



St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School

The Crusader Connection



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Principal's News

Sister Kateri Rose, O.P.
Principal

Dear Aquinas Parents,

Calendar Items

6/1	ALA testing 3-4 pm
6/2	Out of Uniform Casual Dress Day
6/5	Last Day for Lost and Found Items to be claimed
6/12	8th Grade Graduation @Sacred Heart
6/13	Used Uniform Sale 3-5pm
6/14	Field day Noon Dismissal
6/15	Last day of school Noon Dismissal- No afternoon Extended Day
8/28	First Day of School 2017-2018 school year. 12 noon dismissal. Extended Day will close at 3pm.

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I pray everyone enjoyed a blessed Memorial Day weekend! We have much to be grateful for and many families who have lost loved ones in service and need our prayers.

As we wind down this school year, there are many exciting things going on at the school. Please take some time to look through this Connection and next week's (the last two of the year), so that you are aware of what is going on and any schedule changes or events for your child/children. Looking toward the summer, I know that many of you may be seeking enrichment opportunities for your child to engage in during the summer months. Many summer camps have been highlighted in previous issues of the Connection and some are listed in this issue. I hope that you will find something to stretch and grow your child's gifts and talents! Additionally, making time *each day* to READ is a great way to prevent a summer slide. Set expectations and goals that work for your family and then stick to it! Though some may argue, whine, or complain, your children will thank you in the long run!

Next week, on Wednesday, June 7th, please join us for our Virtue All-Star Awards prior to our all school Mass. This will be our 8th Grade's final all-school Mass!

I pray you have a blessed week!

In Christ,
Sr. Kateri Rose, O.P.

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Our auction winner "Principal for the Day", Lindsay Scarola, has granted an Out of Uniform day to the entire school, this Friday June 2nd. Please adhere to the Uniform code for Casual Dress - Out of Uniform days:

"On days when students are permitted to dress casually, tennis shoes may be worn. All clothing must be worn modestly. All casual pants must be worn at the waist. No bare midriffs, low-cut tops, or excessively tight or revealing jeans or tops are permitted. Shorts and skorts are permitted on casual dress day only during the time when the summer uniform is allowed to be worn. Shirts must be appropriate for school. (ex. No reference to bands, etc.) No spaghetti strap tops are allowed. No leggings may be worn as pants. Leggings may only be worn under dresses or skirts that are knee length. If a student is improperly dressed on any out of uniform day, they will be given alternate clothing to wear or their parents will be called to take them home or bring a change of clothes."

STARS website Parent Login
User name: STARSparent
Password: sta1977-2017



Policy Reminders

EARLY DEPARTURE OF STUDENTS

The office staff cannot call any student for early departure within 30 minutes of dismissal. Since the school day ends at 3:00 PM each day, no child will be picked up later than 2:30 PM for an early dismissal. The end of the school day is busy for teachers and staff. If a student has an appointment after school, pickup must be made before the above stated time.

School Announcements

CARPOOL FORMS

If you are interested in forming a carpool, joining a carpool, or transporting a paying rider, please complete and return the attached [Carpool Form](#). The information will be compiled and set out with the back to school mailing in August. In order to be included on the list your form must be received in the office by June 30.

AUCTION SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey for our 2018 Aquinas Auction event. We want to plan an event that everyone will enjoy and your feedback will help us do so. Thank you! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B695DNP>

PWC LANGUAGE ASSESSMENTS

Staff from Prince William County schools will visit this week to assist with the end of year *Language Assessments*. They will meet with students that have a second language listed on their *Home Language Survey*. We appreciate your cooperation in this process.

LION KING, JR. DVD

The St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School Middle School musical DVD recording of our production, *The Lion King Jr.*, is available for purchase for \$15 per disk. Each disk contains all three middle school performances. Fill out the attached [order form](#) and return it with payment to the school office.

LION KING, JR. PHOTO BOOK

The school has ordered 10 additional copies of a beautiful hardcover photo book with pictures from the *Lion King, Jr.* production, only 3 copies remain. We will have one on display at the front desk. Each book is \$40 and will be available for purchase on a first paid – first sold basis.



LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found - anything left in the lost and found on June 5th will be donated to the Used Uniform sale or to charity.



FIELD DAY

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Field Day is Wednesday, June 14th from 8am - 12 noon. Students will wear their P.E. uniforms. It is a fun, active day to be enjoyed by all current K-7th grade Aquinas students. Teachers and staff are unable to provide or apply sunscreen to students. If your child requires sunscreen, please apply it before school.

In order to be a success, we will need many, many volunteers from indoor and outdoor game helpers to face painters and more! Please click on the following link to help

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094ea4aa2aa31-field1>.

ADVANCED LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRAM

Students who excel in language arts and are interested in pursuing a more rigorous course of studies are invited to apply to the Advanced Language Arts (ALA) Program. The program is available for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who are academically motivated and desire a curriculum that keeps them constantly challenged and interested. The testing date for the program is Thursday, June 1, 2017, from 3:00- 4:00 pm and the application is also due on that date. Click here for [the application](#) and [the study guide](#) for the test. Keep in mind that there is a recommendation form required from the current language arts teacher in the application packet, so please allow enough time for the teacher to complete the recommendation. Please direct any questions to Miss Zengierski, the program coordinator, by email at jzengierski@aquinastars.org.

AQUINAS MOMS SCRIPTURE SHARING

Aquinas moms meet once a month at 1:30 in the school library for fellowship and Scripture sharing. Simply bring a Bible and an open heart. The last meeting is June 9th.



Sports

GIRLS SOCCER

Congratulations to our Girls Soccer team, they competed in the VCAC soccer tournament and placed 3rd.



PTO Announcements

USED UNIFORM SALE

The last PTO Used Uniform sale of this school year will be Tuesday June 13th from 3-5 pm in the school gym/multi-purpose room. All items are \$5 per piece. Anyone who donates 3 or more CLEAN pieces may purchase for only \$3/piece. Please donate your gently used uniform pieces including PE uniform items. Used uniform donations will be accepted any time in the front office until the day of sale. Cash or checks will be accepted. Sorry, no trades. Questions please contact Patricia Kormos, pattykormos11@gmail.com

"Grandfathered items" - Items sold at the Used Uniform sale will be in compliance with the grandfathered items policy (for the 2017-2018 school year only). You will need to make sure that they are appropriate for your student's new grade in 2017-18. Please refer to the [2016-17 Parent-Student](#)

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[handbook](#) for the current uniform policy (that will be grandfathered). The new uniform policy is available at <https://aquinastars.org/school-life/uniforms/>

MONTHLY ROSARY AND PILGRIM VIRGIN

See the [attached form](#) for the opportunity to support Aquinas with a monthly rosary and the [attached form](#) for the opportunity to have the statue visit your home.

MISSING STATUE

One of our pilgrim statues has gone missing. If anyone still has Our Lady visiting your home, could you please return her to the school office. As always please pray for the intentions of our school's families & faculty.

PARENTS IN PRAYER

Let Us Pray:

For **Pope Francis**, that God will continue to bless him, as he leads the Church.

For **Bishop Burbidge**, that God will bless him as he leads his flock.

For the special intentions of **St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School**.

For our **leadership in Prince William County** as they consider upcoming legislation.

For comfort for all those who suffer from injustice and the victims of terrorism.

For the safety and well-being of our **Armed Forces** serving throughout the world.

For the repose of the soul of **Philip Them**, Mrs. Planchak's father.

For **Mrs. Decowski-Brown**, extended day staff, that God will watch over her as she undergoes medical treatment.

For **John A. Steptoe, Jr.**, grandfather of Langston Rhodes, that God will grant him strength and watch over him.

For **Alvaro Parada**, father of Anthony and Mariah Parada, that God will restore his health and watch over him during his upcoming surgery.

For an **Aquinas Community member**, that God may grant healing and strength.

For the repose of the soul of **Melanie Nocera**, mother of Elon and Anthony.

For **Cisco Brink, Major**, US Army, father of Liliana (2nd grade) and Sophia (Pre-K) Brink, who is deployed to Afghanistan this school year, that God will watch over him and bring him home safely to his family.

