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A portrait of Mrs. Herbert, a woman with short, wavy blonde hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue button-down shirt. She is holding a thin wooden stick, possibly a baton, in her right hand. The background is a textured blue.

Mrs. Herbert Retires after 37 Years of Bestowing the Gift of Music



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LETTER FROM SISTER



Introducing Sister Kateri Rose Masters, O.P., who has been assigned as principal for the 2015–2016 school year

DEAR FRIENDS OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS REGIONAL SCHOOL,

We are grateful for your support this year in helping us to achieve our goals. We always count on your prayers, your help with events at school, and your dedication to the whole faith and educational program of Aquinas. I believe this year you gave us the opportunity to grow deeper in our relationship with the Lord. For that, I know the Lord is most pleased.

Our Catholic identity is evident in all that we do at Aquinas. At the beginning of the school year, several parents were trained in the first phase of the *Called and Gifted* Program. This program helps parents to discern their spiritual gifts and the ways in which they can use them to serve and bring others to Christ. One of our *Called and Gifted* parents, Cesar Mendoza, lead the Catholicism Series which explains the essentials of our faith—prayer relationship with Jesus, the Sacraments, holiness, the saints, etc. Our Youth Rally focused on the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The students had times of silence to experience the Lord speaking to them, and they had time together in “families” (a group of students from various grades) to learn more about Jesus, and pray the Rosary together as a school. At the beginning of each month, we met as a school in the school Hall for the *Virtues in Practice* program. This year, we studied the theological virtue of hope. **“I Love You Lord my strength.” Psalm 18:2 “My refuge my fortress, my God in whom I trust.” Psalm 91:2**

We know that we can always count on the Lord in all things and that His love and mercy are sufficient. He is our sustenance for the journey.

In addition to our faith formation, Aquinas is also known for the rigor of our academic programs. We renewed our participation in the Diocesan Spelling Bee this year and began a new partnership in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. All of our classroom/grade winners in grades 1–8 progressed through three rounds before any student was eliminated from the school Spelling Bee competition. Several of our middle school science students competed in the “Future City” competition in Maryland and won the award for the Outstanding SimCity Design. Our faculty and staff work hard to provide the best learning environment for the students and they “raise the bar” in challenging the students to reach their full potential. The students work hard to grow in knowledge and understanding in each discipline

In the fine arts, Mrs. Riley tirelessly and patiently worked with about ninety middle school students to perform the

musical “The Wizard of Oz.” Her enthusiasm brings out the best in the students and builds their confidence. It was a joy to watch them grow, gain confidence, and have fun! This year, we celebrate the talents of Mrs. Marjorie Herbert, our band teacher who is retiring. She has taught band at Aquinas for 37 years and she has received many superior ratings in diocesan and Virginia band competitions. Mrs. Herbert even taught some of our students’ parents when they attended Aquinas! The study of music assists students’ learning and builds their confidence, as well. We are so grateful to Mrs. Herbert for her patience, tireless effort, enthusiasm, and love of music. We will miss her!

Our athletic program has completed another winning season. Four out of five sports teams were tournament champions (boys soccer, girls varsity volleyball, boys varsity basketball, and girls varsity basketball). Thank you to our volunteer coaches and to the team parents for their support of our student athletes.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) works diligently to benefit the school community. This year, they purchased iPads, an iPad cart, and an AED defibrillator. Their contribution to the school of their time and effort is most appreciated.

This summer, there will be a few changes to the facilities. We are remodeling the two main bathrooms and exchanging the Pre-Kindergarten room and the faculty room, in order to better serve the needs of the children. The elementary grades will then be located in the same wing of the school.

With your prayers and monetary support, St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School educates the whole child: spiritually, intellectually, and physically. You have been a great part in helping each child to achieve his/her highest potential. We are truly grateful to you for your kindness and generosity to our school. May God always keep you in His loving care and bless your life in abundance. May God reward your generosity to St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Martha Ann Titus, O.P.
Principal

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MRS. HERBERT





RETIREES

AFTER 37 YEARS OF BESTOWING THE GIFT OF MUSIC

The band students of St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School have been the lucky beneficiaries of their band teacher's rich experience and boundless talent almost as long as the school has been in existence.

Mrs. Marjorie Herbert began teaching band at Aquinas in 1978, one year after the school opened. Her position as band teacher at the school was a significant part of a lifetime spent in music. As she retires this school year, her legacy will be felt for many years to come in the joy of playing an instrument and the appreciation of music that she developed in her students.

One of Mrs. Herbert's earliest memories is singing in the junior choir at church with her father, who played guitar. She began taking piano lessons in the fourth grade. She remembers not wanting to practice piano a lot but her mother would always encourage her. Mrs. Herbert said, "Of course, at the time, I looked at (practicing) as her brutally forcing me but I am so glad that I continued. Playing piano is one of the great joys of my life."

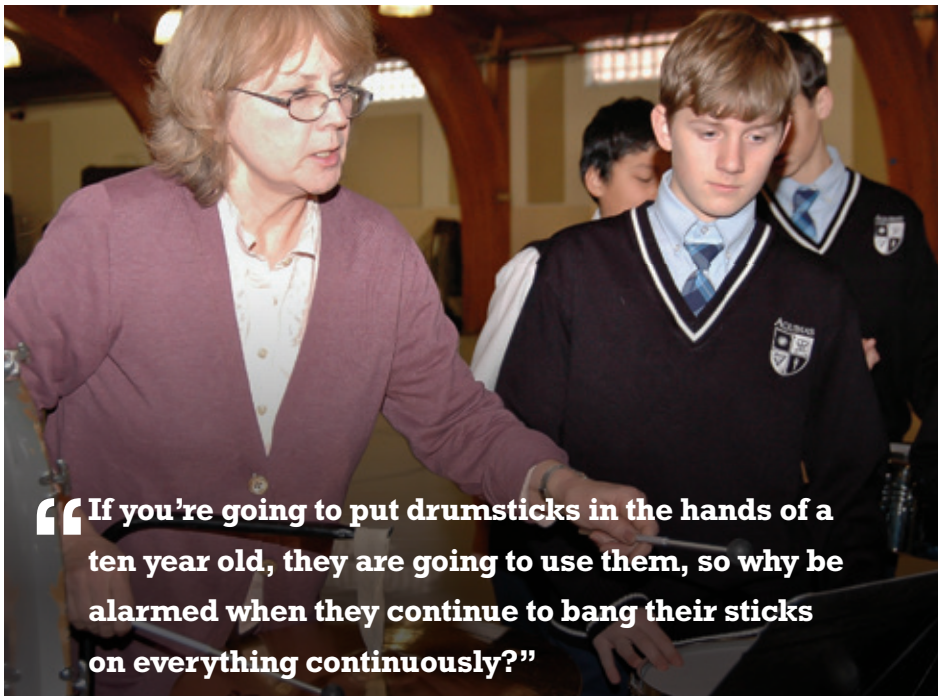
Mrs. Herbert began her band career in the fifth grade by playing the trombone. She switched to her first choice instrument, French horn, in high school. She continued with the French horn as her major instrument in college. Mrs. Herbert studied music and played an expansive repertoire during college.

