

AQUINAS AMERICAN SCHOOL

Middle School Newsletter



GREETINGS AQUINAS FAMILY!

January Snapshot

- First day back after the holidays - January 11th
- St. Thomas Aquinas Day - January 28th
- First Semester Exams - First week of February

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful time during the holidays and that all of your loved ones are safe and healthy.

2021 is upon us and we are getting close to wrapping up the first semester. With just a few weeks before the semester exams, it is important for students to stay on top of their studies and begin preparing for the exams. Study guides are provided for the students and teachers will be guiding the students in reviewing the material.

Official grades will be published shortly after the completion of the first semester.

Best wishes,

Mr. Trevor Sargent

Update: Due to the current weather conditions, classes on Monday, January 11th, and Tuesday, January 12th will be online. Teachers have updated Meet links through Google Classroom. We will resume classes on campus on Wednesday, January 13th.



SEMESTER EXAMS



The first semester exams will take place during the week of February 1st to February 5th. The semester exam schedule will be sent out by the advisors to all of the students the first week back after the holiday break. The exams will cover all content from the first semester and last about two hours each. This year, all exams will take place before lunch to accommodate students and families that have opted for modality three. For students overseas or on modality two, advisors and teachers will reach out directly to organize the completion of the semester exams. There will be two exams per day and the remaining hours will be used for studying and review with teachers. Semester exams will account for 20 percent of the overall semester grade. If you have any questions, please contact your child's advisor.

A few highlights from December...

On December 22nd, following the Christmas address from Father Mario, the Student Council hosted an online talent show and middle school wide trivia competition. A big thank you to everyone who participated.

MS Talent Show Winners



1st - Lucía Vivas Muñez



2nd - Lucas Martínez Sanz



3rd - Veronica Arce Carpio

MS Trivia Competition Champions

1st - Team Pogger

Guillermo Arévalo Fernández
Daniel Vega Fernández

2nd - Smooth Operators

Jacob Lisper Orza
Lucas Martínez Sanz

3rd - Obviously

Ana Ortega Martín
Martina Puertas Pereletegui

Candy Cane Grams and Christmas Festivities





Middle School Soccer Tournaments



Reminder from the School Nurse Office

COVID PREVENTION REMINDER

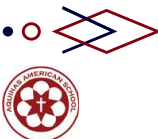
1. **If your child has covid 19 symptoms:** your child must not attend school. Inform school. You must ask for an appointment with the doctor. He will say if you should get a PCR/antigen covid test. Whole household self-isolates while waiting for the results. Inform Advisor and School Nurse immediately 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

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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.