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Pride & Prejudice

By Kate Hamill
adapted from the novel by Jane Austen

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL
2021

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St. Thomas Aquinas High School

proudly presents...



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Directed by Mrs. Criseyda Dowd

*World premiere production co-produced by Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival and Primary Stages; June 24, 2017, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival
(Davis McCallum, Artistic Director; Kate Liberman, Managing Director)
November 19, 2017, Primary Stages
(Andrew Leynse, Artistic Director; Shane D. Hudson, Executive Director)*

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE received a presentation as part of The Other Season at Seattle Repertory Theatre 2016-2017.

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Our amazing crew: Mitchell Brown, Sydney Brown, Maddie Burton,
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generously allowing us to use their cordless microphones.

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All of the parents and family members who donated meals, provided
transportation to and from rehearsals, and supported us all in so many
different and important ways.

Anyone else we may have inadvertently missed.

Most importantly, we thank God for His many blessings!

February 18, 2021

Dear Patron of the Arts,

Thank you for joining us for "Pride and Prejudice." We're proud of the performance you are about to see. Our thespians have worked hard and have been very adaptable as Mrs. Dowd, their director, steered them through the ever-changing circumstances caused by COVID-19.

We take great pride in the Program of the Arts that we offer at St. Thomas Aquinas. Students have the opportunity to share their performance talents through the Drama Club, annual play and musical, choir, band, speech and debate, and many other programs. They also have the ability to express themselves through our visual arts courses. Throughout the building, you will find displays of our student's talents. We offer 18 different art courses here at Aquinas which includes visual and performing arts. Opportunities for creative expression abound at STA.

Our outstanding arts program is the result of many hands. Thank you to our director, parents, volunteers, staff, and students for their commitment to launching our play. Thank you, especially, to all of our patrons for supporting the arts at Aquinas.

To learn more about STA, feel free to contact us at 330.875.1631 for a private tour. Come see the Aquinas Advantage!

Sincerely,

Dan Gravo
President
Stark County Catholic Schools

“Pride and Prejudice” Cast

(in order of appearance)

Mrs. Bennet/Servant.....Alicia Galloway

Mr. Bennet/Charlotte Lucas.....Abbey Beskitt

Lizzy.....Graceyn Dowd

Jane/Lady Catherine.....Grace Wucinich

Mary/Miss de Bourgh.....Hailey Metzger

Lydia.....McKenna Gravo

Miss Bingley/Wickham/Mr. Collins.....Camryn Oster

Mr. Bingley.....Vinny Zeren

Mr. Darcy.....Josh Grosswiller

Director: Criseyda Dowd



Athletics

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS KNIGHTS

The Aquinas athletic program is an extension of the classroom. Christian values are integrated in each of our athletic experiences. We believe athletics play an important role in our ability to fulfill our mission to develop faith, excellence, leadership and commitment in our students.

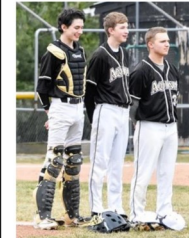
STATE TITLES

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cross Country: 1976, 1980, 1981, 2006, 2007, 2015
Football: 1984
Tennis: 1996
Track: 2015, 2016

STATE RUNNERS UP

Basketball: 2014
Cross Country: 2008, 2009, 2015, 2016
Football: 1974, 1985
Track: 2010, 2014
Volleyball: 2017



BASEBALL

BOWLING [BOYS AND GIRLS]

BASKETBALL [BOYS AND GIRLS]

CHEERLEADING

CROSS COUNTRY [BOYS AND GIRLS]

FOOTBALL

GOLF [BOYS AND GIRLS]

GYMNASTICS

SOCCER [BOYS AND GIRLS]

SOFTBALL

SWIMMING/DIVING [BOYS AND GIRLS]

TENNIS [BOYS AND GIRLS]

TRACK [BOYS AND GIRLS]

VOLLEYBALL [GIRLS]

WRESTLING

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83% of our students participate in athletics.
60% of our students play more than one sport.



