

AQUINAS AMERICAN SCHOOL

Middle School Newsletter



GREETINGS AQUINAS FAMILY!

October Snapshot

- Student Council Elections - *October 2nd*
- Día de la Hispanidad (No School) - *October 12th*
- Virtual Open House - *October 13th*
- MAP Testing - *October 19th - 22nd*

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We are already settling into the second month of school! It has been an incredible feeling to walk the hallways and enter the classrooms seeing so many of our students back on campus. I would also like to take a moment to welcome all of the new and returning families to Aquinas American School as I have not yet the opportunity to do so.

We are all anticipating an amazing year filled with learning and personal growth. I look forward to working with you all in this pursuit, so please know that my door is always open.

We have an amazing team of dedicated teachers and we are all excited for the many adventures that lie ahead!

Best wishes,

Mr. Trevor Sargent

Middle School Advisors

- 6A - Ms. Ubilla
- 6B - Mr. Lorenzo
- 6C - Ms. Rubio
- 7A - Ms. Ochoa
- 7B - Ms. Algar
- 7C - Mr. Nuñez
- 8A - Mr. Bauer
- 8B - Mr. Forcada

We would like to extend a special welcome to Ms. Pupin, our new French teacher, who will be substituting for Ms. Vicent while she is on maternity leave.

2020-21 Academic Year

As with last year, we are operating on a semester schedule meaning that quarterly grades will not be issued. All information can be viewed in real time through RenWeb and advisors will be in communication on a regular basis to address students' academic progress. Please keep in mind that the 1st semester this year ends on February 5th after the completion of the semester exams.

School Day Schedule

The school day begins at 8:40 and ends at 4:40. The day consists of seven class periods and two breaks, including lunch. The daily activities vary depending on grade level and class. Please ensure that students arrive on time to avoid unnecessary interruptions and in the event that students will be absent, leaving early, or arriving late, email Iris in reception as well as your child's advisor.

Virtual Open House

This year, due to the fact that we are not able to bring all of the families together here at school, we will be uploading videos and presentations of the teachers and subject areas to give all of you a better sense of the academic trajectory that lies ahead for your children. There will also be an opportunity to resolve any doubts directly with the teachers.

French and Reinforcement Classes

This year in middle school, we will be continuing the support and reinforcement classes that we are able to offer our students. During the hours allotted for French, students that are not in French will take English, Spanish or Math reinforcement classes to help them meet grade level expectations and ensure academic success in core subjects.

Placement of students in support classes is based upon grades from the previous academic year, feedback from teachers and advisors, and informed decisions through discussions with families.



MAP Testing

We will be completing the fall session of MAP testing this month. MAP, or the Measure of Academic Progress, is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth. MAP testing will take place during school hours towards the end of October. Results will be sent out to families shortly after the completion of the tests. A parent's guide for understanding results can be downloaded at: <https://www.nwea.org/resources/parents-guide-map-growth/>

7th and 8th Grade P.E. Classes

Although our sports programs are not fully up and running, we are doing our best to meet the needs of our students while adhering to the necessary safety protocols. We ask that if your child stays for the afternoon on Tuesdays and Thursdays that they come to school in their P.E. uniform.

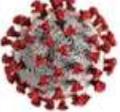
Modalities and Safety Protocols

- Please remember to email covid19@aquinasmadrid.es with any changes to the modality that you have chosen for your child. We need you to do so by the 20th of the month prior to the change.
- We need your support to ensure a safe and productive year by following all of the protocols and guidelines sent out by the school. If there are any doubts, do not hesitate to reach out and let us know.
- Be sure that your child has a bag of extra masks in their lockers at all times.



COVID19 ABSENCE. A QUICK GUIDE FOR FAMILIES:

September 29th, 2020

What do I do if...	Action needed	Back to school
 <p>...my child has COVID19 Symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your child must not attend school. Inform school. - You must ask for an appointment with the doctor. He will say if you should get a PCR. - Whole household self-isolates while waiting for the results. - Inform school immediately about test results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When child PCR comes back negative and feels well enough without any symptoms.
 <p>... my child tests positive for COVID19 (PCR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your child must not attend school. - Inform school immediately about test results. - Contact doctor. - Whole household self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms started and 3 days without symptoms, <i>even if someone testes negative during those 10 days.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When child PCR comes back negative, after 10 days since symptoms started and 3 days without symptoms. Under Doctor's orders. <p><i>They can come back to school even if they have loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</i></p>
 <p>... somebody in my household has COVID19 symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your child must not attend school. - The household member with symptoms should get a PCR (doctor's decision). - Whole household self-isolates while waiting for the results. - Inform school immediately about test results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When household member's test comes back negative and child does not have COVID19 symptoms.
 <p>.. somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID19 (PCR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your child must not attend school. - Inform school immediately about test results. - Whole household self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms started, <i>even if someone testes negative during those 10 days.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When child has self-isolate for 10 days, <i>even if they have tested negative during those days</i>, and has no COVID19 symptoms.
 <p>...my child is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID19 (PCR)</p> <p>PDIA* Prueba Diagnóstica de Infección Activa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your child must not attend school and must self-isolate for 10 days, <i>even if they test negative during those 10 days.</i> - Your child must call the doctor if symptoms. - PDIA* is not mandatory since September 25. - Rest of the household does not need to self-isolate unless they are a 'close contact' too. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When child has self-isolate for 10 days, <i>even if they have tested negative during those days</i>, and has no COVID19 symptoms. - PDIA* is not mandatory to return to school if there are no symptoms since September 25.

Middle School Student Council

The focus of the Student Council, under the guidance of Ms. Ochoa, is community building, fostering communication and collaboration, and organizing events and activities in the middle school at AAS. Elections have been held for some offices with the presidential elections being held on October 2nd.

EARLY ELECTION RESULTS

SECRETARY - MARCO CALSO

TREASURER - CELIA DE MENA

HISTORIAN - ROBERT DEL OLMO



Welcome to all of our new students and families!

Barrio Castaño

Del Buono Galasio

Monteagudo Reyزابال

Calso Sarabia

Docampo Piñeiro

Rodríguez Sarasola

Creech

Enciso Ramos-Catalina

Ruiz Santiso

Hernández Segovia



Let's make it a great year!