



St. Thomas Aquinas Academy

COLORADO'S CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

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Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Families,

Welcome, welcome to the end (or continuation) of another school year and the all-too-soon beginning of another. I pray that this letter finds you joyful as we are rejoicing in this Easter season. I know joy is something that sounds like a foreign concept as we continue to remain in these days of uncertainty in our country. But we are an Easter people, ever rejoicing in Our Almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Ever adoring and trusting in the Holy Trinity's care and love of us, Their children.

It is an understatement to say that this winter/spring has been a continued challenge as we live these days of relative uncertainty. Wars overseas, inflation worries, the Pro-Life defense, and the virus which continues to rear its ugly head. So much to challenge our resolve, but this is where our faithfulness and fidelity to God comes in. The proverbial "where the rubber meets the road" in our faithfulness to all that we hold to be our abiding truths in Our Lord; trust, charity, mercy, patience, wisdom... Never before in our lifetimes have we been challenged like we have these last two year. Talk about no control or if there was any, it wasn't much. We placed ourselves and continue to place ourselves in the loving arms of Our Heavenly Father and surrender in peace to what comes next or at least that is the hope for each new day in a Catholic life. Well, summer will soon be upon us, although it's hard to image as we look outside our windows and see a few inches of snow. But I am certain that we will find more peace in the beautiful blooming world around us as these spring days unfold. Under the layers of snow and ice, the grass is delightfully green and the playful song of the birds are so welcome. Every early morning, I hear the American Robin singing his praises to God for another new day, and I am quickly reminded to do the same.

Well, onto our business. On the STAA website you will find the **enrollment forms** for **2022-23** which can be printed for each family that is enrolling, and attendance sheets that can be used for the all the children being schooled if they share the same days of study. Please submit your enrollment forms for the coming school year by **September 30th, 2022** or contact me if you are in need of an extension. All **attendance forms** for this **2021-22** school year are due on **June 30th, 2022**. If you **school year-round**, please use the June 30th date as way to mark the end of one school year and the begin of the next.

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Your enrollment papers may be mailed to me or scanned and emailed, and you have the option to make your enrollment fee of **\$40** per school year per family by making payments online or you may pay the enrollment fee by check. Please make all checks payable to *Helen Swavely, STAA*. Once payment online is made, you can mail your enrollment papers to the address listed on the letterhead of this letter. Oh, and please if ever the enrollment fee of **\$40** is ever a hardship for your family, please contact me as there are scholarships that can be applied. *Please note the **\$40** enrollment fee reflects a price increase per family this year as there were price increases for all web and Paypal services! I apologize for this, and greatly appreciate your understanding!

Thank you all again for being part of the STAA family and know you are in our family's daily prayers. May you all have a blessed and restful summer! Please never hesitate to contact me to assist you in navigating the state homeschooling laws. God Bless You and your families with a happy and blessed school year to come!

Ad Jesum per Mariam!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Director, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy