



Cathedral School News—9/15/2021

A Message from Mrs. Gallagher-Kosmatka

I hope everyone is enjoying the start to the school year and finding a routine that is manageable in regards to school, play, prayer, relaxation, and family time. Things have been going well at school and on behalf of all of our faculty and staff I thank you for your patience, kindness, and support. We continue to focus on Jesus as our best friend, learning about St. Joseph as the patron of our school, and living what we learn every day. Today we specifically 'lived what we learn' by caring for others with our first "Children Feeding Children" food donation collection - what a wonderful job everyone did bringing in a nonperishable food item.

It was fun to wear our Aquinas Catholic Schools apparel and colors last Friday. Celebrating Aquinas Catholic Schools and participating in Aquinas Fest is a great way to start the school year and celebrate our larger school family.

In your folder is an updated ACS Elementary Dress Code. This update has several clarifications and changes to note. They are:

1. In all of our ACS schools we removed the statement: **Walking shorts and capri pants are NOT to be worn on Mass days.** We replaced that statement with: **Students must be in school dress code on Mass days.**
2. In our elementary dress code, we clarified several items in Item G:
 - * **Polo dresses have been added to the options with skirts and jumpers.**
 - * **Polo shirts must be worn under all jumpers.**
 - * **All polo dresses must have a collar.**

I would also like to remind families that within the dress code as stated:

1. Polo shirts only, either long or short sleeved, are to be worn. Cotton, button down, or other styles/types of collared solid shirt/blouses are not part of the ACS elementary dress code.
2. Socks or solid color tights must be worn with shoes.

Special thanks to **Msgr. Kachel** for his donation of new vestments and a chalice for our Cathedral School Masses. We so very much appreciate his thoughtfulness and generosity. Being able to celebrate Mass together again has been a wonderful experience. **Msgr. Richard Gilles** was at Cathedral School for our very first Mass last week and was so complimentary of our students. **Fr. Billy Dodge** stopped at Cathedral School last Wednesday to visit the classrooms with a birthday treat in honor of Mary's birthday. **Fr. Brian Konopa** celebrated Mass today. We are so very appreciative of the presence of our pastors in our school!!!

Every week brings new adventures and conversations during the school days. Be sure to review details your newsletter and those provided by your child's homeroom teacher. Thank you again for entrusting your children to our care.



In service of your children,

Patty Gallagher-Kosmatka
Principal, Cathedral Elementary School



Picture Day-Friday, September 17

YOUR PORTRAITS. YOUR WAY.

School Picture Day is Friday, September 17. All students will have their picture taken for our school yearbook. Our Josten's photographer will start taking pictures after our morning prayer and announcements. Students may be in school dress or better for school picture day. Jeans and t-shirts are not considered dressing up. Thank you for your understanding. Enclosed are the details to assist you in viewing and purchasing your child's picture.

2021-22 Cathedral Elementary School Student Directory



An electronic copy of the Cathedral Elementary School Student Directory will be e-mailed to families this afternoon. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the school office at 782-5998 or cathedraloffice@aquinasschools.org. Please contact the office as well if you have any updates or corrections to your information. Thank you.



Kwik Trip Car Wash Fundraiser-September 23-October 7

Information for parents regarding our School Fundraiser Sale of Kwik Trip Car Wash cards will be coming to you next week. Our elementary school fundraising sale is conducted simultaneously at Blessed Sacrament School and St. Patrick's School. We realize that families may have students at several schools so want to be sure to help all children in a family experience success. This is the one major fundraiser for the school year. I thank you in advance for your participation and support.

The money raised stays at each school and each school will be using the monies raised for school projects and needs. At Cathedral School we have several projects - a new kitchen stove/oven unit, updates in the bell and clock system, and continued upgrades to our classroom ceiling tiles - that we are reviewing with cost and profit options for the 2021-22 funds earned.

Stay tuned for details of the fundraiser next week in your family folder.

Diocese & Parish News

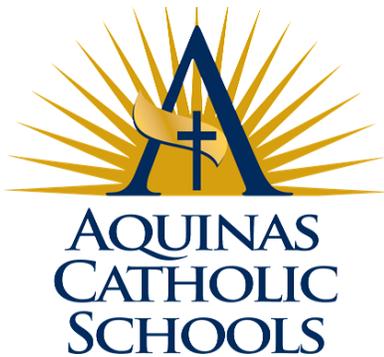
- Mary, Mother of the Church, [2006 Weston Street, La Crosse](#), will be holding a Fall Rumage Sale on Friday, September 17, 11 am - 3 pm, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, September 18, 8 - 11 am, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.
- **Life Chain** - The La Crosse Life Chain will be held on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Participants will stand from the corner of Losey Boulevard and La Crosse Street to King Street and beyond. Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA in a peaceful and prayerful public witness for one hour praying for our nation and an end to abortion. Please check with your parish for its location along the chain, and they will have signs for you (a suggested donation of 50 cents per person or \$1 per family). Please come and join us in standing up for LIFE!



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AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

Aquinas Catholic Schools is a
Christ-centered family
devoted to nurturing students of all faiths
through educational excellence
in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

CORE VALUES

FAITH—Serving Jesus and His Church
INTEGRITY—Cultivating moral character
EXCELLENCE—Pursuing daily improvement
through life-long learning
LEADERSHIP—Inspiring achievement
and stewardship
DIGNITY—Respecting God, others and self

<https://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/ces-home>

School Calendar Reminders

Thursday, September 16

Friday, September 17

Monday, September 20

Wednesday, September 22

Thursday, September 23

Friday, September 24

Wednesday, September 29

Friday, October 1

Monday, October 4 -8

Wednesday, October 6

Thursday, October 7

Friday, October 8

ACS Education Commission

Picture Day 8:00 a.m.

3P & 4K to Ferguson Apple Orchard

Mass 9:00 a.m. Led by Mrs. Flottmeyer's class

Kwik Trip Car Wash fundraiser begins

Aquinas Spirit Day = wear any Aquinas
Catholic Schools shirt and out of dress code
bottoms

Aquinas Homecoming Parade 2:20 p.m.

Mass 9:00 a.m. Led by Mrs. Dobbins' class

NO SCHOOL- Diocese In-Service

Fire Education Week

Mass 9:00 a.m. Led by Mrs. Johanns' class

Kwik Trip Cash Wash fundraiser ends

Cathedral Spirit Dress Day