

# AQUINAS ACADEMY EXPANSION PROJECT

A CASE FOR YOUR SUPPORT



"ALWAYS HIGHER"

# TODAY'S GRADUATING CHALLENGES

A simple Google search will confirm the (sad) abundance of articles from leading sources on the topic of the woeful lack of skills of recent graduates when entering the workforce. This “skills gap” puts these young adults at a major disadvantage. This crisis is not just in the trades either—it's especially prevalent in the soft skills such as writing, communication and speaking. Instead of being focused on building a career and family after college, young adults are in situations that put them in compromising positions just to make ends meet.

“[H]iring managers...feel crucial skills in recent graduates are frequently lacking or absent”

*(Employers: New college grads aren't ready for workplace, **CBS News**).*

“A staggering 46% of hiring managers rated communication as a skill gap, while 39% also said that public speaking was an issue, and 44% cited writing proficiency as a skill that was missing among new graduates”

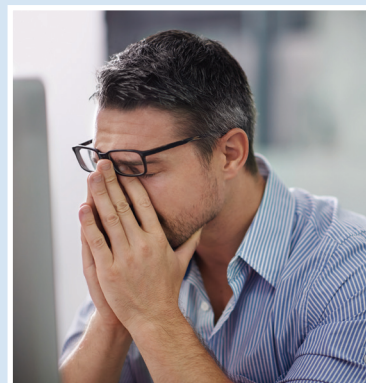
*(This is one of the biggest skills new college graduates lack, according to hiring managers, **Business Insider**).*

“[M]anagers said that recruiting enough entry-level employees with good soft skills ‘will become increasingly important as globalization speeds up’

*(The Real-World Skills New College Grads Need Most in 2016, **Fortune Magazine**).*

Besides being academically malnourished there is parallel crisis in character and morals that is starving our future generation of true happiness after graduation. The happiness and dignity that comes from hard work and having a successful career and family is now replaced with apathy, and if not addressed: despair.

The many challenges facing young people in today's highly competitive world are no match for students at Aquinas Academy. This case-for-support will show why Aquinas Academy is needed more than ever and how you can help to ensure a bright future for these students: professionally and familially.



## CULTURE

The **culture** at Aquinas Academy is what makes this school **thrive** amongst its peers. The culture can be **felt** from the moment you walk through the front door. It is something that is **lived out** by the teachers and faculty, students and parents. Aquinas Academy attracts families who fit the culture—not try to redefine it. It is the **essence of our success** and what has made Aquinas Academy the best private Catholic academy in Wisconsin.

## THE PILLARS OF AQUINAS ACADEMY'S CULTURE:

### PASSIONATE LOVE

FOR JESUS CHRIST,  
HIS CHURCH  
AND HIS CHILDREN

### HIGH STANDARDS

FOR ACADEMIC  
PERFORMANCE  
AND SUCCESS

### CHRISTIAN CHEERFULNESS

AND JOY IN  
STUDIES AND PLAY

## VIRTUE

These three pillars sit upon a foundation of the virtues: **faith, hope, love, prudence, fortitude, temperance and justice**. By building our culture on the virtues we are building **future saints** who will be smart, confident, caring leaders in their homes and offices. And it is the virtue of **humility** that makes every person at the school strive for constant improvement.



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## MISSION AT AQUINAS ACADEMY

We strive to assist parents in helping their children **become saints** through the pursuit of **academic scholarship** and **development of the virtues**.

- Aquinas Academy is a Catholic, classical community of students, parents, teachers, and administrators. We are committed to forming the leaders of tomorrow by developing the whole person: their intellectual, character, spiritual, and apostolic dimensions.
- We offer grades K3-8 in small class sizes, allowing our talented teachers to fully develop each child's gifts so they can love what is true, beautiful, and good.



## BRIEF HISTORY

Founded in 1991 by Mr. and Mrs. Hundt in Menomonee Falls, WI, Aquinas Academy has flourished ever since. Due to growth and space needs the first building was purchased in 1993 at its current location. From that point forward, Aquinas Academy established itself in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as the preeminent leader in Catholic education. In 2015 Aquinas Academy had 101 students enrolled. Only two short years later, the school's student body has grown 20% to 122.

*And that is only the beginning.*  
Our forecast for the next school year is **132 students!**

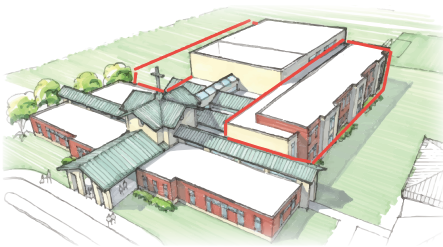


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To take Aquinas Academy to the next level of excellence in Catholic education we need a new building added to the current facility to accommodate our growing community.