Mrs. Herbert grew up listening to a variety of show tune recordings, such as, *Music Man*, *My*

Fair Lady and *The Sound of Music*, from her parents' collection and she learned the words to every song. "I think that this music has a strong connection to classical music and jazz which led me to a greater appreciation of many other kinds of music," said Mrs. Herbert. She said her favorite composer of all time is J.S. Bach.

It is clear that Mrs. Herbert's love of musical classics is shared with her band students, who became the newest music lovers. Beloved classical works were regularly incorporated into band selections or small ensemble pieces at Aquinas concerts and band festivals. The longevity of her career as a teacher is proof of her commitment to the importance of music training. She believes that if a student plays an instrument for even one year, they acquire knowledge about music that they might otherwise have never learned. She said, "Studying note reading and basic music theory is much easier with the hands on experience of playing a musical instrument."

Every year, she begins with students who have never had instrumental music training and by the time of the Christmas concert, she transforms them into a band that can play recognizable pieces together. It appears to be such an effortless feat that it is easy to



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forget how difficult the transformation from a student to musician can be. Alumnus Patrick Kelly said, “I remember being so excited when Mrs. Herbert held her band demonstration in the beginning of fourth grade. I was so thrilled to start playing the clarinet and she was so helpful and patient with all of my questions in finding just the right instrument.” Patrick also recalled those first few practices where students made some squeaky noises and he thought that the band would never sound good. He added, “With Mrs. Herbert’s patience and strong knowledge, the band came together in just a few months to make beautiful music.” When she attended her first concert with Mrs. Herbert, former principal Sister Maria Goretti Baker, O.P. said, “I got to experience the miracle that Mrs. Herbert performed over and over again, year after year. With her years of experience, her generosity and passion for music, and an extraordinary superhuman amount of patience, she had the gift of drawing out the unknown good and potential in each student and putting that all together into an amazing whole.”

Mrs. Herbert is happy to teach all ages and any instrument. Sister Mary Clare Hebert, O.P. fondly remembered that Mrs. Herbert gave

her free, private music lessons before school, once a week, for two years, when she was teaching at Aquinas. Sr. Mary Clare had just celebrated a milestone birthday and wanted to learn something new, so she decided to learn to play the flute. Mrs. Herbert taught her how to read music and play the flute. She also worked with the room parents, who took up a collection in order to give Sr. Mary Clare a flute for Christmas. Sr. Mary Clare still has her flute and when she left Woodbridge, she continued with private lessons for two more years. She said, “I still play and treasure my flute. Mrs. Herbert allowed me to play with the Aquinas school band for their concerts. It was awesome to be able to play with the kids. I was also able to play flute with the Sisters at the Motherhouse for Christmas Midnight Mass, which was my dream.” She said that Mrs. Herbert is an incredible musician and she is able to play every instrument in the band.

Mrs. Herbert was not just all about the music. She really wanted to draw out the potential of her students and she wanted the best for them. Throughout the years, if a student had a desire to be in the band but for some reason needed help with the band fees, she would always personally try to find assistance for them. When

she learned that an adult had experience with an instrument, she would always encourage them to come and play side-by-side with the students to provide them the opportunity of playing with someone more advanced. She would challenge her students in whom she saw great potential and give extra support to those who struggled. Regardless of their skill, Mrs. Herbert encouraged them all. Sr. Maria Goretti said, “She understood that by being in band, students learned more than a musical instrument, they also learned life lessons: the importance of commitment and practice, doing one’s part well for the sake of the greater good, working together as a team, and persevering with a task to the end. She wanted everyone to succeed and somehow the students knew that. The size of the band program under her direction is a visible witness to that fact.”

Throughout the school year, many band students will have tried every instrument in the band. This is not something she expects them to do but they all come to understand how each instrument produces a sound. Each year that her students play, they achieve a certain level of musical intelligence, ranging from simply learning an interesting melody to some of the older students this year who played



Handel, Mozart and Bach and really enjoyed it. Sr. Mary Clare was often amazed at the great patience Mrs. Herbert had with the band. She recalls Mrs. Herbert always saying, "If you're going to put drumsticks in the hands of a ten year old, they are going to use them, so why be alarmed when they continue to bang their sticks on everything continuously?"

Aquinas has always had a large band program. Mrs. Herbert noted, "Even when I first started and was only teaching one day per week, we had to start students in fifth grade." Eventually, an assistant was added, and finally, another day of teaching, so that students could begin band in fourth grade, as at other Catholic schools. A big band translates into a more exciting sound but it is difficult to have each student learn their part. More students can add up to more mistakes but she admits, "Hopefully, most of the time, I am the only one who notices." While it can be challenging to prepare a band—particularly, getting a large band like the Aquinas Advanced Band ready for a festival—she strongly believes in the value of providing this opportunity for her students. "It is a great experience for the students to play on a stage that is acoustically designed for performing

ensembles. Sometimes, when I hear the first note, it sounds like a totally different group."

Performing music can have some surprising moments in a career as long as Mrs. Herbert's. She recalled one Christmas concert when she had a flute student play a piece that featured him as a soloist with the rest of the band, so that he was playing in front right next to her. She joked, "I guess I got a little carried away with my conducting and knocked the flute right out of his hands and across the room!" She said, "I don't know who was more embarrassed, him or me."

Mrs. Herbert's top priority is to encourage her students to continue taking band in high school. She recognizes that it is harder to fit band into a high school schedule but she says, "When they can, they generally continue." Sr. Maria Goretti added, "One of her greatest joys, I know, was when her students would continue their study of music after they left Aquinas and carry that gift with them throughout their lives."

When Mrs. Herbert decided to retire, the current Principal, Sister Martha Ann Titus, O.P., wished to recognize her many years of service with "something big" for her. A call

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was put out to all alumni band students to surprise Mrs. Herbert by appearing from the audience and joining the current Beginner and Advanced Bands at Aquinas for one last rendition of “Let’s Go Band!” on the evening of May 18, 2015. This is a rousing tune and at the end, everyone is encouraged to shout “Let’s Go Band!” as the energetic punctuation to the song. Mrs. Herbert traditionally has the Beginner Band play this music piece every year as their last song at the Spring Concert. When this song is over, the beginner band students have completed their first year as musicians and they are invited join the Advanced Band the following year. As this has become an important rite of passage for so many of Mrs. Herbert’s students, so it became a poignant reminder that Mrs. Herbert will move on to the next chapter of her life in retirement when the song ended.

“As hard as it was saying goodbye to my present students, I was overwhelmed with emotion at seeing many of the Aquinas students who came to the last concert to see and thank me,” she said, from one of her earliest student alumni, Dennis Wolstenholme, to more recent graduate alumni. “It was really great to see Patrick Kelly with his clarinet,” she said, and she was thrilled to learn about his future plans. Patrick gave a lot of credit to Mrs. Herbert in saying, “Mrs. Herbert was my first music teacher. She instilled in me a love of music and an appreciation of musicianship. Along with many others, I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to be taught by Mrs.

Herbert. I will carry her love of music with me as I continue my education as a music major at The Eastman School of Music.”

“I have been looking forward to retirement but also sort of dreading it because I will miss working with my young musicians so much,” Mrs. Herbert admitted. She and her husband own Foxes Music store in Falls Church along with two other partners, so she will still be involved with getting children started in music. She also plays with the Falls Church City band which does several performances throughout the year.

At the retirement reception for Mrs. Herbert, celebrated with so many of her musician students and extended Aquinas family after the Spring Concert, one of the cakes presented to her read: “Music, the greatest good that mortals know, And all of heaven we have here below.” She was too emotional to make a speech for all who gathered to see her at the concert but she summed up her feelings in saying, “I really want to express my thanks to the students who have studied with me. I will miss them greatly. I also want to thank the parents who understand the importance of music education and also, the teachers who were very supportive.” She acknowledged the front office staff of Mrs. Cardinale, Mrs. Moghtadaie, Mrs. Youtz and Mrs. Fitzgerald, who helped her out in so many ways. She also noted that Sr. Martha Ann has been a blessing to the school. Mrs. Herbert said, “I will always remember my time at Aquinas and treasure my memories.” Sr. Mary Clare said, “Mrs. Herbert is an awesome band instructor, musician, teacher, and the best friend anyone could ever wish to have. I wish her all the best in her retirement.” Sr. Maria Goretti continued, “Through her gift of self at Aquinas and her work in the band program, Mrs. Herbert has truly written a masterpiece on the hearts of the many lives she has touched over the past 37 years. Thank you for such a beautiful gift!” It is hard to estimate how much of an impact Mrs. Herbert has made on each of her students or in how many ways it will enrich their lives but all of them have received a precious gift of music from Mrs. Herbert.





MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT THE WIZARD OF OZ



Our Middle School students set off to see The Wizard of Oz on March 27 and 28, 2015, to perform their musical at Gar-Field High School. This is the story of Dorothy Gale from Kansas who dreams of what lies “over the rainbow.” When a tornado hits Dorothy’s farm, she finds herself in a fantastic world. She is joined in her quest to return home with other loveable characters: Scarecrow, the Tinman, the Cowardly Lion, and Toto, as they travel the universe of Dorothy’s imagination. Aquinas Music Teacher, Mrs. Riley, directed this musical extravaganza again this year with acting assistance from Sixth Grade Teacher, Miss Kleb. Our students committed to doing their part for the musical by learning their lines and choreography, attending practices, creating set pieces, and painting backdrops in the months leading up the musical.

Two major characters were double cast to expand leading role experiences for our students, including Maria Mendoza and Grace Owen as Dorothy and Gabriella Chellis and Alexandra Horan as Glinda the Good Witch. These student actresses would also

perform another role in the performance when they were not a lead character. Each night provided a different and exciting experience for our audiences and many families chose to attend both performances.

Joining Dorothy on the Yellow Brick Road was Isaac Heath as the Cowardly Lion, Alex Cummings as the Scarecrow and Patrick Brisbin as the Tin Man. Isaac delighted everyone with his spot-on portrayal of a shy lion blessed with comedic timing. J.P. Chaves entertained the crowd as the charismatic Wizard of Oz and Teresa Esquivel gave another stand-out performance as the Wicked Witch, who even threatened Dorothy as she walked through the audience! Aquinas alumna, Daniela Moghtadaie, designed the choreography for the adorable jitterbug dance in the show. The show had many delightful song and dance highlights.

Mrs. Riley was thrilled to use the expanded facilities at Gar-Field High School. The large stage was able to accommodate the numerous cast and crew that have become a tradition

at Aquinas. Dedicated dressing rooms were also used to provide hair and make-up for many of our cast, with designs and supervision provided by Mrs. Moghtadaie. The large chore of assembling and creating all of the colorful costumes for our numerous cast was provided by Aquinas parent, Mrs. Owen. Our production also utilized the new LED lighting system at Gar-Field High School with a lighting design by Aquinas parent, Mr. Youtz. The backstage crew worked tirelessly with Mr. Youtz to assist actors with props, building and moving set pieces, coordinating scene changes and creating special effects. Mr. Youtz also created the giant Wizard of Oz head, the wizard’s front doors, and the farm house for the show. Mrs. Riley provided the remaining scenery, with the help of students who helped to paint backdrops and set pieces. Eighth Grade Teacher, Mrs. Mendell, kept the props department running smoothly again this year. It takes a great effort by faculty, parents, and students to put on our annual Middle School musical but our shows are always memorable and this year’s dazzling production was no exception!