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For **Daniel Powell USMC**, friend of Audrey Davis, who is being deployed to the Middle East, that God will watch over him and return him safely to his family.



Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

National Leaders:

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

We are blessed to have such wonderful families in our Aquinas community and one of the many spiritual gifts we give each other is praying for the intentions listed. Email your prayer intentions to mdsa72@gmail.com

Other

ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT EVENTS

Please join John Paul the Great Catholic High School!

Applications for Admission and Financial Aid are still being accepted! Join our growing community! Rising 9th, 10th and 11th graders are encouraged to apply today! Please visit:

<http://www.jpthegreat.org/admissions/> or call 703.445.0300.

OLA YOUTH MINISTRY INVITATION

Our Lady of Angels Youth Ministry is excited to welcome all graduating 8th graders to join them for Youth Night on Sunday June 11, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. They will be celebrating the new 9th graders with a special welcome night in the courtyard between the school and the church. There will be music, food, fun games, and lots of friends, all immediately following the 5:15pm Mass. Please contact the Youth Ministry Director, Nick Huff, with any questions. nhuff@olacc.org or 703-491-9459

Summer Camps

SUMMER CAMPS AT JP THE GREAT

JP will offer a handful of sports and enrichment camps this summer geared toward middle schools students, featuring our talented coaches and teachers:

<i>Boys Basketball</i>	<i>June 19 - June 23</i>
<i>Creative Writing</i>	<i>June 26 - June 30</i>
<i>Football</i>	<i>June 26 - June 30</i>
<i>Environmental Science</i>	<i>June 26 - June 30</i>
<i>Knitting</i>	<i>July 10 - July 14</i>
<i>Inspector Gadget Engineering</i>	<i>July 10-13</i>
<i>Internet of Things Engineering</i>	<i>July 10-13</i>
<i>3 vs. 3 soccer tournament</i>	<i>July 22</i>
<i>Girls Basketball</i>	<i>July 24 - July 28</i>
<i>Girls Field Hockey</i>	<i>July 31- Aug 3</i>

For camp descriptions and registration information go to [www.jpthegreat.org/student-life/summer-activities/](http://www.jpthegreat.org/student-life/summer-activities/camps@jpthegreat.org), email camps@jpthegreat.org, or call 703-445-0300.

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LAUDATE! CHOIR CAMP

Foster your child's love of music this summer with an exciting, intense, and rewarding choir camp, held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, July 31 - August 4. Open to rising 2nd-12th grade children, with activities tailored to all skill levels. For more information, please go to laudatechoircamp.com.

BISHOP O'CONNELL

We are now accepting registrations for our sports camps. We will have multiple camps throughout the summer. [Click here for more information about our various summer camps.](#)

SUMMER MATH CAMP

Location: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
12805 Valleywood Drive Lake Ridge, VA 22192

Dates: July 17 – 28, 2017

Please see the following flyers to help you determine which level to enroll your child.

[Bean Counting 101](#): 9 AM – 12:30 PM (\$420)

[Bean Counting 201](#): 9 AM – 12:30 PM (\$420)

[Multiplication Matters](#): 9 AM – 12:30 PM (\$465)

[MathTree Roots](#): 1 – 4:30 PM (\$465)

[Roots-to-Leaves](#): 1 – 4:30 PM (\$465)

A full-day experience is available by adding MathTree Hands-On Math to any of the above camps. Before and After Care are also available. More information at Mathtree.com website.

THEATRE & ART DAY CAMPS

Broadway Training & Art Exploring in local Catholic Parish Summer Day Camps...This July, Nativity Parish and All Saints Parish are hosting day camps in Art & Drama for ages as young as Kindergarten and as old as High School. All instructors have professional backgrounds that include Ringling Brothers, Arena Stage, The Corcoran Gallery, Lincoln Center, and Wolf Trap. Additionally, most instructors are teachers at Arlington Diocesan Schools. A variety of different camps are offered Monday through Friday for a one week period. Visit www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com to take advantage of \$10 off in May.

HOLY FAMILY SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Holy Family Catholic Church in Dale City VA is offering Summer youth activities for 6th through 12th graders. There are separate sessions for middle school and high school students. [Click here](#) for more information.

