



St. Thomas Aquinas CES

Week at a Glance: September 30-October 4

Live with Love!

Learn with Joy!

Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

Welcome to the month of October! This month reminds us of the many things for which we are grateful for. The St. Thomas Aquinas Staff and Administration would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the continued support of our school community. Thank you for making St. Thomas Aquinas CES a special place to *Live with Love and Learn with Joy!*

Catholic School Council 2024/2025: Congratulations to the newest members of our Catholic School Council. We look forward to another successful year as we work in partnership on many initiatives for our students and school. I am pleased to announce the following members to the 2024/2025 Catholic School Council:

Executive

- Johanna Silva – Chair
- Paula Swirla – Co-Chair
- Natalie Floyd – Treasurer
- Antonella Catalanotto – Secretary

Parent Representatives

- Alahna Forte
- Johanna Mejias
- Adam Whittaker
- Bessie Beteta
- Xana Wellington
- Danuta Jeyathurai
- Robert Kemp
- Amber Akl
- Sandra Haba
- Kaitlyn Haslam
- Raquel Cabrera

Terry Fox Walk/Run: This past week our students participated in the Terry Fox Walk/Run. As a school we surpassed our goal and raised \$1,215. *Way to go STA!* All students enjoyed a fresh apple after the walk/run. Thank you to Homestead Orchards for supplying fresh apples for all our students and staff.

Save the Date: CSC will host a Halloween Dance for all families on Friday October 25, 2024 from 6:00pm to 9:00 pm. This is a fun family event for all to enjoy. Further information will be shared in the next couple of weeks.

The annual CSC Christmas Market will take place on Saturday November 9, 2024 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the school. At this time CSC is asking for donations for the silent auction. All money raised will be used to support initiatives and resources in our school. All donations can be brought to the school office.

“You’re The Chef” Program: York Region Public Health along with St. Thomas Aquinas is pleased to announce the “You’re The Chef,” Program at our school. The ‘You're the Chef’ program is an afterschool food skills program for students in grades 4-6. Students will learn about food prep and cooking skills that focus on using fruits and vegetables as the main ingredients. At this time we are looking for a parent volunteer to be the ‘You’re the Chef,’ leader. Training is provided by YPH. We are also looking for parent volunteers to assist with the after school sessions and planning once the program begins. If you are interested in being the ‘You’re the Chef,’ leader, please contact the office. Please see the attached flyer for further information. ['You're the Chef,' Leader Training info](#)

LunchBox Hot Lunch Program - Mr. Sub: I am pleased to announce that the Lunchbox Orders for Mr. Sub are now available for purchase. Mr. Sub will be offered every Tuesday. Please see the attached guide and information on how to create an account and order online through LunchBox School Cashonline. [How to order guide](#)

A reminder that orders for Quick Pizza are due Monday September 30, 2024. Orders can be placed online through our School Day Cashless System or through cash or cheque.

Mabel’s Labels/Oliver’s Labels Fundraising: Orders for Mabel’s Labels and Oliver’s Labels can be placed anytime throughout the year. A portion of all sales is provided to the school to support initiatives and purchasing of resources. Please see the following links to place an order:

- Mabel's Labels: visit www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for St. Thomas Aquinas (Keswick)
- Oliver's Labels: visit www.oliverslabels.com/stakeswick

Safety Awareness Week: This coming week of September 30 - October 4, has been designated as “Safety Awareness Week” for the YCDSB. As part of our safety initiative at St. Thomas Aquinas, we will be practicing safety procedures with students and staff. During this week, we will be rehearsing a variety of emergency school procedures to acquaint students and staff with the precautionary steps to take in the event of such things as a warning of severe weather, or an intruder. In addition, throughout the year we will hold practice drills to acquaint students with various emergency protocols. Teachers will review these procedures with students in class prior to our practice drills.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation: On Monday September 30, 2024, St. Thomas will commemorate the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day). Students will be involved in lessons and discussions within the classroom along with morning announcements and prayers. Staff and students are invited to wear Orange shirts on this day to acknowledge the impact of the residential school system, raise awareness and honour Indigenous communities, and to promote reconciliation.

Luke 4:18 Thanksgiving Food Drive: The Luke 4:18 Social Justice Committee is organizing a Thanksgiving food drive in support of the local food bank. Non-perishable food items (canned goods, cereals, granola bars, powdered milk etc.) are being collected from October 3rd to October 10th. Our school goal is to collect 350 non-perishable items. Upon reaching this goal all students will enjoy an extra recess. All items can be dropped off to your child's classroom or the front office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Dental Screening: The Dental Screening Program will take place on **Thursday October 24, 2024**. All students in JK, SK, and Grade 2 will be screened along with any other student that has requested the screening. Please see the attached link for further information. Please contact the school if you have any questions. [Dental Screening Parent Information](#)

Student Entry: Supervision begins at 8:55 am. **Kindly ensure that students are not dropped off before 8:55 am as there is no supervision.** Students arriving late must use the front/main school doors. Parents/Guardians must sign their child(ren) in with the office.

Parish News: For Our Lady of the Lake Parish news, please see the attached bulletin. [Parish Bulletin \(09/29\)](#)

Upcoming Dates:

September 30-October 4: YCDSB Safety Awareness Week
-CCAT Testing (Grade 4)

October 3-10: Luke 4:18 Food Drive

September 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)

October 1: Grade 1 & 2 Trip to Sibbald Point

October 2: National Custodian Day

October 4: Picture Day [Photo Day Flyer](#)

October 9: Cross Country Meet at Bruce's Mill

October 10: Grade 4 Trip to Forsythe Farm

Have a great week,

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Principal