2017

Dear Friends of Aquinas & St. Mary's,

On October 2, Aquinas-St. Mary's held its first Board of Advisors Meeting. The members represent the different subcommittees as well as the Aquinas and St. Mary's School Councils. The voting members are Deb Svec and Laura Adair for **Outreach**, Mike Moravec and Jodi Prochaska for **Finance & Audit**, Ken Polacek and Scott Samek for **Facilities**, Lisa Lyons as the St. Mary's School Council representative, Julie Reiter as the Aquinas School Council representative, Fr. Bernard Kimminau (St. Mary's pastor), and Fr. Leo Seiker (David City Dean). The Board of Advisors also receives updates on the progress of the Intentional Discipleship Team (implementing the Sacred Catholic Foundation pillar of the Strategic Plan), as well as from the Advance Ed/School Improvement Team (implementing the Exceptional Learning pillar). We had a very good first meeting, and we are looking forward to our next meeting in late November. There will be two additional meetings in the second semester.

We have also had many different guest speakers in both schools during the first quarter. Jodee Blanco visited the schools in September. She is a nationally-acclaimed author and speaker on bullying, and she gave four terrific presentations to our K-12 faculty and staff members, our St. Mary's students, the Aquinas students, and a parent-child event that same evening that was open to all local school districts. Everyone who listened to her speak took away something very valuable, especially the need to practice empathy. As a bullying victim herself, she said that often what was hurtful to her as a student was not so much what others "did" to her, but what they "did not" do to include her in group activities.

We hosted a parents meeting for suicide prevention training (Q.P.R. – Question, Persuade, Refer) on October 4. The presenters were from Region V Systems in Lincoln, and their Prevention specialists. This was important information that can help anyone talk to somebody considering suicide, and to save their life. The training was very informative and not difficult to learn. All of our Aquinas and St. Mary's faculty and staff underwent the training at the beginning of this school year.

Our most recent speaker was Sarah Swafford from Benedictine University on October 11. She has spoken to thousands of high school and college students at retreats and rallies across the country. Through the generosity of a benefactor, Sarah talked to our middle and high school students about emotional virtue and drama-free relationships. It was not an ordinary chastity talk, as she really got to the heart of what both men and women want in a relationship. It was outstanding, and I hope our kids really benefitted from it!

All of these speakers have helped us in our mission to prepare our students for their future in the Church, family life, and civic life. They highlight and reinforce the great work that our teachers are doing in the classroom day in and day out. We are grateful for the excellent job that they do for the benefit of our Aquinas & St. Mary's students.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Sean M. Timminau*

# From the Transportation Director.....

November, 2017

## Aquinas/St. Mary's Snow Day Policy

As the winter season approaches, I want to explain our policies and procedures dealing with school closing due to inclement weather.

If possible, we will hold classes on every scheduled school day. If weather conditions warrant consideration, the administrations of Aquinas/St. Mary's and David City Public Schools will confer and decide on what action will be taken. The administration will attempt to make this decision by 6:30 a.m. If the decision is made to delay or cancel school, **IRIS calls** will be made to our patrons and we will notify these **radio stations**:

**KFOR 1240 AM KZKX 96.9 FM KFRX 106.3 FM KIBZ 104.1FM**

**KTGL 92.9 FM KLMS 1480 AM WJAG 780 AM KEXL 106.7 FM**

We will also notify **channel 10/11, channel 8 and channel 7 television stations**.

In the event we decide to OPEN SCHOOL LATE, we would begin school at 10:00 a.m. Preschool will be held in the afternoon only!

We will follow the same procedure if we find it necessary to dismiss students early without prior notice. If we have to close school during the day, you may want to have made arrangements in advance for your students to go somewhere or for someone to pick them up at school. For grade school children, these arrangements should be on file in the school office. Parents please discuss the arrangements with your children and send written notice.

