

Aquinas High School

Principal's Newsletter

Scripture of the Month:

Jesus said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

[Luke 9:23-24](#) (NIV)



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Principal's Message

I hope all of you will be well rested after Easter break. Remember we are an Easter people.

Please be sure and fill out all Census 2010 related mailings from the Federal government. The Census allocates Federal monies, even to Aquinas. We see Federal dollars come to us in the form of Title funding. The more people in our local school district, the more Title funds go to the district and the more funds allocated to Aquinas.

All of our sport teams are off to a great start. Some sports teams may not have a stellar record but they are improving over last year.

Our counseling team is at work trying to meet with every student again before the end of the year. Fr. Justin is busy trying to see all students fulfill their community service hour's requirement by the end of April.

Please talk to your students about the importance of being to school on time and being to each

class on time. Studies indicate that if a student is tardy on a regular basis they are more likely to score lower on tests and have an overall lower GPA than those who show up on time.

Registration is at the end of April, please check the web site for more details.

Fran Herdlein
Principal

Campus Ministry Corner

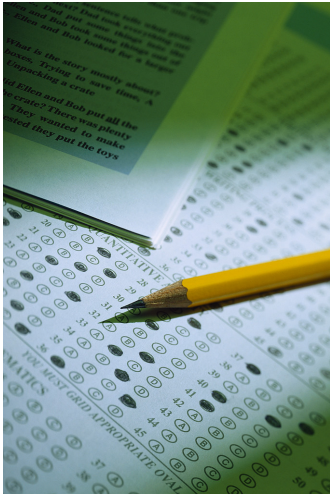
Tempus Fugit

Time flies, as the expression goes. This academic year certainly gave us an Happy Easter

As the Lenten Season draws to a close and we prepare to celebrate Easter, Campus Ministry is working hard to provide the Aquinas Community with opportunities for spiritual growth. On Holy Tuesday, March 30, we will hold the annual "Living Stations." Each year, members of the senior class perform this beautiful rendition of the Stations of the Cross as one of their gifts to the school.

Our annual May Procession in honor of Mary will take place on Friday, April 30. After Mass, the Aquinas community will gather around the beautiful new statue of Mary in the quad to crown her as Queen of Heaven. The faculty chooses the May Court from girls whom they believe represent in some part the virtues that the Blessed Mother has.

WASC, what is it all about?



Seniors: Let the counseling office know about your acceptances. We will post them on the website

We have over a \$1 million in scholarships for the Class of 2010

Questions? Contact the counseling office.

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As you all know our campus was recently graced with four members of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges or WASC. This visitation committee was here for four days to basically affirm everything that we are doing here at Aquinas. For roughly the last three years we have all been working up to this visit in order to showcase all of the great things that we are doing. So over these four days the WASC committee interviewed the faculty and the boards and committees, and left us with this: Aquinas is a great school. The committee was impressed with our academic and athletic achievements, the compas-

sion of our teachers, and the dedication of everyone involved with making Aquinas what it is.

It was clear to the visiting committee that Aquinas isn't just a school, it is a way of life. It is a commitment that everyone makes to insure the success of our students and the legacy of the mission of Aquinas High School.

I want to thank all of the Aquinas community for the support and encouragement that enables Aquinas to be not just a wonderful educational institution to educate the leaders of tomorrow, but also a wonderful place to work.

We should all be proud to be part of the Aquinas community.

Senior Section: Mrs. Burton's Office

I would like to extend my congratulations to senior Elaine Hanson. She was named the winner in the Daughters of the American Revolution "Good Citizen" Essay Contest. Elaine beat out representatives from Redlands High School, Redlands East Valley High School and Yucaipa High School. Well done, Elaine!!

Congratulations also go out to junior Alyssa Windle. She will be Aquinas High School's representative to Girls State this year! Alyssa will attend the week long experience this summer.

I have now begun the process of calling in the juniors and seniors for their second semester talk. Seniors are being told to keep their nose to the grindstone for their last semester of high school, make sure that

their community service hours are completed, and to apply for scholarships. Juniors will hear me talk about taking the SAT this year, and keeping their grades up because it is getting much tougher to get into any Cal State University or University of California school. G.P.A.'s need to be much higher or score higher than 1600 combined SAT scores.

Don't forget to mark Monday, April 12 on your calendar. We will have an informational meeting with the senior parents at 6:30 P.M. in the gym.

As always, I am available to you by email at mburton@aquinashs.net or by phone (909)886-4659, ext. 294.

Have a blessed Easter!

From the Vice Principal: Mr. Mark Hunter

Regular attendance at school should be a priority of each student and should be encouraged and enforced by parents. Regular attendance at school is an absolute necessity if a student is to succeed in his/her academic endeavors. It also develops in students the habits of accountability and responsibility needed at work, in college, and throughout life.

The State of California provides by law for compulsory school attendance by all children between the ages of six and eighteen unless subject to a stated exemption.

The responsibility for compliance with this law belongs to the parents, but the school is obliged to keep and maintain an accurate record of daily attendance for each student.

A written excuse dated and signed by the parent or guardian is required on the day of the student's return following an absence (as per Diocesan policy).

Students who are absent 20 or more days per semester per class without a doctor's excuse or other comparable professional excuse, receive a failing grade in the affected classes, be asked to

repeat the class during summer or even be asked to withdraw from the school. The final decision is made by the local administration in all cases (*San Bernardino Diocesan policy 5113.1*).

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Reasons for Excused Absences and Tardies

Notwithstanding Section 48200 [California's compulsory education requirement], a pupil shall be excused from school when the absence is:

- Due to his or her illness.
- Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
- For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
- For the purpose of attending the funeral services of a member of his or her immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than one day if the service is conducted in California and not more than three days if the service is conducted outside California.
- For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
- Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent.
- For justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of his or her religion, attendance at religious retreats, or attendance at an employment conference, when the pupil's absence has been requested in writing by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the

governing board.

For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code.

(a) A pupil absent from school under this section shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit therefore. The teacher of any class from which a pupil is absent shall determine the tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.

(b) For purposes of this section, attendance at religious retreats shall not exceed four hours per semester.

(c) Absences pursuant to this section are deemed to be absences in computing average daily attendance and shall not generate state apportionment payments.

(d) "Immediate family," as used in this section, has the same meaning as that set forth in Section 45194, except that references therein to "employee" shall be deemed to be references to "pupil."

For tardies add the following, allowable by The Diocese of San Bernardino and Aquinas High School:

- Occasional car trouble verified by note from parent or guardian.
- Occasional traffic problems verified by note from parent or guardian, and daily CHP reports
- Severe weather conditions.

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Lux et Veritas

**We're on the Web:
www.aquinashs.net**

Upcoming Events:

- 3/27 Freshmen Placement Exam
- 3/31 Cesar Chavez Day, No School
- 4/1 Easter Break begins
- 4/10 Campus clean up day
- 4/12 School resumes
- 4/12 Senior Parent Night
- 4/17 Aquinas Golf Classic

Please check the website for the latest information.

Office Hours:

The Aquinas Main Office is open Monday through Friday from 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please try to make your appointments during the normal business hours.

Our website is continually updated. We ask that parents use this important means of communication.

Non Discrimination Policy:

Aquinas High School admits students of any sex, race, color, religion, creed, national and ethnic origin to all rights and privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to all students of the school. Aquinas High School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, creed or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs, and athletic or other administered programs.