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



Aquinas students have been inducted into the National Junior Honor Society, St. Albert Chapter, since 1987. Eighth grade students must submit an application, which is then reviewed by middle school faculty. Consideration for NJHS is not just limited to a student's academic performance. The five pillars of the NJHS are: scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. NJHS candidates must excel in and continue to be dedicated to all five of these areas. They are recognized as leaders within our school. Congratulations to the following eighth grade inductees for the 2014–2015 school year:

Claire Bassett

Hunter Boyd

Michaela Carley

J.P. Chaves

Gabriella Chellis

Madison Chichester

Alexander Cummings

Luke Demas

Tamara Eddy

Teresa Esquivel

Jason Fred

Isaac Heath

Alexandra Horan

Michael Kosar

Kiernan McNulty

Maria Mendoza

Hanna Mihalik

Aleskander Olszewski

Grace Owen

Mark Peterson

Anna Ramarijaona

Samuel Ramey

Trinity Simmons

Dario Villagomez




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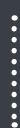


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THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR



OPEN HOUSE EVENTS FOR 
THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

Thursday, November 19, 2015,
at 7 p.m. (*new evening time*)



Tuesday, February 2, 2016,
at 9 a.m.



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WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES— PHILADELPHIA 2015

News of Pope Francis' visit to the United States has sparked incredible interest from Catholics and non-Catholics alike about the opportunity to see the Holy Father in person. Details about Pope Francis' itinerary, information about the places he will visit, and other details about his trip have been reported on news outlets and on social media with great excitement. Pope Francis' visit to the United States will include stops in Washington, D.C., New York City, and Philadelphia, from September 22–27, 2015 (see inset for full schedule). One of the highlights of Pope Francis' papal visit will be the World Meeting of Families events in Philadelphia at the end of his trip.

Since its inception by Saint John Paul II in 1994, the World Meeting of Families has "sought to strengthen the sacred bonds of family across the globe" and "highlight its intrinsic value to the good of society," according to the World Meeting of Families—Philadelphia organizers. This triennial global event is co-sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Archbishop of Philadelphia, Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., said, "I think the World Meeting of Families does present us with a great opportunity not only for the strengthening of family life which is basic to all of us but also in having confidence in ourself as a church." This

international gathering will welcome Pope Francis to the United States for the first time in his Papacy. Being held in the United States for the first time ever, the official theme for the 2015 World Meeting of Families is “Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.”

Pope Francis will attend the Festival of Families on Saturday, September 26, and he will say Mass on Sunday, September 27, 2015, to conclude the World Meeting of Families. The Festival of Families is an international celebration of family, community, and faith, including performances that will entertain and educate participants from around the world. The Festival of Families main stage program of music and spectacular visual arts performances by world renowned artists will be broadcast nationally. According to the World Meeting of Families-Philadelphia organizers, “Pope Francis will celebrate with us during this time, both to enjoy the show and to listen to six families from different continents briefly describe their joys and challenges. The Holy Father will respond with compassion and words of wisdom for all of us, speaking to those present at the event (more than a million) as well as the additional millions participating through remote viewing. In addition to the main stage, there will be a second stage and exhibits. The second, smaller stage will feature performances throughout the day by many cultural groups, educational institutions, and spiritual organizations.” The current headlining performers include: famous tenor trained in the elite Italian tradition, Andrea Bocelli, who has sold over 80 million records; the world’s leading all-Spanish language rock artist, Juanes, winner of two Grammy awards and 20 Latin Grammy awards, and The Philadelphia Orchestra, under the direction of Orchestra and Music Director, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, who will also perform the liturgical music at the final Mass said by Pope Francis.

There is so much to see and do at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. From September 23–24, 2015, the Adult Congress



will offer many sessions on multiple topics for today’s families. One of the breakout session speakers is Mother Ann Marie Karlovic, O.P., prioress general of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia congregation in Nashville, who will speak on fostering vocations in the home. The World Meeting of Families Youth Congress occurs simultaneously with the Adult Congress and is open to all young people ages 6 to 17, who are registered and attending with their family. The Youth Congress is an “interactive program designed around building, creating, playing, listening, serving, and embracing the Mission of Love that brings Families Fully Alive.” A Preparatory Catechesis, called Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive, is available for free on the World Meeting of Families—Philadelphia website and for purchase in hard copy form. This text presents ten themes of Catholic teaching on marriage and family that will be continued throughout the meeting. All congress attendees are invited to help paint portions of a mural, entitled The Sacred Now: Faith and Family in the 21st Century, at the Philadelphia Convention Center, where the Congress takes place. The World Meeting of Families has partnered with The City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program to feature renowned muralist, Cesar Viveros,

The D'Sa Family, with their two Aquinas students, will attend the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

in creating this 4,239 square feet mural with the help of creative family members that will become a permanent installation on the face of an elementary school. Visitors may also view 2,000 years of Vatican art, culture and history on display nearby at the Franklin Institute from September 19, 2015–February 15, 2016. The Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith and Art exhibit features over 200 extraordinary works by masters including Michelangelo, Bernini, Parmigianino, and Guercino, and objects dating back to the first century. “From the venerated relics of Saint Peter and Saint Paul to Michelangelo’s art and tools used to work on the Sistine Chapel, this exhibit comprises one of the largest Vatican Collections ever to tour,” according to the exhibit sponsors. Of course, the culmination of the meeting will be the opportunity to see and hear Pope Francis himself without visiting the Vatican.

“Keep before us the beauty of the family and marriage, the greatness of this human reality which is so simple and yet so rich...”

Archbishop Chaput said about Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia, "He is very much looking forward to coming to be with us."

When the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia was announced during this school year, Principal Sister Martha Ann Titus, O.P. recited the World Meeting of Families Prayer with our students every morning. All families are invited to join

in praying for the success of the World Meeting of Families and for their personal intentions. Families are also strongly encouraged to attend this wonderful opportunity to learn, connect, and grow as a family. Pope Francis reminds us to "keep before us the beauty of the family and marriage, the greatness of this human reality which is so simple and yet so rich..."