- The current facilities are perfect for the younger students, but lack the advanced classrooms and technology necessary for the continued development of the students as they grow older.
- The full sized gymnasium and larger, specialized classrooms will allow us to overcome facilities limitations for middle school children which we experience in our current building.
- The new addition is designed with additional classrooms, a science lab, art and music rooms, library, cafeteria, and a full-size gym.



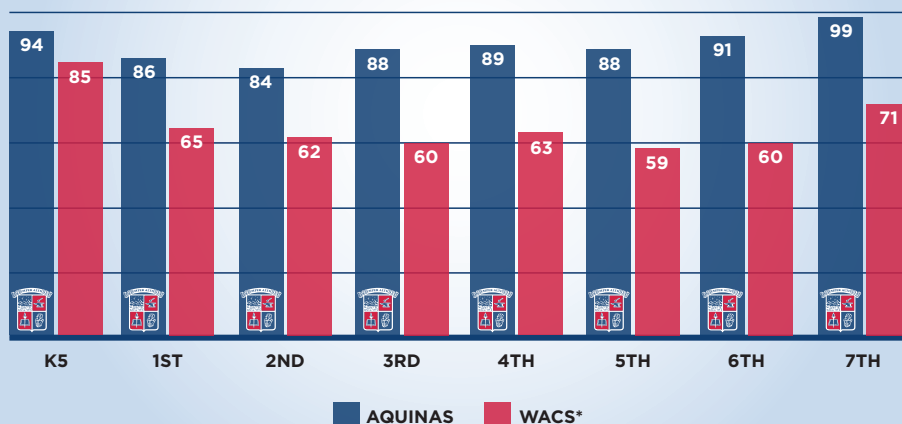


## ORGANIC GROWTH ANTICIPATED FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS

GRADE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
8	5	6	9	8	13
7	6	9	8	13	17
6	9	7	13	17	12
5	8	14	18	12	15
4	13	22	12	15	16
3	20	12	15	17	19
2	12	17	18	19	19
1	15	17	19	19	19
K5	19	15	19	19	19
K4	15	15	17	17	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	122	133	148	156	166
<b>FAMILIES</b>	61	65	68	70	75



### 2017 Iowa Test of Basic Schools Comparisons Currently Enrolled Students Scores reflect the National Percentile Rank



\*WACS (the Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools) is a group of 21 Christian denominational schools from across the state of Wisconsin.

# PARENTS CHOOSE AQUINAS

A March 23, 2017 Parent Focus Group highlighted the following:

## A NEW BUILDING WILL ALLOW THE FOLLOWING:

- A reverent space designed to be a chapel
- A full sized gym for Physical Education classes and athletics
- Additional space for student performances such as the Christmas program and Spring musical
- A Science lab to hold projected numbers (current lab is full with 10 students)
- Separate classroom spaces for Music and Visual Arts
- Flexibility to serve student and teacher needs
- A full cafeteria with a kitchen
- Maintain and grow our culture

## PARENTS CHOOSE AQUINAS FOR:

- The Catholic faith and identity
- Our independence
- *In loco parentis* (the school's mission supports the home)
- Committed and veteran teachers
- A strong, supportive community





# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*All the children will use  
all the space when the  
new school is built.*

Generous benefactors who are interested in sponsoring one of the following spaces will receive special recognition in the form of a Donor Plaque prominently placed within that space. Your Donor Plaque will commemorate your generous gift, setting an example for future donors, and will also be used to remember you with thankfulness as we pray for your intentions.

## CHAPEL & STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

This beautiful space for prayer and worship will have the Blessed Sacrament reserved. Stained glass windows will create an atmosphere of reverence fitting for this solemn place of prayer.



## SCIENCE LAB

A state of the art Science lab will allow our students to be fully immersed in the study of the natural sciences with the help of the latest technology.





## MUSIC ROOM & ART STUDIO

State of the art music room and art studio used in the Classical Curriculum to support the appreciation of truth through the concept of beauty, as well as the mathematical underpinnings of these subjects as taught in the classical Quadrivium.



## FULL SIZE GYMNASIUM

Multi-purpose gymnasium with modular options to allow full use of this space and to support the physical development and the formation of life-long healthy habits for our children.





## PERFORMANCE SPACE

A generous sized stage and modular seating which will be used for all-school Mass, assemblies, and concerts in which our students will learn performance and public presentation skills.



## CAFETERIA & KITCHEN

Gathering space for our students to take nourishment, but also to learn the social skills associated with breaking bread together.



