



St. Thomas Aquinas CES

Week at a Glance: October 7-11

Live with Love!

Learn with Joy!

Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

Thank you to our school community for the many Thanksgiving Food Drive donations that have been received. The Food Drive continues this week until October 10th. Non-perishable food items (canned goods, cereals, granola bars, powdered milk etc.) can be dropped off to your child's classroom or the front office. The generosity displayed by our community in giving and helping others is greatly appreciated and truly displays October's Catholic Virtue of Compassion.

School Day Online Cashless System: In an effort to be environmentally friendly and conserve paper, all events, excursions, Hot Lunches will be made available on the school's online cashless system, School Day. If you require assistance in registering or navigating the system, please call the office. If you require a hard copy of forms, please contact the office or your child's teacher.

CSC Halloween Dance: The CSC is hosting a Halloween Dance for all STA families. The Halloween Dance will take place on Friday October 25, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the school. As this is a family event, all children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Tickets and food combos must be pre purchased. Please see the link below for detailed information. All purchases can be made through the School Day online cashless system, cash or cheques (made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas CES). If you require a hard copy of the form please contact/visit the office. [CSC Halloween Dance Order Form](#)

Halloween Costumes: As we look forward to Halloween Day 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.

CSC Christmas Market- Donations needed: 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.

Arbour Day Presentation: Hydro One - Forestry Division will be visiting our school and presenting the importance of Arbour Day to our grade 1-4 students. Students will gain knowledge on the importance and benefits of trees in our world and how Hydro One safely protects power lines and responds to damages after severe weather. The presentation will take place on October 16, 2024 at the school.

Parish News: For Our Lady of the Lake Parish news, please see the attached bulletin. [Parish Bulletin Oct 6](#)

Upcoming Dates:

October 9: Cross Country Meet at Bruce's Mill
October 10: Grade 4 Trip to Forsythe Farm
October 14: Thanksgiving Day (no school)
October 16: Arbour Day Presentation (Grades 1-4)
 -CSC Meeting 6:30 pm in the library
October 21: P.A. Day (no school)
October 24: Dental Screening
October 25: CSC Halloween Dance (6:00 pm-9:00 pm)
October 31: Halloween

*The St. Thomas Aquinas staff would like to wish all our families
a Blessed Happy Thanksgiving Weekend.*

Have a great week,

F. Rossy

Principal