SCHEDULE: 2015 APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF POPE FRANCIS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Here is the schedule for Pope Francis' September 2015 Apostolic Journey to the United States of America as released by the Vatican on June 30, 2015. All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time. Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (WASHINGTON, DC)

4:00 p.m. Arrival from Cuba at Joint Base Andrews

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (WASHINGTON, DC)

9:15 a.m. Welcome ceremony and meeting with President Obama at the White House

11:30 a.m. Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral

4:15 p.m. Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (WASHINGTON, DC, NEW YORK CITY)

9:20 a.m. Address to Joint Session of the United States Congress

11:15 a.m. Visit to St. Patrick in the City and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

4:00 p.m. Depart from Joint Base Andrews

5:00 p.m. Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport

6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 (NEW YORK CITY)

8:30 a.m. Visit to the United Nations and Address to the United Nations General Assembly

11:30 a.m. Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center

4:00 p.m. Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem

6:00 p.m. Mass at Madison Square Garden

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (NEW YORK CITY, PHILADELPHIA)

8:40 a.m. Departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport

9:30 a.m. Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia

10:30 a.m. Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

4:45 p.m. Visit to Independence Hall

7:30 p.m. Visit to the Festival of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 (PHILADELPHIA)

9:15 a.m. Meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

11:00 a.m. Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility

4:00 p.m. Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway

7:00 p.m. Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation

8:00 p.m. Departure for Rome

GOT LIFE? CLUB PROMOTES EVANGELIUM VITAE



The Got Life? Club was founded at Aquinas in 2011 with the purpose of assisting students in grades four through eight to grow in the knowledge and love of the Gospel of Life. The club this year was sponsored by Aquinas parent, Mrs. Cummings, who facilitated each meeting, along with assistance from Mrs. Raimundi. The Got Life? Club meets twice a month in the school library after school and consisted of over 50 members this year. Each meeting includes prayers and fun activities, including field trips, that reinforce our Catholic teaching on the sanctity of life.

At the beginning of the school year, every club member spiritually adopts a baby and prays for them during the nine months of the school year. Club members take two field trips to a local nursing home to spend time with the elderly and homebound. Prior to the nursing home trips, Mrs. Cummings goes over positive ways to interact with the residents. Our students sing, play various musical instruments, hold plays and visit with the residents. Eighth grade student Juan Pablo (J.P.) Chaves said, "Most people think of babies and abortion when someone says they are pro-life, but that is not

the entire meaning behind being pro-life. It includes the elderly in preventing euthanasia, and that was shown when we visited a nursing home during Christmas season. We sang carols to them and also gave them Christmas cards, and essentially brightened up their day." Club members also conducted a donation competition in baby bottles (using a blue one for boys and pink for girls) during the Christmas season. The competition consisted of small change donations that eventually raised \$100. The donations were given to Father Baez, who selected a local family in financial need. The Got Life? Club completed over 50 posters proclaiming the beauty of life that were used during the March for Life on January 22, 2015 by the Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School students. The Got Life? Club ended the school year by sponsoring a baby shower for the spiritually adopted babies which included donations of several baby items (furniture, toys, diapers, and miscellaneous baby items) and financial contributions. The baby shower meeting had the largest attendance of the year for the club. The meeting was hosted by Father Stefan Starzynski and Randy James, founding President/CEO from the Paul Stefan

Foundation. This foundation offers a home and support to mothers in crisis pregnancies. The foundation's mission is to ensure that any woman contemplating an abortion will have a safe haven to come and live to save the life of the baby. "All these things help us realize what is wrong, and how to make them right: with charity. The Got Life? Club has helped me and others be an anchor to a raft of a world that has drifted from Christ," said J.P.

Club members write letters to seminarians and other candidates pursuing vocations to offer support and prayers and encouragement to keep the faith. J.P. continued, "If there is one word I can use to describe the Got Life? Club, it would be charity. We did things most of us would probably not do outside of the club, and so it taught us to not be afraid to help and encourage others. Most meetings we would write letters to the elderly, missionaries, and seminarians. Sometimes we would get responses, thanking us for thinking of them and for the prayers we offer them in our letters. The name says it all, we are a fundamentally a pro-life group, and every time we met we advocated for the most basic of rights: the right to life."

The club is blessed to have the support of Father Baez and Father Schultz from Our Lady of Angels Church, who attend the meetings and provide teachings on the importance of life through informal presentations and question and answer periods. They also highlight a pro-life saint during each meeting. Mrs. Cummings said, "the Aquinas Got Life? Club enables students and families the opportunity to reinforce school teachings on the importance of life and participate in pro-life activities in a fun and cohesive club setting." Each meeting also contributes to the mission of St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School by reinforcing the importance and love of the Gospel of Life.



OUR STUDENTS ELUCUBRATE TO PREPARE FOR THE SPELLING BEE

St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School celebrated the intrinsic skill of correct spelling with our students by resuming a school spelling bee competition. Aquinas participated in the Diocese of Arlington Spelling Bee for middle school students and began a new partnership with the Scripps National Spelling Bee this year. Our students showed incredible tenacity and skill in progressing through classroom, school and regional spelling bee competitions and the results were surprising!

It was decided to combine the diocesan Spelling Bee and Scripps National Spelling Bee competitions in the interest of time while keeping the requirements for each within our local rules. Advanced Language Arts teacher, Miss Zengierski, organized the Aquinas Spelling Bee by focusing on Scripps National Spelling Bee word lists by grade level, disseminating the faculty and student information and serving on the panel of judges. Parents were able to utilize resources from the Scripps National Spelling Bee organization, including access to "Word Club" which provides online spelling tests with definitions and etymology. Each classroom in the elementary wing held a spelling bee to produce two grade level winners who would

progress to the school competition. The middle school grades held a competition by grade, rather than homeroom, and the first and second winners progressed to the school bee. Classroom/grade winners received small, bee-themed prizes and a certificate for their achievement.

The school competition included classroom winners from grades one through eight and took place with the entire school and faculty in attendance. While this may appear to be a daunting task for younger spellers, everyone who watched the school competition was struck by the poise and valiant efforts of the classroom/grade winners. The fact that our classroom/grade winners had the ability and courage to compete in front of their peers demonstrates incredible fortitude, in addition to their spelling abilities. The school competition progressed to third grade level words before any of the classroom/grade winners were eliminated! The competitors received strong support from the school and hearty congratulations at the end of each round.

