

# AQUINAS AMERICAN SCHOOL

*Middle School Newsletter*



**GREETINGS AQUINAS FAMILY!**

## *December Snapshot*

- December Puente - **December 5th - 8th**
- MS Trivia Competition and Online Talent Show - **December 22nd**
- Early Release - **December 22nd**
- Holiday Break - **December 23rd - January 10th**

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The colder temperatures are here along with the arrival of December. Be sure to stay warm, wear layers and take care of yourselves. We also need to continue following all of the protocols to ensure a safe and healthy environment for everyone. All of your support is greatly appreciated!

We have just a few weeks after returning from the holidays before semester exams and the end of the first semester, so keep staying focused on your studies and do your very best.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. May your holidays be filled with laughter, cheer, and time with your loved ones. We will see you all back after the holidays on January 11th.

Best wishes,

**Mr. Trevor Sargent**

## **Bear Houses**

The student body at AAS is divided into four bear houses: Polar, Grizzly, Kodiak and Black. All students have been placed in a bear house with the goal of encouraging team unity and a sense of community as well as promoting school spirit. Bear house competitions have begun and will take place periodically throughout the year. During these events, students are permitted to come to school in their bear shirts. Please purchase your house shirts in reception. The cost is **10€** and all proceeds go to the Aquinas Foundation.

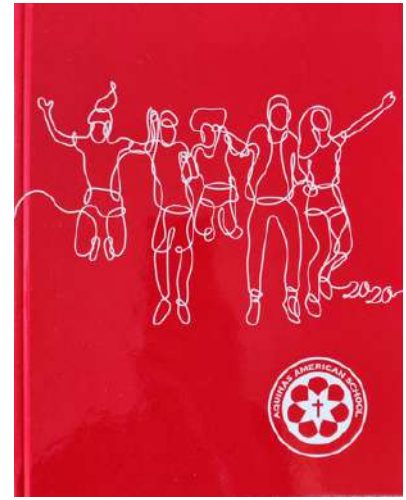


**City of Pozuelo de Alarcón recognized  
AAS students for Academic  
Excellence and Academic Merit for  
the 2019/20 Academic Year**



**CONGRATULATIONS to Elena Guida Romeral (Academic Excellence) and Celia de Mena Francoy (Academic Merit)!**

**2019-20 YEARBOOK ON SALE**



The Yearbook 2019-2020 has arrived and is on sale at the front desk at any of our Campuses for 40€. This year, due to restrictions of access, we ask that you purchase it through your children or by calling the front desk or sending an email to [frontdesk@aquinasmadrid.es](mailto:frontdesk@aquinasmadrid.es) to arrange delivery.



Our lucky number this year is 39935! Tickets cost 25€ with 20€ going to the lottery and 5€ donated to the Aquinas Foundation. As with the yearbooks, we ask that you have your children purchase the ticket or contact Iris in reception to arrange delivery. Thank you for your support!



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**THANK YOU**



**Un clic para el cole**

## *Reminder from the School Nurse Office*

### COVID PREVENTION REMINDER

1. **If your child has covid 19 symptoms:** 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/antigen covid test. Whole household self-isolates while waiting for the results. Inform Advisor and School Nurse immediately about test result.
2. **If somebody in your household has COVID19 symptoms:** Your child must not attend school. The household member with symptoms should call a doctor for getting a PCR (doctor's decision). Whole household self-isolates while waiting for the results. Inform Advisor and School Nurse School immediately about test results.
3. Your child must bring a replacement face mask.
4. Children must bring their own water bottle. It is not allowed to drink directly from the fountain. Identify the bottle with the student's name.
5. Since the windows are opened most of the time and it is cold, your child should bring warm clothing. Blankets are not allowed.
6. Remember the **3 W's** to reduce the risk of Covid-19: **Wear a mask – Wash your hands - Watch your distance.**

### HEALTH POLICY REMINDER

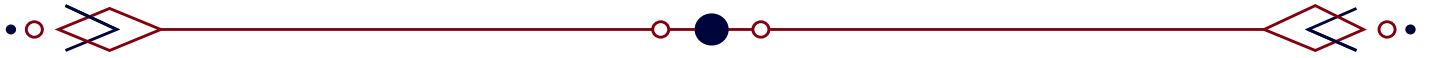
1. Candies, cakes, nuts ...for birthday and other parties celebrations are not allowed due to allergies.
2. If your child requires administration such as **ibuprofen, paracetamol (Acetaminophen), Salbutamol or antihistaminics**, the proper forms **DOC2P** (requires parent's sign) and **DOC2M** (requires a Doctor's sign) are mandatory. Most of you filled them in when your child enrolled in Aquinas American School. If not, you can find the forms in Renweb or asking for them to the School Nurse.
3. If your child requires administration of **prescription medication such as antibiotics, cough suppressants, mucolytics...** please send the medicine together with the medical prescription. No syrups prepared at home in syringes, bottles or tablets out of the blister pack or original packaging will be given. these rules will be applied to **homeopathic medicines, eyes and ears drops** also.

**Laura Ledesma**  
**Registered School Nurse**  
**& Covid coordinator**

**November 2020**

# Thanksgiving Food Drive

This year, the middle school donated well over 500 kilos of food to the parish Asunción de Nuestra Señora! Thank you to all who participated by donating food to families who do not have enough to eat. Your kind donations will go a long way in improving the lives of those in need.



## Aquinas School Mission Statement



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.