May 23, 2023

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas School Families and Faculty Members,

As the 2022-2023 school year comes to an end, we reflect on the many accomplishments and achievements from this past year and look forward to what the 2023-2024 school year will offer.

In addition to the academic successes this school year, we are proud to have brought back many events our school community has grown to love over the years. It is with the support from our outstanding faculty, administrative staff, and Parent Ministry that we saw the full-scale return of our Fall Harvest Fest, Trunk 'N Treat, Cookies with Santa, Mother Son and Father Daughter Dances, Earth Day activities and upcoming Field Day.

While we plan to continue holding these events next school year, we also look forward to new and exciting opportunities to strengthen the bonds among our current, past, and future St. Thomas Aquinas School families, promote the mission and vision of our school, and increase the awareness of St. Thomas Aquinas School as Rio Rancho's only Catholic elementary and middle school.

We are "Pelican Proud" and it's with that pride and immense enthusiasm we announce that St. Thomas Aquinas School will hold our **1st Annual Holiday Gala**, "A Celebration of Excellence In Catholic Education" on Friday, December, **1**, 2023 in the Grand Ballroom of the Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel. This formal event will commemorate the unique history and honor the founders of our remarkable school. We celebrate 23 years of paving the way in traditional and extemporary Catholic education in the Rio Rancho community.

The event planning committee is chaired by our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Abigail Walden and composed of faculty, administrative staff, community leaders, parents, and Parent Ministry members.

Sponsorship opportunities, ticket information, and additional event details will be shared in the next few months. For now, please mark your calendars and plan to join us in December.

Have a blessed summer!

Prayerfully,

St. ane Louise Cleascal, TRPF

Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, MPF Principal