Sister Mary Seton Cebrowski, O.P. served as the lead judge and word announcer for the school competition. Her methodical approach in carefully explaining the rules and format

to the participants and the school audience provided a positive experience for a serious competition. She was aided by Miss Zengierski and Mrs. Fitzgerald on the judging panel.

The Aquinas Spelling Bee took place on February 3, 2015, at 2 p.m. in the school Hall. The competition progressed by local rules of one grade level per round. Our students were good competitors and by round seven, there were still seven students remaining (out of a total of sixteen classroom/grade winners). The final rounds were deep into the eighth grade words when three finalists remained. By 3 p.m., the Aquinas Spelling Bee had not yet declared a champion and Principal Sr. Martha Ann determined that school would be dismissed when the final round was complete. The third place finalist, eighth grade student Maria Mendoza, was selected as the school champion for the diocesan Spelling Bee because the competition was limited to seventh and eighth grade winners. The second place finalist, sixth grade student Faith McNulty, served as the runner-up to the competition. After spelling the winning word—synecdoche—fifth grade student Kiara Clark was declared our school champion for the Scripps National Spelling Bee! She received a one year subscription to Encyclopædia Britannica and full access to Word Club, in addition to the school champion certificate. As a young competitor, Kiara went on to compete against students up to eighth grade.

Kiara participated in the regional competition with all of the local elementary and middle schools in the area. She successfully completed several rounds but was eliminated after about half of the other contestants were dismissed. She misspelled "novillero" because she correctly spelled a homophone of the word. It was a hard lesson but Kiara said that in the next competition, she will remember to "ask for definitions." Unfortunately, the diocesan Spelling Bee was cancelled due to the weather, so Maria was unable to compete. We are looking forward to our young and talented spellers competing next year!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING 8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2015

Joseph Atkinson	Teresa Esquivel	Mark Peterson
Nicolas Barbuzza	Jason Fred	Lexus Pincus
Claire Bassett	Jayden Gonsalves	Makayla Puller
Caroline Bennis	Colin Haakon	Gabriela Rahamatali
Alina Berzins	Isaac Heath	Anna Ramarijaona
Hunter Boyd	Alexandra Horan	Samuel Ramey
Jonathan Brier	Mary Kilian	Samantha Rios
Margaret Brisbin	Georgius Korban	Fabiola Santos
Patrick Brisbin	Michael Kosar	Trinity Simmons
Jevon Bromell	Bianca Londres	Ryan Smith
Michaela Carley	Katherine Marchioni	Christopher Spadafore
Juan Pablo Chaves	Kiernan McNulty	Nicholas St. Amour
Gabriella Chellis	Maria Mendoza	Wilson Stearns
Madison Chichester	Hannah Mihalik	Jackson Towers
Jayne Cirka	Nhyira Nartey	Eleni Tsiamis
Alexander Cummings	Lauren Nevel	Dario Villagomez
Luke Demas	Andrew Nguyen	Nathan Vowinkel
Neil Devin	Aleksander Olszewski	Maya Winder
Tamara Eddy	Grace Owen	Brian Wolstenholme
Jaylan Enriquez	Sebastian Parada	Julien Xantus

High Schools Attending:

50—St. John Paul the Great 2—Bishop Ireton 1—Paul VI 9—Public

AQUINAS ALUMNI: HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2015 LIST OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (~50% REPORTING)

Ave Maria University

Blue Ridge Community College

The Catholic University of America

Christopher Newport University (2)

Coastal Carolina University

College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati

Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester

Franciscan University of Steubenville

George Mason University (2)

Gonzaga University

James Madison University

Manhattan School of Music

Marymount University

Mount St. Mary University

New England Conservatory

NVCC

Old Dominion University

Radford University

SUNY Maritime College

University of Mary Washington

University of Michigan

University of Pittsburgh

University of Virginia

Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Tech (2)

*Catholic

* Top 150 nationally ranked school

SCHOLARSHIP TOTAL: \$629,600

*Thank you for alumni college and scholarship
information from proud parents and:*

Erin O'Leary, Bishop Ireton High School

Madison Kramer, Saint John Paul the
Great Catholic High School

AQUINAS 2014-2015 SPORTS IN REVIEW

BY JANELLE FERGUSON
AND CHERISH REALE



FALL SEASON:

Girls Varsity Volleyball

Coaches: Miss McMahon (Faculty),
Mrs. Jacobeen (Faculty)

Highlights: The Varsity Volleyball Team had a fantastic season! With some tough losses and hard-earned wins, the girls were ranked fourth place going into the league tournament. Aquinas defeated Porter in the semi-finals round and advanced to the championship round. They worked together and played as a team to defeat Linton Hall for first place!! It was an exciting season... Go AQUINAS!

Graduating eighth grade students on the

team: Lexus Pincus, Makayla Puller, Eleni Tsiamis, Teresa Esquivel, Maria Mendoza, Bianca Londres, Samantha Rios, Madison Chichester, Anna Ramarijaona, Lauren Nevel, and Katie Marchioni

Boys Soccer (Varsity and JV)

Coaches: Mr. Rivas (Parent),
Mr. Demas (Parent)

Team Parent: Mrs. Spadafore

Highlights: A highlight for the boys' soccer team this year was winning the Virginia Catholic Athletic Conference Tournament, led by Chris Spadafore and Sam Ramey. The JV team focused on fundamentals, ball handling

skills and teamwork. Their hard work paid off as they continued to improve with every game. The varsity team worked on advanced skills, strategy and endurance. Their combination of athletic ability, positive attitude and sportsmanship made them great ambassadors of Aquinas throughout the season.

Graduating eighth grade students on

the team: Luke Demas, Sam Ramey, Julien Xantus, Nathan Vowinkel, J.P. Chaves, Brian Wolstenholme, Dario Villagomez, Nick St. Amour, Colin Haakon, Patrick Brisbin, Jason Fred, Chris Spadafore and Jackson Towers

Girls JV Volleyball

Coach: Mrs. Villagomez, (Parent with no child on the team)

Team Parent: Mrs. Offenberg

Highlights: The Girls JV Volleyball team played eight games and ended the season with three wins and four losses. The team played an additional game against Flint Hill, although it did not count due to a miscommunication with Flint Hill. Despite the difference in age and skill level, the Aquinas team preferred to play that game rather than cancel it, which demonstrated great sportsmanship, team unity and competitiveness. The team's most exciting game was against Holy Cross. The team pulled from behind with a last minute victory on the third





set. The Aquinas girls thrilled the spectators as they played with a lot of heart and dedication. Each player was indispensable to the team, and in the course of the season, many improved their skills, while awakening their interest and understanding of the sport. Mrs. Villagomez “felt truly blessed to be their coach.”