## Bus Transportation Procedures

**When roads are impassable, please notify your bus driver so he does not try to enter a dangerous situation. The drivers will notify you if, in their judgment, they cannot drive to your regular stop. An alternate pick-up point should be worked out between you and the bus driver. This is being done because road conditions may vary with each storm. If you have any questions, call your driver.**

Some things that you, as a parent, can do to assist us to have a smooth, safe operation of the transportation system are the following:

1. Have your children at the bus stop on time. (It would be courteous to call the next parents to notify them if the bus is on its way but running a few minutes late.)
2. Be sure that arrangements have been made for your children to remain in town in the event they cannot be transported home. If you have not notified the school office, please do so.
3. Be sure your children dress warmly every day for the bus trip to school. Situations can develop, even on a clear winter day, which could cause a bus to stall. Should this occur, the clothing your children have on may be needed to keep them warm until assistance arrives.
4. Often times you will know of roads that are impassable before the driver arrives at the particular spot. Please let the driver know of roads that are usually impassable when heavy snow or blowing snow occurs so a plan can be devised to avoid major problems. As you know, the cargoes on the buses are precious and any unnecessary risk is too much.

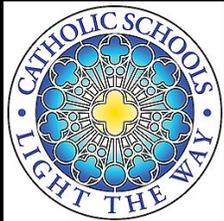
## Activity Practices & Events

It is our policy that if the weather conditions are such that it warrants canceling school or dismissing early, then all practices will be canceled.

Elementary and middle school activities will not be held if school has been closed that day.

If school has been closed and a high school activity has been scheduled for that evening, we will not participate in that evening's activity unless one of the following situations exist:

1. The opposing teams or tournament personnel would not agree to postpone the event. (EVEN IF THIS OCCURRED WE WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE UNLESS THE WEATHER CONDITIONS HAD IMPROVED TO A POINT WHERE TRAVEL WAS SAFE.)
2. If snow/ice during the night caused the cancellation of school and the weather throughout the day made it possible for the snow/ice to be removed from school parking areas and roadways, we would try to hold the activity.



# Monarchs

AQUINAS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOVEMBER, 2017

## Sixth graders delve into reading, writing

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are off to a great start this school year! The class is rather small, with only 29 students, and they do a good job of supporting and showing respect toward one another. Since 6<sup>th</sup> grade is the beginning of middle school, everyone was new to Aquinas, but it did not take long for this group to adapt to the policies and procedures here.

In reading, the students are just finishing their second novel, *Wonder*. This book tells the story of a young boy who was born with a severe facial deformity and all that he must deal with because of it. The students seem to be enjoying this book and have had some very insightful class discussions about it. A movie based on the book will be released next month, and we are hoping to be able to see it as a class.

In English, the students are writing essays entitled, "America's Gift to My Generation," as part of a writing contest. I have been intrigued by the topics the students are writing about, and look forward to seeing their final drafts. These papers will be submitted to our local VFW for judging, and I am anxious to hear their thoughts.

Math has been a mix of all kinds of learning objectives thus far. Much of what we have covered is review material from 5<sup>th</sup> grade, but the numbers we work with tend to get bigger each year! Recent lessons have included using order of operations to solve equations and interpreting and analyzing word problems so that we may solve them. We are practicing the skill of using key words and phrases that indicate what operations need to be performed to find the correct answers. We've also stressed that math is an exact science—there is only one correct answer, but often times there is more than one way to find that answer.

~ Mrs. Jody Pelan

## Social Studies classes have student teacher

Hello, my name is Brennan Brockhaus. I am currently student teaching this semester here at Aquinas. I graduated from high school in 2013 from Scotus in Columbus (Go rocks!). I have to be careful who I tell that to around here. After that, I went to Wayne State College for four years majoring in Social Sciences Education. Wayne is a great small college town, and I loved my time there. At Aquinas, I am student teaching under Ann Heermann and Ron Mimick.

With Mrs. Heermann, I am working with 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies classes. Right now, 6<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about U.S. Geography. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are studying Ancient Rome.

