

Aquin Catholic Schools
From the Office of the Superintendent
August, 2011



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year!

We offer a special welcome to new staff members:

Carol Boreen	4 th Grade
Katie Bratley	Science (Grades 3-6)
Melissa Buss	Spanish (Grades Pre-K to Grade 6)
Dina Duy	Early Childhood Director (curriculum planning and instruction for pre-K and K)
Laura Hart	2 nd Grade (self-contained classroom)
Tom Hoffman	Elementary principal
Priscilla Hounnou	Extended Care and maintenance (elementary school)
Gionny Kussner	Resource Room
Breyman Schmelzle	English and History (Grades 7, 9, 10, and 11)

Areas of responsibility:

Tom Hoffman	Principal, Aquin Catholic Elementary School Student services, instruction, curriculum, and personnel (Grades pre-K to 6)
Diane Potts	Principal, Aquin Catholic Junior Senior High School Student services, instruction, curriculum, and personnel (Grades 7 - 12)
Kathleen Runte	Superintendent, Aquin Catholic Schools Vision, finances, academic, communication, and policies, (grades pre-K - 12)

Jean Luedeking and Barb Hemesath are in “time out!” - No, they were not misbehaving! Currently, they do not have specific school responsibilities (at their request). I am extremely grateful to both ladies for the contributions they have made over the past many years and I look forward to their continued presence at our schools:

- Mrs. Luedeking stepped forward after the death of Tim Schirmer to help us begin the school year in 2004. I will always appreciate her “rescuing” us at a very difficult time.
- Mrs. Hemesath notified me this summer that she had another job that had more flexibility for her. While I accept her decision (families always come first), I hope she will continue to be part of Aquin. She provided many years of service to staff and students for which they are thankful, as am I.

Great news: the **Beltline Café** will be providing lunches at both school sites. Aquin staff members were treated to a Beltline meal on August 19 - delicious! The lunch program will be on a cash basis (elementary students will order ahead of time). We are finalizing the lunch information from last year and will refund credit owed to families as soon as possible. Conversely, we need to collect the outstanding money owed for last year’s lunches so we can close the books for the year.

Please take note of the enclosed **tuition collection policy**. With tuition remaining at the 2009-10 rate, it is imperative that the school receives the contracted amount of revenue **EACH MONTH**. Unfortunately, there are penalties involved if payments are late or not made. Electronic bank payments are suggested.

Be informed

- **Website (aquinschools.org):** School information (including athletic calendars, newsletters, handbooks, curriculum guide, master calendar, schedules, photos, etc.) Check it out!!!
- **Teacher Ease:** web-based communication system where you may access information pertaining to your child(ren). Information (including newsletters, announcements, a list of the brown envelope contents, etc.) will be sent by e-mail. Please notify the school if you change your e-mail address.
- **Brown envelope:** Information is sent home in a brown envelope (a minimum of once a month, usually on a Thursday). All students will receive the initial brown envelope. If parents wish to receive information by this method (brown envelope) the envelope must be signed and returned to school. If the brown envelope is not returned, it is assumed that the parents are choosing to receive information in another way.

Student Office: Information (including newsletters, announcements, etc.) is available for pick up.

Communication

Please contact the **person most directly involved** with your concerns, suggestions, and compliments!

- **Aquin Junior Senior Open House: Wednesday, August 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.** (program in cafeteria; tour the school; visit with the teachers; etc.).
- **Aquin Elementary Parent Night: September 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

- **Homecoming Week: Sept. 25 - Oct. 1** (parade, coronation and ice cream social on Sept. 25).
- **DawgFest / Casino Night: Saturday, October 1:** games, food, music - FUN!!!

Check out the new **BC Fitness Center** at the high school!!!!!! Dedication will be during Homecoming week!

Access www.colbysmithmemorialrun.com for the **Colby Smith Memorial Scholarship Celebration** on August 27:

- Registration: 4-mile run begins at 8:00 a.m. from St. Thomas parking lot.
- Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 - 10:30, Aquin High School cafeteria.
- Cocktail Party in the evening, 8:00 p.m.
- Donation to the Colby Smith Memorial Scholarship fund (helps students attend Aquin).

Aquin Catholic Schools Enrollment, Grades K-12:

2010 - 2011	296
2011 - 2012	307

You have entrusted your child(ren) to Aquin Catholic Schools this year. We accept the responsibility for that trust as we work together, in partnership, guiding our youth in developing their faith, minds, and their hearts!

Most sincerely,

Kathleen Runte
Superintendent