Faith Development

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Spiritual development is integrated into everything we do at St. Thomas Aquinas both inside and outside the classroom. The school is operated under the principles of the Catholic Faith, but the beliefs of students of other faiths are respected and recognized. Spiritual development is fostered in multiple ways.

† Service

Service is an important part of the faith development extends far beyond monetary contributions as students learn that time, talent, and treasures are all necessary to make a difference in the local community and beyond.

- Every student participates in service
- Each grade has an on-going service project
- Students are offered service opportunities for any interest
- 9,000+ hours of community service completed each year

- Each day begins with an all-school prayer
- Weekly Mass attendance
- School Chapel is open throughout the day for private prayer and reflection
- Freshman, sophomores and juniors participate in days of reflection
- Kairos: Seniors enjoy a 3-day, 2-night retreat

THEOLOGY COURSES

Catholic History
Old and New Testaments
Social Justice
Personal Morality
Adult Catholic Living and Spirituality
Honors Religion for Seniors

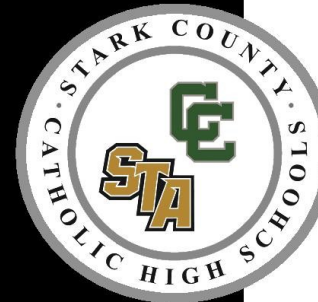
STUDENTS PARTICIPATION IN LITURGY

Communion Distributors
Lectors
Prayer Leaders
Altar Servers
Liturgical Musicians
Cantors
Ushers



100% of our student body participates in community service projects

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Program for the Arts

CENTRAL CATHOLIC | ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

The Central Catholic and St. Thomas Aquinas Program for the Arts provides students an outlet to develop and share their God-given artistic talents both inside and outside of the classroom. Each school offers a wide variety of visual and performing arts opportunities. We offer classes for any interest level. Students can choose from a number of electives or select courses designed to create college-ready portfolios. Our students compete in art competitions, locally and nationally, in visual and graphic arts, and have their artwork showcased at venues around Stark County. Collaboration between the two schools provides students with additional occasions to express their creativity, to learn more about teamwork and build friendships beyond their school walls.

THEATER PROGRAM

Fall Play
Joint Spring Musical
Speech & Debate

MUSIC PROGRAM

School Choir
Band
Joint Choir Performances
Liturgical Choir

VISUAL ART PROGRAM

Art Classes
Painting Classes
Graphic Design Classes
Digital Art Classes
College Placement Art
Photography
Ceramics



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Director's Bio

Criseyda Dowd (Director of STA 2021 Play & SCCS Director of the Arts) Criseyda is a graduate of Central Catholic. She attended Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory, (BM - Honors, Musical Theatre) and worked extensively throughout Cleveland and NE Ohio. Following graduation, Criseyda was chosen to study at the prestigious Oxford School of Drama in England. While there, she was selected to perform for and was trained by members of the Royal Shakespeare Company and Kenneth Branagh's Renaissance Theatre Company, and earned the honor of top actress in her class. She then moved to London, where she studied voice with internationally-renowned singing coach Ian Adam and continued her performing career. Criseyda has worked on stage and in commercial TV and film alongside Emmy, BAFTA, and Academy Award nominees and winners in acting and directing. She was the leading actress in a Shakespearean repertory company. Following her years in London, she lived in Chicago, where she taught acting to middle schoolers, as well as the program she developed: "Shakespeare: An Actor's Approach" for middle and high school English literature classes. After 18 years in Chicago, she and her family recently returned to her hometown of Canton, where she is also a private acting and voice coach, and is thrilled to be Director of the Arts for Stark County Catholic Schools. Some favorite roles throughout her career include Viola ("Twelfth Night"), Kate ("The Taming of the Shrew"), and Lily Garland ("On the Twentieth Century"). Last year, she directed "Arsenic and Old Lace" at STA. She is proud and blessed to be wife to John and mother to Graceyn.



