



St. Thomas Aquinas CES

Week at a Glance: January 13-17

Live with Love!

Learn with Joy!

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Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

The Virtue for the month of January is UNITY: The focus for this virtue is:

- I will make everyone feel welcomed and appreciated as members of God's family.
- I will take some time to learn about the similarities and differences in my community.
- I will empower people with words that build them up, not put them down

JR Girls and Boys Volleyball Tournaments: Good luck to our Junior Girls and Boys who will be competing at upcoming volleyball tournaments this week. The Junior Boys team will be competing at Our Lady of Good Counsel CES on Wednesday January 15 and St. Thomas CES will be hosting the Girls Volleyball Tournament on Thursday January 16. *Please note that there will be an increase in traffic and cars in the parking area on Thursday morning as students and parents/guardians arrive at STA for the tournament.*

Parking Lot Safety: The Kiss 'N Ride, located on the north end of the building acts as a drop off/pick up loop. We ask that parents/guardians not park/leave their vehicles unattended or idling when dropping off their child(ren). Please continue to use caution when in the parking lot and be mindful of students, families and staff.

Bus Loop: The bus loop is at the front of the school building. Please do not enter the bus loop during morning entry (8:55 am - 9:10 am) and afternoon dismissal procedures (3:30 pm - 4:00 pm).

Family Literacy Day: Family Literacy Day is on January 27th. It is a day to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. The 2025 theme is ***Learn to be Green, Together!*** ABC Life Literacy Canada has a variety of free English and French resources available and is hosting a virtual event with *Family Literacy Day* Honorary Chair Barbara Reid. This event is open to everyone across Canada and will occur on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 4:30 pm ET. Barbara Reid will demonstrate using clay to create a picture and share unique techniques for making different things. Registration is open at the following link [Register](#).

2025/2026 FDK Registrations: The FDK registration for the 2025/2026 school year is now open on the YCDSB website. Please see the attached flyer for further information and online registration. [FDK Registration Flyer](#)

French Immersion Program Registration Reminder: All registrations are due by **January 22, 2025**. Any applicants after this date will be placed on a waiting list. If the number of applications exceeds the number of available openings, a public lottery process will be conducted at the school, at **5:00 p.m. on January 23, 2025**. Approved applicants will be notified by the school between **January 25th & February 7th, 2025**. Please visit [FI Application Link](#) if you wish to register your child for the French Immersion program at St. Thomas Aquinas.

Parish News: For Our Lady of the Lake Parish news. [Jan 12 Bulletin](#)

Upcoming Dates:

January 13: Primary Dance Workshops begin
-YCDSB STREAM Center trip for Ms. Rashotte's Grade 6 class
January 14: Hockey Team Practice #1
January 15: Jr. Boys Volleyball Tournament at OLG
-CSC meeting at 6:30 pm in the library
January 16: Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament at STA
January 17: P.A. Day (no school)
January 27: Family Literacy Day
January 28: Coby Anti Bullying Magic Show
January 29: Mrs. Attridge's Grade 6 class at the YCDSB STREAM Center
January 31: P.A. Day (no school)

Have a great week,

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Principal