

High Notes

Newsletter from the Choral Department at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, vol. 26
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Upcoming Events

Monday August 12	-1:30 PM in the Choir Room (Show Choir 10th-12th grades) -2:10 - Lead freshmen in singing Alma Mater in Gym (details below)
Tuesday August 13	-Saintsations dance rehearsal 6:00 - 9:00 PM (Choir Room)
Friday August 16	-Dance Intensive, both show choirs 3:30-9:00 PM (details below)
Saturday August 17	-Dance Intensive, both show choirs 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Tuesday August 20	-Swingin dance rehearsal 6:00 - 9:00 PM (dinner 5:30 -Commons)
Friday August 23	-Dance Intensive, both show choirs 3:30-9:00 PM
Saturday August 24	-Dance Intensive, both show choirs 9:00-4:00 PM
Saturday August 24	-Potluck Dinner, both show choirs and families (5:00 - Commons)
Tuesday August 27	-Saintsations Dance Rehearsal 6:00-9:00PM (Choir Room)
Tuesday September 3	-Swingin' Dance Rehearsal 6:00-9:00PM (Choir Room)
Saturday September 7	-Newsies Matinee at The New Theatre (optional)

DANCE REHEARSAL ATTIRE:

The First Dance Rehearsal for this school year is this Tuesday 8/13/24 for Saintsations. We will meet in the choir room with check-in beginning at 5:50 PM. Rehearsal will begin at 6:00 PM. **Students need to bring a water bottle, and be dressed in their rehearsal attire.** Rehearsal attire consists of black joggers/black yoga pants/black leggings (not see through), socks, tennis shoes, and their rehearsal t-shirt. We will hand out rehearsal t-shirts on Monday afternoon for freshmen, and Tuesday during school for all other classes. You do not need to bring your performance shoes until September.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION - SHOW CHOIRS SING!

Tomorrow, Monday August 12, the show choir members in grades 10-12 will sing the Alma Mater for the Freshman Orientation in the gym. Show Choir members should wear jeans/khaki pants, t-shirt or other modest shirt-no crop tops, and their show choir jackets. Mrs. Boone will send out a reminder to the show choir students today. We need as many students as possible to attend, and to support our freshman show choir students! We will be done no later than 3:00PM.

DANCE INTENSIVES for 2024-2025 COMPETITION SEASON!

Our first dance intensives will begin this Friday, August 16. The students will have about 20 minutes after school to get changed into their rehearsal attire: black joggers/yoga pants/leggings (not see through), and their rehearsal shirts. They also need to bring a refillable water bottle (with their name on it!). Check-in will begin at 3:20PM, and rehearsals will begin at 3:30PM. Anyone arriving after 3:30PM to rehearsal will be considered late. Dinner will be provided. If you have not previously alerted Mrs. Boone to any food allergies, please do so ASAP! Saturday's Dance Intensives will be from 9:00AM - 4:00PM. Lunch will be provided.

ONLY WATER WILL BE ALLOWED IN DANCE INTENSIVES! This also goes for all rehearsals in the choir room and theatre.

We will be learning approximately 75% of our competition dances during the 4 days of Dance Intensives. Attendance is mandatory. If for any reason you have to miss part of these vital rehearsals, you need to let Mrs. Boone know via email ASAP, (if you have already done this, you do not need to email her again). You are also responsible for contacting a dance captain and learning the dances missed. You will need to show Mrs. Best that you know the missed choreography in order to be in the dances where you missed choreography. This was announced at the May meeting.

STA goes to see “Newsies” at The New Theatre:

Students have the opportunity to go to The New Theatre’s production of the musical “Newsies” on Saturday September 7! The price for tickets is \$40, and includes a full buffet meal as well as the performance. Doors will open at 11:45AM, buffet at 12:15PM, show at 1:15PM. Students attending will be expected to dress appropriately for the occasion (at least business casual - no jeans/shorts/flip flops). If you are interested in attending the show, please email Mrs. Boone ASAP.

STA Choir Trip for 2025 is New York City! Registration deadline 8/23

This trip is NOT required, but is offered for all students in STA Choirs. We will sing a concert at a Catholic Church, the Statue of Liberty and in Central Park, see a Broadway show, tour Radio City Music Hall, Visit the Broadway History Museum, do a Broadway workshop, and see the sights. Information meeting will be Tuesday July 16th at 6:30PM in the STA Theatre. Approximate cost per student is \$1,800 for 4 days 3 nights. Trip dates are April 13-16, 2025. To register your child for this trip, use this link: <https://eti.grcoll.co/v2/go/25-01stthomasquinas>