When I am not with Mrs. Heermann, I am working with Ron Mimick and his freshmen American History class. Right now, we are studying Teddy Roosevelt and the Progressive Era.

December 1<sup>st</sup> is my last day here. Beyond that, I plan on subbing and looking for a teaching job in the spring.

~ Brennan Brockhaus



## Science in the Middle

Middle School Science has been busy again. Sixth grade is learning about bacteria, viruses, protists, and fungi. Seventh grade learned about the worlds growing population and what we must do to conserve our natural resources. Check out this website that shows how fast our world's population is growing. <http://www.worldometers.info/world-population/> We also did a demonstration with an apple to understand the portion of the world that is useable for humans. Only 25 percent of the world is land, half of that is desert, swamps, frozen, and mountainous for us to even live on.

Finally the 7<sup>th</sup> graders looked at plastic and the different recyclable numbers and what they mean. Eighth graders have been learning about DNA and even constructed a DNA ladder using licorice and tiny marshmallows. (*Photo above.*) We are now learning about the different body systems and are learning bones and muscles. We used a chicken wing to examine how muscles work in pairs and how the bones and muscles connect.

~ Mrs. Shelly Mayo



## What did you learn today?

I was surprised to find out a few years back that children clear their working memory each night. It clarified a lot of things from the teacher side—why don't students remember this or that, we just did it yesterday? So, how do we get our students to retain what we teach?

Our knowledge of how the brain works is always developing, but it seems that the new idea has to get attached to some part of their pre-existing knowledge. If it doesn't connect to something significant in their memory, it will get erased each night, just like the RAM (temporary memory) on your computer/phone when you restart. As teachers, that means we have to teach in ways that help students relate learning to what they already know and build on it or give them significant physical opportunities (hands-on objects or movement) that may trigger a stronger connection. That is why you see so many interesting, varied lessons in our classrooms. They are acting out scenes in religion, building dioramas in Social Studies, us-

ing manipulatives in math. These are all efforts by teachers to connect to students in at least one way that will solidify their understanding (and to increase the challenge, each child is different!).

At home, you can help your students by asking that long-utilized question, "What did you learn today?" One of the best ways to lock in learning is to teach it to someone else. If your child has to "teach" you something that they learned today (at ALL grade levels!), it greatly increases the likelihood that the idea will become a part of their permanent memory. If you can check back with them a week or so later and reinforce it a little more before they take a test on it...even better. Isn't it great to know that in asking that simple question all along in your child's education you have been doing the right thing? So, give yourself a pat on the back and help your child increase their working knowledge. By the way, for adults...we erase our working memory every 3 days!



It was Hat Day in Preschool. The children wore a hat to school, and we discussed differ-



### Pre-School/Pre-K News

The Pre-K students used blocks to create a house large enough for their entire family. They used peg dolls to represent each person in their family, and the house had to be big enough for everyone to fit. We had some very creative houses! (See Photo below)





## Kindergarten News

The seniors have already come to visit the kindergarteners a couple times this year. During our first visit, we did a "Get to Know Me" worksheet and had a little recess. The kindergarteners loved sharing their games with the seniors! In our second visit, we got ready for Halloween by making skeletons from noodles. The kindergarteners really appreciated the seniors help in making their skeletons look spooky! (See photo at left)

~ Mrs. Katie Smith and Mrs. Kayla Schlautman



## First Grade News

First graders are hard at work have mastered all facts from 0+0 learning addition math facts. By to 10+10. We will have close to the end of first grade, we hope to 60 addition facts to know quickly

in order to make more advanced math problems in second grade and up easier. If we know all of our addition math facts, then we will be able to master the subtraction facts as well. The only way to be fluent at these facts is to practice each night and make sure to practice the more difficult ones a few extra times.

