



Wow! Where has the time gone? It seems like we just returned to school from summer break and settled back into the routine of school. The final stretch of the school year has arrived.

Next week, here at Aquino we celebrate our teachers and staff. I have never worked with a group of wonderful people who pour so much of their time, talent, and love into the work that they do. There is a tremendous amount of support and care for one another and for their students.

Teacher and staff: We wish for you to feel love and gratitude each and every day, but especially next week. God bless all of you!

**Board information:** School board minutes and information can be found on our school website!

**Parent Survey:** We again want to thank you for your participation in completing the parent survey! Results are being reviewed and we will share that with you in the next couple of weeks!

**Thank you and farewell:** At the end of the school year, two members of our school staff will be moving on to new adventures and opportunities.

Mrs. Kelchen is currently one of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers. She has accepted a teaching position at St. Francis Xavier in Dyersville.

Mrs. Keuter is currently our school counselor. She will be fulfilling an intern opportunity as she completes work to become a mental health counselor.

We are grateful for the time they have spent at Aquino as a part of our family and we wish them many blessings!

**Strategic Planning and Committees:** Aquino has been participating in a four year strategic planning implementation process led by Catholic School Management, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Dubuque. One of our goals for the 22-23 school year was to create purposeful committees, and refine the roles of already established committees, to support the major needs and focuses of our Aquino system. Below are the committees that are now in place and the members who are generously volunteering their time. Thank you to all who have stepped forward and said “yes!” to the opportunity to help Aquino continue to grow and succeed!

**Board of Education:**

Melissa King, Kelsi Hosch, Cody Noonan, Kelly Molony, Brad Bofeli, Jesse Burkle, Jenny Recker, Kathy Beck, Itza Heim, and Jennifer Peiffer

**Finance:**

Kelsi Hosch, Brad Ludig, Kay Manternach, Calvin rea, Melissa King, Mark Otting, Ken McDermott, and Father Mark Osterhaus

PTO:

Jacque Kelchen, Danyelle Fagan, Shannan Noonan, Tracey Conrad, Shannon Veach, Kelsi Hosch, Shannon Kremer, Amanda Melloy, Meredith Lahey, and Toni McQuillen

Marketing:

Diane Brehm, Kathy Beck, Kelsi Hosch, Kristie McCarthy, Nicki Leytem, Nicole Casey, Melissa King, and Andrea Willenborg

Daycare Advisory:

Hillary Klein, Jenny Recker, Kelsi Hosch, Lisa Merritt, Emily Salow, Diane Brehm, Mark Otting

Development:

This is our newest committee that is being established, and we are very excited to see the progress that will be made at Aquin with the guidance of this group!

**Aquin Calendar:** The 2023-2024 Aquin calendar will be coming out within the next couple of weeks.

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** Teacher Appreciation Week will be held May 1st-5th.

**Kickoff to Summer Block Party:** Mark your calendars!! Join us for a kickoff to summer at Aquin on May 5th!\_See the attached flier for details.

**Preschool Graduation:** Preschool graduation will be held on Monday, May 8th at 6:00 pm at the Ellen Kennedy Center.

**Relay Recess:** Mark your calendar to join us for Aquin's 8th annual Relay Recess on May 10! Relay Recess is a day to honor our community members who have been affected by cancer as well as to raise awareness for students. Our prayer service will begin at 8:30 in the Aquin Gym with recognition of cancer survivors, followed by a survivor's lap at the Cascade High School track at 9:15. There will be games, activities, and walking the track for students all morning. All donations received will benefit the University of Iowa Dance Marathon and the American Cancer society. We welcome anyone in our community to join us! Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested!

**Library:** All library books are due Wednesday, May 17th.

**8th grade:** The 8th grade graduation mass will be held on Tuesday, May 16th at 8:30. The banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 17th at 6:00 pm in the Aquin Gym.

**Last day of school:** The last day of school will be Tuesday, May 23rd with a 1:00 dismissal.

**Out of Uniform:** April's out of uniform day collected \$191.00 for the Parent Association.

**Registration: DO NOW: POWERSCHOOL REGISTRATION: \*\*REQUIRED BEFORE YOUR STUDENT STARTS SCHOOL ON AUGUST 23RD!\*\***

**LOG IN:** Log in with your parent account and look on the left side of the screen for the Forms section. (under the More... section on the app) APP CODE: TSQP

**REVIEW & COMPLETE:** Please Complete ALL required forms AND update all others. If your student attended Aquin this past year, then most of your information has been saved!

**SUBMIT:** Click a Form to get started and press SUBMIT at the bottom as you go.

**NEED HELP?** Contact the office [aquinooffice@aquin.org](mailto:aquinooffice@aquin.org) or Andrea Willenborg [awillenborg@aquin.org](mailto:awillenborg@aquin.org)

★ Please also visit: [www.aquin.org/registration-materials](http://www.aquin.org/registration-materials) for school specific materials

**Scrip:** Attached is a flier regarding the Scrip aka raiseright program. Scrip is available at both banks in Cascade. Scrip makes great gifts for graduation, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

**Pop Tabs:** Keep saving those pop tabs over the summer at all your special events! Aquin collects pop tabs each month during school and donates them to the Ronald McDonald House.

**Summer Hours:** The office will be open Monday-Thursday the months of June & July from 8:00-10:00 am. The first two weeks of August, the office will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:00-noon.

**Vaccinations:** All students entering 7th grade are required to have a DTAP (pertussis booster shot) and a meningococcal vaccine prior to school entry this fall. If your child will be entering 7th grade in the fall, please make arrangements with your health care provider to update their immunization record as soon as possible. We will need a copy of their updated immunization record at the beginning of the school year.

**Sports Physicals:** Junior High students must have a physical completed before participating in sports for the 2023-2024 school year. The physical form is attached.

**Benefit Raffle:** The Aquin System Board of Education would like to thank everyone for your support of the Aquin System Benefit Raffle. Next drawing will be August 31, 2023. Congratulations to all the winners.

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\$	<b>500.00</b>	Mike Gehl
\$	100.00	Muriel Schlemme
\$	100.00	Jennifer Peiffer
\$	100.00	Nicole Turnis
\$	100.00	Jean Rausch
\$	100.00	Julie Knapp
\$	50.00	Carolyn & Bryon Kelchen
\$	50.00	Ashley Tumey
\$	50.00	Fred & Megan Oliphant
\$	50.00	David Steffen
\$	50.00	Paul Peiffer
\$	50.00	Gertrude Sieverding
\$	50.00	Kay Lehman
\$	50.00	Mary Kay Dolphin
\$	50.00	Ashley Noonan
\$	50.00	Matt & Kara Hosch
\$	1,500.00	