Graduating eighth grade students on the team: Alexandra Horan

Boys Football

Coaches: Mr. DeGance (Parent with no child on the team), Mr. Eddy (Parent)

Team Parent: Mrs. Corrine Kosar, Mrs. DeGance

Highlights: The 2014 Aquinas football team posted its first winning season in several years. A highlight was the team’s 14–6 victory over Prospect Heights, which was played during the Aquinas Fall Festival. Quarterback Joe Atkinson led the team in rushing and passing, while Michael Kosar led the team in receiving yards. The Crusaders ended the season with a thrilling 30–30 tie against St. Stephen and St. Agnes School.

Graduating eighth grade students on the team: Joe Atkinson, Jayme Cirka, Michael Kosar, Jonathan Brier, Kiernan McNulty, Andrew Nguyen, Hunter Boyd, Neil Devin, and Ryan Smith

Girls’ Cheer

Coaches: Miss Corson (Faculty), Mrs. Collins (Staff and Parent)

Team Parent: Mrs. Brier

Highlights: The girls’ cheer team displayed exceptional showmanship during a dance routine at the Fall Festival held at St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School and the school pep rally. They also cheered at various Aquinas home games. The team consisted of fourth and fifth grade girls who worked on choreography and synchronization skills. Our cheerleaders showed that they have a lot of spirit!



WINTER SEASON:

Wrestling

Coach: Mr. Reale (Parent)

Team Parent: Mrs. Reale (Faculty)

Highlights: The 2015 Aquinas wrestling season had many new wrestlers joining the team, as well as an even mix of returning wrestlers from the middle school. Our wrestling team worked hard throughout the season. Our most successful match of the season was our tri-meet at The Mclean School in Potomac, Maryland. Congratulations to Kiernan McNulty, Isaac Heath, Patrick Brisbin, and Nick St. Amour,





who were presented with the First Annual Aquinas Wrestling Dedication award, from Coach Reale, for at least two consecutive years of participation in the Aquinas wrestling program.

Graduating eighth grade students on the team: Kiernan McNulty, Isaac Heath, Patrick Brisbin, Nick St. Amour

Girls Varsity Basketball

Coaches: Mr. Grandberry [Parent (coaching for five seasons, since his daughter was in the second grade)], (Mr. Herrera, Alumni Parent)

Highlights: This year's girls varsity basketball team showed outstanding dedication in becoming champions. The team was led by eighth grade team captains which included: Lexus Pincus, Makayla

Puller, Teresa Esquivel, Alexandra Horan, and Eleni Tsiamis. There was also great leadership from Ashley Wallace, Princess Edemobi, Nicole Wenzel, Chloe White, Lacey Pincus, Maria Towers, and Jordyn Grandberry. Coach Grandberry said, "In an effort to have a perfect season, these young ladies showed a dedication and professionalism that is only reserved for champions in all walks of life. We had exceptional communication and played every game to the best of our ability. Every player played a huge role, while representing their school, their team and themselves. We worked a lot on skills, teamwork and performance. At the end of the season, they were ready for and played an outstanding tournament. They were remarkable at trusting each other and playing a style of basketball that was a joy to watch and coach. As a coach, I am always prepared and motivated to give my team the required time and effort, but this team was highly motivated and did whatever I requested. The team used remarkable chemistry and hard work to become champions." The girls varsity basketball team won the Virginia Catholic Athletic Conference Tournament!

Graduating eighth grade students on the team: Lexus Pincus, Makayla Puller, Teresa Esquivel, Alexandra Horan, and Eleni Tsiamis



Boys Varsity Basketball

Coaches: Mr. Palmer (Alumni Parent), Mr. Musher (Parent with no child on the team)

Team Parent: Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Corrine Kosar

Highlights: The boys' varsity basketball team ended the season with only one loss, which came early in the season to Holy Cross Academy. The team later found themselves playing in the championship game against the same Holy Cross Academy team. Our team rallied to overcome that early defeat by winning the Virginia Catholic Athletic Conference Tournament championship game with a large margin! The team was led all year by eighth grade students: Michael Kosar, Mark Peterson and Jayden Gonsalves.

Graduating eighth grade students on the team:

Joe Atkinson, Jevon Bromell, Neil Devin, Dario Villagomez, Alex Cummings, Julien Xantus, Mark Peterson, Michael Kosar, Jayden Gonsalves, Jonathan Brier and Hunter Boyd

Girls JV Basketball

Coaches: Mrs. Ferguson (Assistant Principal/Athletic Director), Mr. Grandberry (Parent)

Team Parent: Mrs. Owen

Highlights: The girls' JV basketball team had a winning season. They worked on the fundamentals of basketball to provide skills



to go on to the next level. The girls exuded pressure defense and a fast break offense led by sixth grade student, Gabi Brisbin. Go Crusaders!

Graduating eighth grade students on the team: Grace Owen, Margaret Brisbin

Boys JV Basketball

Coach: Mr. Faught (Parent with no child on the team)

Team Parent: Mrs. Sosnosky

Highlights: The boys JV basketball team had a winning season led by sharp shooter, Joey Wolstenholme. The boys developed significantly as a team while working on fundamental skills, confidence and trust. With each game, the team grew stronger and more cohesive.

Cheer

Coaches: Miss Corson (Faculty), Mrs. Collins (Staff and Parent)

Team Parent: Mrs. Brier

Highlights: The girls cheer team continued to cheer during the winter season with most of the girls returning and welcoming a few newcomers. The girls cheered for all of the basketball team home games and provided halftime entertainment. The cheer team showed great support to our teams. Go Crusaders!