We will also get to start working on practicing these facts in the computer lab using a program called Mad Minute. Again, practicing flashcards at home will make mastering facts on Mad Minute a lot of fun! Rocket Math is another tool that we use to make sure we are mastering our addition facts, and we will start that second semester.

~ Mrs. Jennifer Suehl  
and Mrs. Sandy Vavrina





## Second Grade News

The second graders haven't slowed down since the beginning of the school year. We have been staying busy with our math facts, new reading stories, daily spelling words, Ten Commandments in religion, and plants and animals in science. Students will be starting on new religion book on First Reconciliation next week!



The students have also enjoyed Mrs. Zook coming in and teaching them all about virtues. Right now, they are focusing on Friendship. They are challenged daily to be a great friend to all those around them!! (Photo at left.)

And lastly, the second graders have had a lot of fun pushing their reading with our AR goal. If they receive 40 points, they earn a BIG prize!

~ Mrs Carly Eller and Mr. Trevor Weiss

## Third Grade News

Third Grade has been very busy lately. The Third Graders completed a really fun art project. It was called "In His Footsteps." The children each created a beach scene with sand, the ocean and waves. The students then had their feet painted with a mixture of brown paint and glue and stepped down on their beach. After the footprint was made, we sprinkled sand to make it look more realistic. The students really enjoyed creating this art project!

~Mrs. LaDonna Naiberk and Mrs. Tina Janak





## Fourth Grade News

The fourth graders were excited to get to use a new math tool: a compass! We learned that a compass is a tool that we can use to draw perfect circles. Our lessons on circles included figuring out the radius and diameter, since we have to set our compass to the radius. We discovered that it takes some practice to be able to draw those circles smoothly without the compass moving around. After getting the hang of it, we used our compasses to make an art project which we colored and have displayed so others can see our new talent. (See photos below.)

~ Miss Ellen Ridder and Mrs. Julie Smith



## Grade 5 News

The fifth graders enjoy learning from Fr. Holdren during his weekly visits. He has been providing additional information on the virtues which the students have been studying in religion class.

~Mrs. Pam Comte  
and Mrs. Alison Fozzard

November, 2017



**.....FROM EVERYONE AT  
AQUINAS & ST. MARY'S!**



Thank you to Sister Michaelene, Maru Whitmore, Caroline Slama and Helen Ostdiek for their book donations to the Aquinas

*Thank you* to the following for their donations, assistance and help with concessions throughout the school year:

Stop-Inn, Dan and Jan Sypal

RJ & Cortney Hein

Dan and Mary Jane Hilger,

Hilger popcorn

Bank of the Valley

First State Insurance, Pam Siroky

Wahoo Meat Locker, Charlie Emswiler

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2017 annual St. Mary's T-shirt fundraiser. We've seen lots of people proudly wearing their St. Mary's shirt!

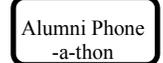
Thank you to the parents of the XC Team for the Pasta dinners at the beginning and end of the 2017 season.  
~Coach Svec and the 2017 XC Team

Thank you to the parents and volunteers who helped behind the scenes at Aquinas band competitions this fall. Your help is greatly appreciated!

The students at Aquinas have enjoyed three awesome speakers this past quarter thanks to the generosity of several anonymous donors! Thank you to these donors for helping our students to grow in character and faith!

