



Tuesday Tidbits

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

In this very busy time of year, there are a few footnotes and a few attachments... As the busy month of May approaches, I will send frequent updates regarding upcoming events to have on your radar!

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¹ We had a fun Walkathon “kickoff assembly” on Friday, encouraging students to do their part for the success of the **Walkathon to be held on Monday, May 21st. This year’s theme – Little or Big, Each Step Counts – was revealed to the students, and we look forward to seeing the tee-shirt! Please have your children continue to solicit pledges from grandparents, relatives, and friends.** Last year, we hit our goal of raising \$75,000 for the Walkathon and know that we can be equally successful this year! **With our corporate donations paving the path, if every family was able to secure at least \$250 in pledges, we would get close to that goal!** It is such a fun day – and it provides us with the means to be able to close our fiscal year in the black. We truly count on a successful Walkathon event! Note that if you have completed the pledge process, it is not too early to turn your form and money in at school!

² **Please stop by and see the Seventh Grade Science Projects which are on display in the hallway of the Rhodora!**

³ Next **Friday, May 4th, we have a School Day Open House for Prospective Families.** We will welcome prospective families to tour the school and stop in classrooms from 9 – 11 a.m. If you know of any families looking for a change of schools, invite them to come visit on that day! **Please note that Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 6th Grade are closed for next year and have a waiting list.**

⁴ An important reminder that **we DO HAVE SCHOOL ON ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 10th. Mass will be at 8:15, and parents are invited to attend with us.** Celebrant will be Fr. Brian Welding who serves as Secretary for Clergy and Consecrated Life for the Diocese.

⁵ Please **note that PayForIt, our declining balance lunch account, is transitioning to PaySchools Central.** You may have received an email in that regard or may have tried to add funds and been prompted to follow the prompts for the transition. That is a legitimate process as PayForIt becomes PaySchools. This system has worked well for us and we have no reason to change the process. Just follow the directions when prompted!

⁶ **Congratulations to the Lower School and Middle School Red Teams. They collected the most Box Tops during our Spring Contest! Thank you to all who participated this year. Your efforts helped to raise \$1055 for our school! Don't stop clipping now! Continue to clip and save your Box Tops throughout the summer months. Just look for Box Tops with an expiration date of 11/1/18 or later to be counted in the fall collection! The Lower and Middle School RED TEAMS will have a TEAM DRESS DOWN DAY THIS FRIDAY, 4/27, as the Boxtops winning Teams!** Thank you to Aimee Engleka and her committee for her Boxtops Efforts!

⁷ IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Saturday, April 28 – High School Spring Dance

Wednesday, May 2 – 12th Grade Hamlet Field Trip

Thursday, May 3 – Grade 1 and 2 Orchestra Field Trip

Friday, May 4 – School Day Open House for Prospective Families (9:00 – 11:00)

Monday, May 7 – Friday, May 18 – AP Exams for high school

Thursday, May 10 – SCHOOL IN SESSION FOR SNOW MAKE-UP – ASCENSION
THURSDAY – MASS AT 8:15 IN CHAPEL – ALL WELCOME

Friday, May 11 – Junior/Senior Cedar Point Trip

Tuesday, May 15 – MAY CROWNING IN CHAPEL AT 10:45 – 2ND GRADE PARENT
LUNCHEON

Friday, May 18 – High School Athletic Awards in the Rhodora

Monday, May 21 – Walkathon – (Afternoon classes – Day 9)

Tuesday, May 22 – Thursday, May 24 – Senior Final Exams

Wednesday, May 23 – Middle School Athletic Awards in the Rhodora

Thursday, May 24 – High School Band and Choir – School Day Spring Concert – 10:15

Thursday, May 24 – Beginning and Advanced Band Concert grades 4 – 8 – 7:00

Friday, May 25 – High School Academic Awards – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 26 – HS Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement – 10:00 am.