SPRING SEASON:

Girls Varsity Softball

Coaches: Mr. Bassett (Parent), Mr. Sutton (Parent), Mrs. Lenz (Parent)

Team Parent: Mrs. Lenz

Highlights: The girls softball team had a strong season led by eighth grade pitcher, Claire Bassett. Aquinas beat Alexandria Country Day School 10 to 5 in four innings. Excellent team defense and aggressive base running were keys to the team's victory. Eight different players scored runs in a balanced, offensive attack. Aquinas softball beat Flint Hill 10 to 4 in three innings. In the game against Flint Hill, Claire

Bassett struck out seven Flint Hill batters, and then she contributed a three-run home run. Natalie Sutton had a two-run home run of her own and a single. Grace Owen hit two singles. The team completed their season with a hard-fought loss to a tough National Cathedral Team. The team should be really proud of their overall 3-1-1 record and all of the fun, improved skills and knowledge of the game that they gained this season. Thanks to all of the players!

Graduating eighth grade students on the team: Claire Bassett, Grace Owen, Margaret Brisbin, Trinity Simmons, Teresa Esquivel, and Hannah Mihalik



Baseball

Coaches: Mr. Faught (Parent), Mr. Musher (Parent with no child on the team)

Team Parent: Mrs. Corrine Kosar

Highlights: The boys baseball team had a terrific season. They were led by excellent pitching by Dylan Sereno and Noah Reale, hard hitting by Michael Kosar and fast base running by Chris Spadafore. The boys played tough games versus Porter and St. William of York.

Graduating eighth grade students on

the team: The boys baseball team received a plaque from the coaches that list all of the departing eighth graders who participated on the baseball team during their last year at Aquinas. They include: Michael Kosar, Jackson Towers, Chris Spadafore, Jonathan Brier, Alex Cummings, Jason Fred, and Ryan Smith. The plaque is proudly displayed on Spirit Street.

Girls Soccer

Coaches: Mr. Andrew Kosar (Parent), Mrs. Jenn Kosar (Faculty)

Team Parent: Mrs. Jenn Kosar (Faculty), Mrs. Bennis

Highlights: The girls soccer team had a winning record of 7-2. The team was led by seventh graders, Chloe White and Nicole Wenzel. The girls played tough defense including great saves by goalie, Sarah Hopkins. The girls came in second place in the Linton Hall tournament against Linton Hall. We are very proud of the girls and their sportsmanship!

Graduating eighth grade students on the

team: Gabriella Chellis, Mary Kilian, Katie Marchioni, Samantha Rios, and Caroline Bennis

Aquinas offers the largest Athletics program of all middle schools in the Arlington Diocese. We are able to accomplish this feat through the commitment, dedication, and support of quality coaching, parent volunteers, and eager student athletes.

Coaches: Thank you for your time and dedication supporting our students and promoting our school mission.

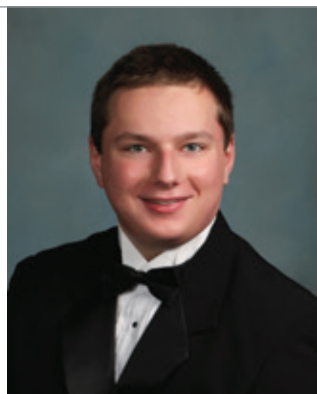
Team parents: Your volunteerism in supporting our sports programs solidifies the foundation for our success.

Student athletes: Teamwork and sportsmanship are important aspects of the learning process. Thank you for representing the Aquinas spirit in the environment of friendly competition.

Finally, the Aquinas Athletic Department would like to highlight the special accomplishments of two eighth grade students: Michael Kosar and Teresa Esquivel. These two individuals participated in sport teams during the fall, winter and spring seasons, while maintaining an above-average GPA. Congratulations!

Mrs. Ferguson, Athletic Director

ALUMNI NEWS



Top (Left to Right): Thomas Ranieri, Thomas Soliday, Jason Nugent Dise, John Fitzgerald

Above: Christine Kapurch and Nick Lemaster

Lynchburg College sophomore, **Ashley Cox (Class of 2009)**, holds the 1st NCAA Tournament Championship trophy won by the womens' soccer team in Kansas City for the first time ever in school history! Ashley is majoring in Athletic Training and was one of only two sophomores inducted into the IOTA Tau Alpha Honor Society this year.

Thomas Soliday (Class of 2011) graduated from Paul VI Catholic High School and will attend Christopher Newport University in the fall to study Computer Science.

Jason Nugent Dise (Class of 2011) also graduated from Paul VI Catholic High School and will be attending Coastal Carolina University in the fall.

Jacob McCann (Class of 2011) graduated with honors and an Advance Diploma with AP endorsement from Paul VI Catholic High School and will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall.

John Fitzgerald (Class of 2011) was awarded the John D. Jenkins Youth Citizen of the Year award with a \$1,000 scholarship. This award was sponsored by the Dale City Civic Association (DCCA). Congressman Gerry Connolly presented the award along

with a copy of the Congressional Record, wherein he proclaimed the DCCA honorees from the evening. John graduated from C.D. Hylton Senior High School and will be attending the State University of New York—Maritime College where he will pursue a degree in Marine Transportation and participate in the Navy ROTC program.

Thomas Ranieri (Class of 2007) received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from Villanova University. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force where he will begin training as a Combat Systems Officer at NAS Pensacola, FL.

Christine Kapurch (Class of 2003), sister of **Joey (Class of 2000)**, **Stephanie (Class of 2006)**, and **Jenny (Class of 2011)** graduated from the University of Alabama in 2011 with a B.S. in Communication. She is currently employed at Georgia Tech in Atlanta Georgia and is in graduate school at Emory studying graphic design. Christine is engaged to be married to Nick Lemaster in the fall of 2015 in Atlanta. Nick is also a graduate of the University of Alabama where he received his B.S. in Nursing and is currently studying for his Doctorate.

St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School admits students of any race, color, and national origin.



SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER 9, 2015, 2 P.M.

Aquinas Fall Festival at St. John Paul the
Great Catholic High School

NOVEMBER 6, 2015

Race for Education

NOVEMBER 10–11, 2015

Parent/Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER 19, 2015, 7 P.M.

Open House with new evening time

**DECEMBER 11, 2015,
MASS AT 10:45 A.M.**

Celebration of Our Lady of Gaudalupe

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