# November 2017

## Aquinas/St. Mary's Catholic Schools

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Denotes a change in the calendar			1 ALL SAINTS DAY NO SCHOOL	2 All Souls Day Mass	3 ACT Registration Due  FB State Playoffs	4 VB District Finals
5 Daylight Savings Ends  	6 4:30 PM MS GBB Schuyler   	7 TBA Osceola One-Acts	8 Faculty Meeting 10:00 AM Late Start	9 State VB @ Lincoln  	10 State VB @ Lincoln  FB State Playoffs	11 State VB @ Lincoln
12  	13 4:30 PM MS GBB Scotus 6:30 PM MS WR @ Utica Centennial Quad	14	15 6:30PM SMS Council Meeting 7:30 PM Aquinas Council Meeting	16 7:00 PM Butler County One-Acts @ Aquinas	17 Mid-Quarter SMS Baptism Mass & Spirit Day	18 9:00PM MS GBB Madison 9:00AM MS WR @ Howells Tournament
19	20 12:30 PM Conf. One-Acts @ Hastings St. Cecilia	21 FB State Championship	22	23 THANKSGIVING VACATION NO SCHOOL	24 THANKSGIVING VACATION NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 6:30PM MS WR Dual vs.Schuyler TBA District One-Acts 7:00 PM Board of Advisors Meeting	28 5:30 PM MS GBB @ Utica Centennial	29 Penance Service & Eucharistic Adoration	30 4:30 PM MS GBB @ Columbus Lakeview 6:30 PM WR Boone Central (WR Senior Night)		



AQUINAS & ST. MARY'S

APRIL 7, 2018

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
 This year will be the **20th**  
 Annual Gold Rush!  
 Mark your calendars  
 for April 7, 2018  
 and join us  
 for this special event!

When considering end-of-the-year charitable giving for 2017, please remember Aquinas and St. Mary's Catholic Schools.

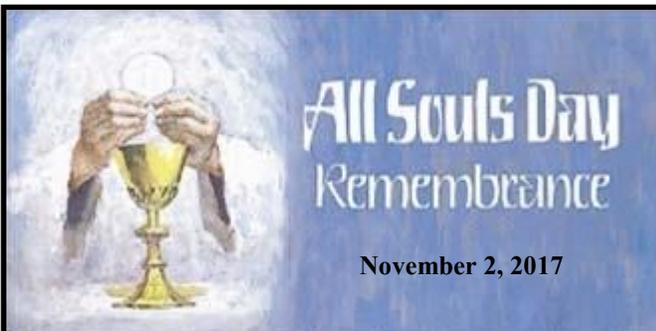
Your gift makes a difference for

- Our children,
- Our families
- and Our faith.

AQUINAS AND ST. MARYS CATHOLIC

**END OF YEAR GIVING**

2017



The Annual Aquinas All Souls Day Mass to remember deceased alumni, students, faculty and staff will be November 2, 2017 beginning at 8:10am in the North Aquinas gym. We extend an invitation to anyone who would like to attend as we pray for the deceased of our school.

**THANK YOU** to all of the alumni who stopped by the Alumni tent at the Aquinas Homecoming Football game. We love having our alumni come visit their alma



## **Dear 2018 Seniors and Parents of 2018 Seniors,**

Next year your son/daughter will be a senior. One of the most lasting and treasured reminders of this year will be the senior pictures which will be taken over the summer or the first part of the school year. You will be responsible for getting the following senior pictures to Mrs. Pokorny by **November 1, 2017:**

**You need to have your photographer email your colored formal pose picture in a vertical billfold sized JPEG file at 250 dpi to me for the yearbook, composite, alumni board, press releases, and class video. This picture should be the colored formal indoor pose with a plain background. (This should be a head shot with no hands visible please.) You are responsible for making sure the school has this by November 1st. They may email this to Mrs. Pokorny at [teresa-pokorny@cdolinc.net](mailto:teresa-pokorny@cdolinc.net)**

**If we do not have your prints by November, you may miss out on being in the composite, yearbook, etc. or have to pay for the late fee to be included. Be sure to schedule for your pictures to be taken by September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

As we at Aquinas should always strive to live up to Christ's example of modesty and Christian decency, we ask that no inappropriate pictures be submitted for publication. This would include:

**Females-no off-the-shoulder dresses or blouses**

**Females-no tops with an immodest/low cut; no spaghetti or thin straps on shoulders for dresses or blouses**

**Males-wear a collared shirt and tie. (A jacket is preferred but optional.)**

**Nothing that goes against the current dress code, for example-tattoo/body piercing, hair length, facial hair, etc.**

**\*Remember that by a colored formal pose, we are asking for a head shot with no hands visible in the picture. The background should be plain/one color and NO outdoor shots.**

**Again, remember to have your photographer email your colored formal vertical pose picture in a billfold sized JPEG file at 250 dpi to Mrs. Pokorny by November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The administration reserves the right to refuse any portrait deemed unacceptable or immodest. Please read and follow the instructions we have provided and there should be no problems.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pokorny at 367-3175.

