



St. Thomas Aquinas CES

Week at a Glance: October 28 to November 1

Live with Love!

Learn with Joy!

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Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

As we continue through Term 1 of the school year with many activities being planned and organized, please continue to access our school website for up to date information, calendar events and school news (<https://sta.ycdsb.ca/>). The 'Week at a Glance' parent communications are posted on our school website each week on Sunday afternoon as well as emailed to families Monday morning. In addition, you may wish to follow the school instagram account, <https://www.instagram.com/stthomasces/> for up to date information and upcoming events occurring at the school.

CSC Halloween Dance: Thank you to our CSC for organizing and hosting the Halloween Dance for our school community. It was a great evening of fun and excitement as everyone dressed in costumes and enjoyed dancing and yummy treats.

Halloween-October 31: Halloween day will be filled with fun activities and a school dance for all students. Students are invited to wear costumes or the colours orange and purple on this day. If students choose to wear a costume please note the following reminders when choosing a costume to wear to school:

- *All students are reminded that costume props, and/or replica weapons including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc., may not be brought to school.*
- *Masks as part of a costume are not to be worn at school as they present a safety risk, and some masks may even be quite scary to the younger students.*
- *Costumes should be respectful of the diversity in our communities and therefore should not reflect symbols or objects representative of another person's culture and/or race that may trivialize, devalue, or appropriate any culture or race. Costumes that mock social identities through stereotyping are also unacceptable.*
- *Students are discouraged from wearing costumes that are not appropriate to the moral tone of our Catholic schools.*

If students are unsure about their costume idea, they should speak with their classroom teacher and/or administration. We are looking forward to a fun and respectful Halloween for all.

Nonna's Lakeside Hot Lunch Program Extended Dates: Nonna's Lakeside Hot Lunch Dates have been extended for purchase from November 13 to December 18. Orders can be placed online through our School Day Cashless System or through cash or cheque. Nonna's Lakeside Lunch orders are due Monday November 4, 2024. Please contact the school office if you require a hard copy of order forms.

Cento Photo Orders Deadline Extended: Online Photo Orders through Cento Photography have been extended to October 30, 2024. Please see the attached flyer for further details. The retake day for photos will be on Friday November 8, 2024. [Photo Orders](#)

CSC Christmas Market: The CSC Christmas Market will be held on Saturday November 9, 2024 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the school. We are currently looking for donations for the Silent Auction and any gently used Christmas PJs and sweaters for the Jingle Jammies & Sweater Drive. If you have any donations they may be dropped off at the front office. [Jingle Jammies & Sweater Drive](#)

We are looking forward to a day filled with many vendors, arts and crafts for kids, raffles and a Silent Auction. Let's not forget pictures with Santa! Be sure to let family and friends know to visit the Christmas Market. [CSC Christmas Market Flyer](#)

Parish News: Registrations for First Holy Communion have begun. The registration form (see attached link) along with a baptismal certificate are due in the parish office by October 31, 2024. Please call the church if you have any questions. [First Holy Communion Registration](#)
For Our Lady of the Lake Parish news, please see the attached link [Our Lady of the Lake Parish](#)

Upcoming Dates:

October 31: STA Halloween Dance
November 4: YCDSB STREAM Center Trip (Ms. Samara's Gr, 5 class)
November 5: Grade 5 Trip to The Royal Winter Fair
November 8: Photo Retake Day
November 9: CSC Christmas Market

Have a great week,

F. Rossy

Principal