

AAS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of the High School



Snow came to School!

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.

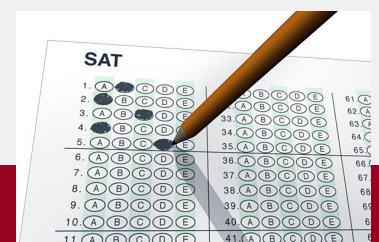
I hope that all our students had a wonderful Christmas break and now have the energy and enthusiasm to continue the school year, which we start online. Let's hope we have a great second semester...

SENIOR STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR 1ST SEMESTER GRADES

Students in the 12th grade will get this week their 1st semester transcripts, after they finished the first semester exams just before Christmas.

SAT PREP REGISTRATION STARTS THIS MONTH

Students from 11th grade will be able to register for the incoming SAT course. Classes will be held on Wednesdays starting in February.



MIDTERMS COMING UP FOR 9TH TO 11TH GRADES

We are starting a New Year but students in 9th to 11th grade are already finishing their first semester. There will be approximately three weeks of learning before students prepare to take semester exams. Semester exams as well as IB mock exams will begin on February 1st and will last until February 5th. Following semester exams, report cards will be out next month. Report card grades will be the final semester grade, where the final exam will represent 20% of the final grade. For high school students, the semester grades will count as credit and will affect grade-point average. These grades will also appear on students transcripts if they leave our school and when seeking admission to a university. If a student fails a semester course, he or she will not receive any credit and will be required to retake the course.

Two Senior students shortlisted for the Kemper scholarship

We are extremely proud to announce that two of our 12th grade students, María Posada and Lucía Casals, have successfully qualified to pass to the last phase of a unique and demanding selection process to study at Phillips Academy Andover (www.andover.edu) in Massachusetts, one of the most prestigious preparatory boarding schools in the USA.

Since 1975, Phillips Academy has awarded a full scholarship, known as the Kemper Scholarship, to four European students to study a pre-university course for an academic year at their institution.

Only one student from each of these countries is selected: Spain, France, Italy and Germany.



We would like to welcome our new student Jan Wasowicz, who has joined 10a. Jan is originally from Poland and comes to our school via Costa Rica.

UNI CORNER

Do not forget to contact the college counselor with your 12th grade applications. Give yourselves ample time to produce the best applicant profile.