

# AAS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of the High School



Happy All Saints  
and Thanksgiving  
day!!

## AQUINAS SCHOOL MISSION

*Aquinas American School is a Catholic, college-preparatory school, that promotes superior academic achievement, mastery of skills and content, and fosters moral citizenship. Aquinas American School offers the U.S. school curriculum as well as the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, preparing students to further their education either in Spain or abroad.*

## AAS STARTS THE MSA AND IB REACCREDITATIONS PROCESS

After a very successful implementation and five years of constant growth and improvements, AAS is already working on the Five Year Evaluation of the IB Diploma Program, which will conclude next spring. In parallel, the whole school will be working on a self-study process for re-accreditation from The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, a process that will culminate in the fall of 2021. As part of both processes, the school will be sending this month a survey for parents, teachers and students. High school students interested in taking part in the MSA process should contact Ms Carpio.

## IB AAS policies available on Renweb

All AAS regulations regarding the IB DP are available on Renweb for parents and students. These policies describe IB admissions requirements, assessment, available inclusive arrangements, procedures with regards to academic honesty, as well as the school Linguistic Policy.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 2nd- No School. All souls' day

November 6th- NUT day

November 9th- No School. Our Lady of Almudena Holiday.

Nov- 23- 26 - Thanksgiving food drive

November 27th- No School. Thanksgiving

## IB1 STUDENTS START A MATH

Students taking IB Mathematics HL will have the opportunity of joining the new Math HL Club. It has been created with the objective of helping students to have a better understanding of class content with the help and collaboration of the Club members. The Math HL Club meets every Monday and Friday (Room 102). If you are interested in joining the Club, please contact or send an email to Diego Torres at [diego.torres@aasgmail.com](mailto:diego.torres@aasgmail.com). In addition to this, Math Review and Math Honors classes are already taking place every afternoon for students in the 9th and 10th grade.

## HS STUDENT COUNCIL ON INSTAGRAM



This year the student council is looking to reach their schoolmates by creating a school Instagram account. In hopes of bringing our community together digitally, the account will be used to make announcements and share other relevant messages to the student body. In addition to the new Instagram account, the student council is hoping to increase participation in our yearly talent show. Students will be given the opportunity to showcase their talents by submitting a short video. Students are not limited to submitting musical performances. Comedy skits, dance routines, and magic tricks are all acceptable. These videos will be reviewed by the student council and staff. Alongside performances with the Music Academy, the selected short videos will be presented to the school during our Holiday Talent Show

## New IT department available in High School

Starting this month, a new IT services company will be assisting our staff in all technological related matters. This department will facilitate the use of the school's IT resources available, will provide training when necessary and reduce the response time.

### A TEACHING MASS

Tuesday, November 3rd at 1:00 PM, Fr. Alejandro will celebrate a Teaching Mass available for all students. During the Mass, he will periodically stop and explain the symbolism, origin, and meaning of the most important parts of the Mass. This is a great opportunity for all students to learn a little more about what we do in the Mass and why it's so important in our spiritual lives.

### FIRST NUT DAY FOR THE ST CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

IB1 students Paula San Martín, Mónica Crespo and Jimena Asensi are organizing this month a No Uniform Day to raise funds to repair the Church of St Christopher in Vallecas as part of their first CAS experience.

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

During the month of November, AAS High School will take part once again in the Operación Kilo. As in previous years. AAS families will be able to donate nonperishable goods to Caritas Madrid. Donations will be collected at the Front Desk.

### IB Business students at the Hubro Championship

During the month of November, six students from Grades 11 and 12 will be participating in the Hubro Championship for Business and Marketing. This online competition will offer students the chance to run their own company through several simulations. The students must use the skills and tools learned in the classroom in order to compete in a global market and strive to come out on top! 11th Graders: Yousef Amirghofran, Juan Mediavilla, and Hua de Wu 12th Graders: Pablo de la Vega, Jorge de la Vega, and Joey Mozley.

### COLLEGE COUNSELING CORNER

Our 12th-grade students have started submitting applications, many others are working towards the approaching deadlines. I encourage 10th, 11th and 12th-grade students to participate in the virtual visits offered by many universities. You can find further information in the blog [www.aquinascollegecounselingblog.wordpress.com](http://www.aquinascollegecounselingblog.wordpress.com) to book a meeting link