Sincerely,  
Teresa Pokorny  
Senior Class Moderator  
Aquinas High School

# 200 Club

Aquinas Patron:

This is your opportunity to become a member of the Aquinas 200 Club. This starts with your \$50 donation. Then after two hundred tickets are sold, drawings are held.

If 200 tickets are sold, there are ten drawings with seven winners each. 1-\$200 winner, 1-\$100 winner and seven \$50 winners for all ten drawings. A person who has won on a previous drawing has the name put back in for the next drawing, so you can win multiple times, and people have.

If you wish to join, just send \$50 into Mr. Mimick at Aquinas, you will receive a slip acknowledging the sign-up, and your name will then go into the drawing.

Yours,

Ron Mimick  
Activities Director

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

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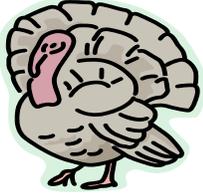
You can win multiple times.

**Every Drawing**

One \$200.00 winner

One \$100.00 winner

Seven \$50.00 winners



# November 2017

## St. Mary's Grade School

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 NO SCHOOL	2 Taco Soft or Hard Shell Corn Pears	3 Cheese Bread Green Beans Mandarin oranges Marinara Sauce
6 Chicken Bacon Wrap Peas Apples Slush	7 Beef Sticks Mashed Potatoes Gravy Green Beans Peaches	8 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Chips Strawberry Cups LATE START	9 Noodle Soup Carrots Mandarin Oranges Tea Rolls	10 Pancakes Hash Browns Orange Juice
13 Corn Dogs Tater Tots Green Beans .0 Mixed Fruit	14 Chicken Nuggets Corn Peaches	15 Pigs in the Blanket French Fries Peas Apple Sauce	16 Thanksgiving Dinner Stuffing Mashed Potatoes Corn Pumpkin Dessert Tea Roll	17 Cheese Pizza Peas Pears
20 Cheesy Potatoes Ham Carrots Apple Sauce Bread and Butter	21 Chili Soup Cinnamon Rolls Mandarin Oranges String Cheese	22 Hamburger Pizza Peas Peaches	23 Thanksgiving Vacation No School	24 Thanksgiving vacation No School
27 Chicken Quesadilla Green Beans Apple Slush	28 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Carrots Peaches	29 Spaghetti –n-Meat Corn Pineapple Garlic Bread	30 Chicken Fries Peas Peaches	Veg/fruit bar & milk  Offered every day

# November 2017

## Aquinas/St. Mary's Catholic Schools

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Veg/fruit bar & milk offered everyday Menus are			1 ALL SAINTS DAY NO SCHOOL	2 Crispito Refried Beans Spanish Rice	3 Cheese Pizza Tri Tater Green Beans	4
5	6 Tortilla Soup Garlic Bread	7 Chicken Fajita Corn Garnish	8 Deli Sandwich Nachos Green Beans	9 Sloppy Joes Tater Tots Cauliflower	10 Tuna & Noodles Peas Dinner Roll	11
12	13 Charbroils Waffle Fries Green Beans	14 Biscuits & Gravy Hash Browns Carrots	15 Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Broccoli	16 Thanksgiving Dinner	17 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup	18
19	20 Meatball Subs Chips Green Beans	21 Popcorn Chicken Bowls Corn	22 French Toast Sausage Omelet	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 Chicken Strips Baked Potato Carrots	28 Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Tri Tater	29 Walking Taco Corn Garnish	30 Mr. rib Jo Jos Carrots		

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# College and Career Planning

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## 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!