Cast Bios

Hailey Metzger (Mary/Miss de Bourgh) Hailey is a senior. At STA, she has appeared in “Good Masters, Sweet Ladies” and has been a choir member for 4 years. Hailey also performed as the STA mascot.

McKenna Gravo (Lydia) McKenna is a freshman. She has performed in seven other shows, to include “Mary Poppins” and “The Lion King.” McKenna plays volleyball as a setter.

Camryn Oster (Miss Bingley/Wickham/Mr. Collins) Camryn is a junior. She has participated in a total of nine shows, including “Arsenic and Old Lace” and “Shrek the Musical.” She looks forward to staying involved in acting throughout her future!

Vinny Zeren (Mr. Bingley) Vinny is a senior. He has appeared in “The Villain’s Last Page,” “Shrek the Musical,” and “Arsenic and Old Lace.” He is on the STA football, basketball, and track teams.

Josh Grosswiller (Mr. Darcy) Josh is a senior. He has previously performed in “Arsenic and Old Lace.” He is an Eagle Scout, CCD volunteer, a representative for the Teen Ambassador Board, and secretary of the Student Council.



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Cast Bios (in order of appearance)

Alicia Galloway (Mrs. Bennet/Servant) Alicia is a senior. At STA, she has previously appeared in “The Villain’s Last Page,” “Shrek the Musical,” and “Arsenic and Old Lace.” She is a varsity cheerleader and a member of the Student Council and the National Honor Society.

Abbey Beskitt (Mr. Bennet/Charlotte Lucas) Abbey is a senior. Her previous shows at STA include “Shrek the Musical,” and “Arsenic and Old Lace.” She is treasurer of both the Student Council and the National Honor Society, as well as a member of Key Club. Abbey is on the soccer and track teams.

Graceyn Dowd (Lizzy) Graceyn is a senior. While at STA, she has played Fiona in “Shrek the Musical,” the Queen of Hearts in “The Villain’s Last Page,” and Elaine in “Arsenic and Old Lace.” She is a 3-time National Qualifier (13th in the nation), and 3-time State Qualifier (3rd in State) for Dramatic Interpretation and POI in Speech. Graceyn is also president of both the Student Council and the National Honor Society.

Grace Wucinich (Jane/Lady Catherine) Grace is a senior. While at STA, she has performed in “The Villain’s Last Page,” “Shrek the Musical,” and “Arsenic and Old Lace.” She is also a varsity cheerleader, member of the Student Council, and a two-year member of the National Honor Society.

Academics

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

The St. Thomas Aquinas curriculum is designed to meet the needs and goals of a diverse student body in order to prepare them for a successful future. Teachers are encouraged to implement technology into the classroom for real world applications. Whether it is solving an equation, writing a composition, studying great works of literature, or learning the order of chemical formulas, there is a synergy at Aquinas that promotes learning and achievement that lasts a lifetime.

We advise students on an academic track that best fits their needs.

95 TOTAL COURSES

76 TRADITIONAL COURSES

12 HONOR COURSES

Honors World Literature, Honors Spanish 3, 4, 5, Honors Algebra 2 with Trigonometry, Honors Calculus, Honors Foundations of Science, Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Honors Anatomy and Physiology, Honors World History, Honors Religion 12

7 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

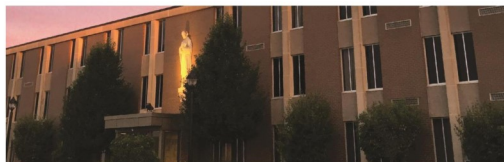
Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, United States History, Spanish

Percentage of students with a score of 3-5	
STA	65%
National Average	60%

College Credit Plus Program (CCP) allows students to enroll in early admissions college courses. Students can take classes online, on a college campus, or select one of the college courses offered at Aquinas.

