



Monday Musings

November 11, 2019

Dear Parents,

As we honor our Veterans today, we owe a debt of gratitude to the following Aquinas Alumni who have served or are currently serving our country in the military forces:

Michael Rueda, Class of '04, Navy
Matthew Yaw, Class of '05, Marines
Robert Blume, Class of '09, Navy
James Heisler, Class of '11, Marines
Daisy Flynn, Class of '11, Army National Guard
Alex Schirra, Class of '12, Army
Jack Dyro, Class of '12, Navy
Nathaniel Hycza, Class of '13, Army
Michael Tappe, Class of '15, Army

Current College Students:

Chris Miller, Class of '15, ROTC, Penn State
Paul Adams, Class of '16, Army, WestPoint
Lucy Zaharko, Class of '16, ROTC, Case Western Reserve
Paul Adams, Class of '16, Army, WestPoint
Anthony Hite, Class of '19, Merchant Marine Academy

To all of these fine young men and women, "Thank you for your service!". Please keep those who are currently serving in your prayers!

Grateful for their service and leadership,
Leslie Mitros

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¹ **On Wednesday, November 13, during all lunch periods, there will be a bake sale to benefit Fr. Scott Seethaler's mission hospital in Oaxaca, Mexico.** Prices will range from .25 to 2.00. Fr. Scott has Mass at Aquinas on Friday, November 15, and Abigail Irvin, who organized the sale, will present the proceeds to Fr. Scott. (Abby heard Father Scott speak at a Mass at her parish recently, and felt called to do a fundraiser to help with that charitable work!)

² **The lower school Caring Crusader Club will be collecting for a Thanksgiving Food Panty Drive to benefit the Lighthouse on Route 8.** The Food Drive will run from

November 12 to November 22. **A flyer is attached with suggested food items to donate** to the Food Pantry. Thank you in advance on behalf of the Caring Crusader Club who are so willing to help those in need!

³ On Friday, November 15th, Kindergarten will have their Thanksgiving Program and Thanksgiving Feast in the Cafeteria. **ON FRIDAY, ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 1 TO 12 MUST PACK THEIR LUNCH ON FRIDAY AS THERE WILL BE NO CAFETERIA SERVICE IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE KINDERGARTEN FEAST.**

⁴ **On Friday, November 15th, during the Crusader Period, high school students will gather in the gym for a Career Day event planned by Helen Rothfus, Academic Prefect, and her Committee.** There was a tremendous response by parents in various career fields who will be available to speak with students about their career path, college majors, and daily experience in various fields. This will be from 1:15 to 1:50 in the gym. **Thank you to the parents who have given of their time to participate in this event which will help our high school students as they begin to consider where their talents and interests lie.**

⁵ Music, dance, laughs, and the age-old tale of Boy Meets Girl– no musical puts it on stage better than **ANYTHING GOES!** A hilarious shipboard experience, wrapped around one of Cole Porter’s most magical scores, *ANYTHING GOES* is Delightful, Delicious, and De-Lovely. **Please plan to join our talented high school cast on Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23, at 7:00 in the Rhodora.**

⁶ **The virtue of the month for November is Gratitude.** There is an attachment today with suggestions for Acts of Thanksgiving. **The Devotional Practice for November is recalling the Communion of Saints** and calling upon them for inspiration and intercession.

⁷ **Parents of Grades 2 – 5:**

- Last call for **Outside the Box Science, an after-school enrichment program at Aquinas Academy in science for grades 2 through 5.** It will be on Mondays beginning November 18th, and go for 5 weeks, wrapping up before Christmas. To sign up, and for more info, see the flyer attached!

⁸ **Upcoming Events/Field Trips**

Tuesday, November 12	1 st Grade Field Trip to Children’s Museum
Thursday, November 13	3 rd Grade Field Trip to Carnegie Museum
Friday, November 15	Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program and Feast
Wednesday, November 20	3 rd /4 th Grade Symphony Trip
Friday, Saturday, November 22, 23	High School Musical <i>Anything Goes</i>

⁹ **Planning for Christmas Festivities: Dates for Calendar**

Monday, December 16th, evening HS Band/Choir Concert

Thursday, December 19th, evening Band Concert Grades 4 – 8

Friday, December 20th, 1:00 at St. Catherine’s LOWER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

¹⁰ **Our 8th grade class is running a direct delivery fresh Holiday Evergreens fundraiser with Sherwood Forest Farms.** By going

to <https://sffsalestrack.com/Aquinas> you can get evergreens to decorate your own home as well as send a Gift Item across the country or across town.

Please take a minute to go to the link or review the attached flyer. The proceeds from our sale will assist in deferring cost of the 8th grade class trip. Our event is running now and the last day that we can accept orders will be **Tuesday, November 12th**. Please reach out to Cathy Vollmer for any questions. **Thank you!**

A REMINDER THAT THERE IS A HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, THE DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING. I WILL SEND INFORMATION ABOUT WHICH SCHOOL DISTRICTS PROVIDE BUSSING AT THE HALF-DAY. THERE WILL NOT BE AFTER-DAY CARE ON THAT DAY SO THAT ALL STAFF CAN PREPARE FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY AND TRAVELS.