

AQUINAS AMERICAN SCHOOL

Middle School Newsletter



GREETINGS AQUINAS FAMILY!

February Snapshot

- First Semester Exams - February 3rd - 5th
- Start of Second Semester - February 8th
- Ash Wednesday - February 17th
- Report Cards Published on RenWeb- February 18th
- Puente February - February 19th - 22nd

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The first semester has finished; marked by the completion of the semester exams and formal evaluations.

We will begin with new content in classes on February 8th with the start of the second semester. All of the teachers and advisors are available for meetings to discuss student progress, so please do not hesitate to reach out if there are any concerns and know that my door is always open as well.

Official report cards will be published through RenWeb on February 18th. Until that time, RenWeb will be blocked.

Be safe and take care!

Best wishes,

Mr. Trevor Sargent

First Semester Grades

The first semester of this academic year will come to a close on February 5th with the completion of the semester exams. Report cards will be made available via RenWeb to Middle School students and families on the 18th of February after their teachers have completed the evaluation process. Please keep in mind that the semester grades are calculated by averaging the first semester grade (80%) with the semester exam grade (20%). Students who have made the principal's list and honor roll will be published in next month's newsletter.

Registration Reminder

Those families with young siblings who wish to enroll in the school for the 2021/22 academic year need to contact the admissions department before February 12th. Please direct your emails to Ms. Carpio (carpio@aquinasmadrid.es).

Blanket Drive

As a result of the cold wave we are undergoing, many of the shelters and elderly care homes are in need of blankets to be able to cater to the elderly and their caregivers. For this reason we are organizing a campaign, together with the Red Cross, to gather blankets and comforters. We will have two drop-off points, one at each frontdesk of our campuses, in the regular school schedule. We thank you for your collaboration.

Thank you for your support - Pastoral Aquinas

GROUNDHOG DAY

Current Name of Groundhog: **Punxsutawney Phil**
Indian name meaning **Location**
Named after **King Philip**

How many times has Phil seen...
His Shadow **99** Times
No Shadow **15** Times

Crowds of around **40,000**
Gather every February 2nd to celebrate the holiday since **1886**

Phil Facts:
Normal: 20" Long, 12-15 Lbs
Phil: 22" Long, 20 Lbs

Phil is about as accurate as a **meteorologist**.
39%

Phil is on...
facebook (2,201 Likes)
YouTube
Text Groundhog to **247365**

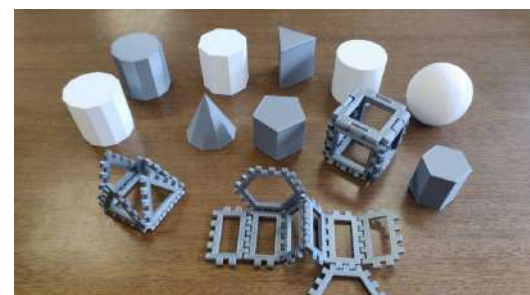
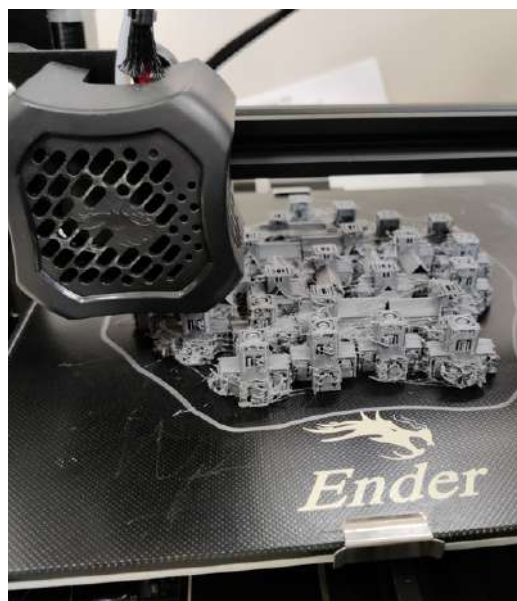
Hmmm, That's Interesting!
Alaska
Sarah Palin signed a bill officially designating Feb. 2nd as **Marmot Day** since there are no Groundhogs in Alaska.
The Marmot cannot forecast the weather.

Phil is Immortal
Born in 1887, Phil drinks from a magical "**Elixir of Life**" keeping him virtually immortal according to folklore. He's **124** years old.

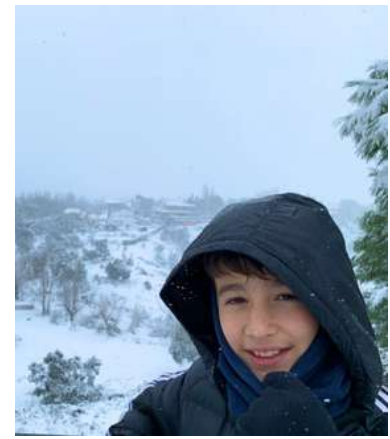
Happy Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is near, so the Student Council has organized the sale of candygrams. Students can send a personalized message and piece of candy to a dear friend or anyone of their choosing. They will be sold during break from February 8th to the 12th and delivered on February 15th.

The 3D Design Club is up and running in the middle school.



Fun in the snow...



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.