AVERAGE ACT SCORES

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
STA	22.7	22.3	22.9	22.0	22.6
State Avg	21.2	21.6	22.5	22.0	22.0
National Avg	20.3	20.7	21.4	21.0	21.0



OUR STATS

- Student/Teacher Ratio is 17:1
- Over 70% of our faculty holds a master's degree or higher
- 100% Graduation Rate
- 91% of our seniors are accepted into their first choice college
- 98% of graduates advance to college, 2% enter the military or workforce
- Graduating classes earn, on average, more than \$3 million in college scholarship offers

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Synopsis of Scenes

England, early 1800's

Act One

Scene 1: the Bennets' living room

Scene 2: the Longs' ball

Scene 3: the Bennets' living room

Scene 4/5: Netherfield Park

Scene 6/7: the Bennets' living room

Scene 8: Bingley's ball

Scene 9: the Bennets' living room

Intermission (15 minutes)

Act Two

Scene 1: the Bennets' living room
(one month later)

Scene 2: Mr. Collins' rectory

Scene 3: Rosings

Scene 4/5: Mr. Collins' rectory

Scene 6: Pemberley

Scene 7/8: the Bennets' living room



Academic Challenge
Band
Chess and Checker Club
Choir
Culture Club
Drama Club
Emmaus House
Habitat for Humanity
Key Club
National Honor Society
Newspaper Staff
Office Aides
Peer Tutoring
Right to Life
Ski Club
Student Ambassadors
Spanish Club
Speech & Debate
Spirit Club – The Dungeon
Student Council
Students for the Arts Club
STARS
Yearbook

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Student Organizations

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Extracurricular programs provide students with opportunities to develop their own unique talents, while teaching them communication, teamwork, and leadership skills, as they explore friendships outside of the classroom. St. Thomas Aquinas's student organizations integrate faith values, encourage students to share their God-given talents, and stimulate a life-long commitment to community engagement.



99% of our student body participates in at least one extracurricular organization.

“Pridę & Prejudicę” Shout Outs

Alicia - To our awesome little thespian - do well as usual! Love, Your Galloway Family

Grace - Break a leg Gracie! So proud of you! Love you - Grandma & Grandpa

Hailey - It is such a pleasure to watch you perform and I'm so very proud of you! Love, Grandma

McKenna - Good luck McKenna! Love, Grandma & Grandpa Ruegg

Graceyn - To our favorite Gracie Doodle Bug! We love you! Have a great show! Love, Aunt Cathi & Uncle Greg

Alicia - To Alicia, who's going places! May God continue to let your light shine like a diamond. Have a great show! Love, Alonte

Camryn - Good luck on your performance Camryn! We are very proud of you and enjoy watching you on stage! Love you - Mom & Dad

Josh - We are so proud of you Josh! Have fun and break a leg! Love, Dad, Mom, Joey, Angela, Sarah & Colin

Good luck to the **cast and crew** of “Pride and Prejudice.” Have fun everyone! Vinny's Mom

McKenna - Break a leg McKenna! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad

“Pridę & Prejudicę” Shout Outs

Graceyn - We love you and you always make us proud! Love, Yiayia & Wello

Cast & Crew - I am so proud of what you've accomplished and I've loved every minute of working with you all! Love, Mrs. Dowd

Grace - We are so proud of you on your achievements and are so excited to watch you do what you love to do! We love you - Mom, Dad & Mark

Alicia - Good luck baby sister! Break a leg out there! I love you - Lex

McKenna - So proud of you, McKenna! We love you! Grandma & Grandpa Gravo

Graceyn - You always amaze us - onstage and off! We love you so much and are so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad

Hailey - Break a leg!
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Vinny - Best of luck, Vince! We've enjoyed watching you perform over the years. You're a natural! Mom, Dad, Serena, Oswald & Not Joe

Alicia - To my beautiful sister - break a leg (per usual). Love you Leesh - Sierra