October 17, 2014

Dear Parents,

This year the St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School students in grades 6, 7,and 8 will have the opportunity to participate in science fair. Students will compete in a school science fair in February. The exact date and time will be forthcoming. Students who qualify at the school level will have the option to compete at the District 13 Science Day at the University of Mount Union on Saturday, March 13. Some students may even have the chance to compete at the state level in May.

The science fair is a wonderful learning opportunity and allows students to utilize many important skills. This project requires a lot of time and dedication; therefore, students may *elect* to be a part of the science fair. Students will be doing the entire project at home and will need support by family members to be successful.

We are asking that you consider the many benefits of the science fair and discuss it with your child. Miss Holderbaum and Mrs. Foltz are the teacher advisors and will provide guidance throughout the process. Students will be given a timeline and check points along the way.

We will be following the official Ohio Academy of Science Standards. Please log on to <u>www.ohiosci.org</u>, click on the District Science Day tab and read the student guide. This will give you a good idea of what students will be expected of students competing in the science fair.

We want our parents to be aware of this learning opportunity, and we ask that you please sign the paper below indicating your child's intent to participate. All students are asked to return this paper regardless of participation in the science fair. We thank you for supporting St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School.

Sincerely, Dr. Angeloni Mrs. Foltz Miss Holderbaum



Please return the ONLY the bottom portion of this paper to Mrs. Foltz or Miss Holderbaum

Student _

Grade ____

____ We would like our child to participate in the science fair,

_____ We are aware of this learning opportunity, but our child will not participate in the science this school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature

RETURN BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014