A special **THANK YOU** to EducationQuest Foundation for visiting Aquinas and presenting on Financial Aid. Several families were present at the event and received a lot of information. To learn more about the [FAFSA](#) visit their website. [EducationQuest's has an online](#) tutorial or you can view the slides from last week's presentation at <https://www.educationquest.org/presentations/guide-to-college-funding/>

Another THANK YOU to Jeff from Central Community College and Dave from Titan Machinery. We appreciate you taking the time out of your day to visit with our students about careers in the diesel industry as well as the helpful career planning advice.

This month the Seniors learned a lot about Financial Aid. Not only did we discuss the FAFSA but also different financial aid options such as Military, Scholarships and co-op programs. The seniors have a few things before the end of October:

1. Sign up for [ScholarshipQuest](#) This is a Nebraska database that allows students to create a profile. The database then matches up scholarships that meet the students' criteria. It is a great way to sort through the overwhelming web of scholarship information.
2. Look at the requirements for the [Susan Buffet Scholarship](#). The Buffet Foundations has set up college scholarships for students attending Nebraska Public Colleges. The scholarships are based on financial need. It is a great opportunity for Nebraska High School Seniors, the application opens on November 1st
3. Look into special programs at your college: [RHOP](#), [KHOP](#), [RLOP](#), Honors Programs, [TRIO](#), [Upward Bound](#) Take a college visit and ask about any special programs that you can take



- Oct 24 ASVAB Test at Aquinas (all Juniors)
- Oct 31 Northeast CC Rep during access
- Nov 1 Buffet Scholarship is available
- Nov 1 UNL True Red Deadline
- Nov 2 Academic Transfer Presentation – Doug Meyer SECC
- Nov. 3 ACT Registration Deadline for the Dec ACT
- Dec 1 Wayne State Deadline



Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5-18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	Sept 23-Oct 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

**What is a Priority Deadlines?**  
 All colleges want required admission and financial aid information by a specific date. They call it their Priority Deadline. The forms are still accepted after the deadline, however, to be considered for scholarships and certain financial aid everything needs to be to the college by their

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

By Alison Ourada, EducationQuest

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

## John Baylor Update

This month we are finishing up with our John Baylor Prep Program. 9th and 10 had their last sessions this week and Juniors and Seniors will be finished in early November. 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 and watch videos and complete the practice problems. There are amazing 30



## **WIN A FREE JEAN DAY!**

**A free jean day will be awarded to each student in November who has \$200 or more in Scrip purchases by family members in the month of October. So let your family members know to check out Scrip and inform the Scrip team member who sells you the Scrip which family gets credit for your purchase. This can be brothers & sisters, parents, grandparents, or even aunts & uncles!!**

**The team members are looking for your purchases and will be asking which family to give credit for each purchase. Go to the Aquinas website: <https://www.aquinas-catholic.com> and Scrip is located under the Development Tab. It tells you what Scrip is, who the team members are and how to sign up for ordering Scrip on line if you choose to sign up! Or contact Nancy Vrbka at 402.545.2025 (Home) or 402.367.8835 (Cell) or Kelli Augustin 402.527.5669 (Home) or 402.910.1303 (Cell).**



**THANK YOU!  
FOR BUYING SCRIP!!**



### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT WEAPONS NOTICE\*\*\***

**Aquinas/St. Mary's Catholic Schools has a policy against knowingly and intentionally possessing or using a weapon or firearm on school grounds, in a school vehicle, or at a school sponsored activity or event. Consequences of this offense may be up to and including expulsion.**

**If you or your son/daughter is a hunter, you should be absolutely certain that no weapons are in the vehicle that your son/daughter brings to school or to a school activity.**



Give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good; His love endures forever.  
- Psalm 118:1



*Today be thankful and think how rich you are.  
Your family is priceless, your time is gold  
and your health is wealth.*

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