Monday, May 28 – NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY

Thursday, May 31 – Tuesday, June 5 – Final Exams for MS/HS (schedule to be published)

FRIDAY – JUNE 1 – LAST DAY FOR LOWER SCHOOL – DISMISSAL AT NOON FOR K
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Tuesday, June 5 – Closing Middle School Mass and Awards and 8th grade Graduation – 6:30
p.m.

COURTESY NOTES – EVENTS LOCALLY THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST:

- From Jacinta Dvorak: Girls currently in 8th Grade are invited to “Request an Invitation” for our program on **May 1st at 10am**. Please mark your calendar and set your alarms, don’t miss this opportunity to register your daughter for the Junior Medallion Program, which culminates in the presentation at the Medallion Ball in November 2021, her senior year of high school.
On May 1st at 10 am a Google Doc will be available on our Junior Medallion page with instructions to complete and **submit ASAP**. There is no need to mail anything or drop

any forms off at homes; we are streamlining this process to make it fair and convenient for everyone.

Our program fills on a first come, first served basis, therefore we recommend submitting this form as quickly as possible.

[St. Lucy's Auxiliary to the Blind](#) Thanks, Jacinta

- From Jenifer Schellhaas:
Dear Aquinas Academy Families ~

My name is Jenifer Schellhaas and I'm the mom of Zach (3-D), Anna (2-S), Luke (K-G), and Mark (3yrs old). I am also the President of the Board of Directors for the [Women's Choice Network](#), pregnancy care centers around the Pittsburgh area that take a faith based approach of empowering abortion-minded women to choose life. Our medical centers are located in Wexford, North Side, Oakland, and the Monroeville Mall and we provide pregnancy testing, STD testing, ultra sounds, counseling, post-abortive counseling, prenatal classes, parenting classes, and in-school abstinence presentations.

Now that you know about our mission, I introduce to you, [THE PITTSBURGH DIAPER DERBY!](#)

On your mark, get set,...crawl! The Pittsburgh Diaper Derby is about babies "racing" babies. Children ages 5 and under will walk, toddle, or crawl their way to the finish line while raising funds for families served by the Women's Choice Network. The baby sized "races" will take place at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium. Your support provides programming for moms and dads who have chosen life for their little ones.

[PITTSBURGH DIAPER DERBY](#)

@ the Pittsburgh Zoo
10:00am-12:00noon
Saturday, May 19, 2018

How to participate: go to www.pghdiaperderby.com to register your child(ren). Raise a minimum of \$160 (or make the donation when you register and just show up at the event) per child. Our Team is called "[TEAM AQUINAS ACADEMY.](#)" Your registration includes all-day passes to the Zoo for the rest of the day!

This year, the Women's Choice Network is giving 10% back to 501(c)3 organizations who have a minimum of 5 contestants each raising the minimum donation. **So you'll not only be supporting the Women's Choice Network, but Aquinas Academy as well!**

Will you join our team?! If you have questions, feel free to contact me directly at 724-816-0849 or jkingym@gmail.com. If you can't make it on the 19th, consider joining the team anyway! You don't have to be present to participate or to win the amazing prizes:

Grand prize for most money fundraised by an individual is 4 Lexus Club seats to a Bucs game and an overnight stay at the Renaissance

2nd prize: 2 night stay at Stonewall Resort & a gift card for dinner

3rd prize: All day fun passes to DelGrosso Amusement Park & gift card for food

And finally - if your kids are not of age to participate, go [HERE](#) and donate to our "[TEAM AQUINAS ACADEMY](#)" team page! OR perhaps you would like your [business to become a corporate sponsor](#) - complete with logo and promotional materials distributed to the over 100 families that participate.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about this life-giving ministry and event. My you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!

Jenifer Schellhaas

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- Helen Ivaska sent a link for the Alice McCaffrey Scholarship Auction, named for Fr. Joe McCaffrey's mom, that raises funds for seminarians who are seeking adjunct service opportunities. That link is: <http://www.32auctions.com/ssjp-amsf2018>