



St. Thomas Aquinas CES

Week at a Glance: February 10-14

Live with Love!

Learn with Joy!

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Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

As we begin Term 2 of the school year there are 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.

Buddy Bash Valentine Dance-a-thon Fundraiser: *Our fundraiser is well underway!* The Valentine/Friendship Dance-a-Thon Fundraiser will take place Friday February 14. We have set a school goal of \$6000 to purchase various resources for our school. Each student has received a pledge envelope which is to be returned by Friday February 14, 2025.

There are three different ways to donate:

Option #1: The community is strongly encouraged to utilize the York Catholic District School Board's on-line payment system for donations to the school at www.canadahelps.org. This is a safe and secure method to make an individual donation to the school through an on-line payment method and receive a tax receipt immediately.

Option #2: Individual pledge cheques of \$25 or more are eligible for a tax receipt through the board. These cheques will need to be made payable to York Catholic District School Board.

Option # 3: Cash or Cheques. Cash or cheques under \$25.00 do not qualify for a tax receipt. If writing a cheque, please make it payable to St. Thomas Aquinas CES.

There are many great prizes and school incentives to be won. Please see the attached flyer and letter for further information. Thank you for your continued support of our school initiatives.

[Buddy Bash Valentine Dance-a-thon Fundraiser Letter](#)

Valentine Treats: If you are purchasing Valentine treats for your child's(ren's) class, a reminder to please refrain from sending any food items to school as we have many students with various allergies. Any food items will not be distributed and will be returned.

Carnaval De STA: *Welcome to Carnaval Week!* The week will be celebrated with a variety of culturally-based activities and contests for students in all grades. Please see the attached flyer for the theme days taking place each day. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to partake in Mask Decorating and Colouring Contests during lunch recess from Monday to Thursday. Hot chocolate from our Carnaval Café for \$2.00 per cup will be available to purchase during this time. On Wednesday February 12, we welcome Njacko Backo for a live interactive performance as he takes us on an African Voyage through traditional songs, drumming and dance. Vive le Carnaval! [Carnaval Theme Week](#)

Black Heritage Month Movie Night: STA is hosting a Family Movie Night to celebrate Black Heritage Month on Wednesday February 26. As a community we will be watching *The Princess and the Frog* (rated G). Tickets are \$2 per person with all funds being donated to the *Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association* (CRA #778229674-RR0001). In addition Kernels Popcorn is available for pre purchase to support school initiatives/resources. As this event is capped to 300 attendees, tickets will be on a first come first serve basis and parents/guardians must stay with their child for the duration of the event. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday February 14. [BHM Family Movie Night](#)

That's a Wrap - You're the Chef a Resounding Success!: This past week, students enjoyed the last of 5 sessions of the You're the Chef cooking program. Students in grades 4 & 5 had a wonderful time learning culinary skills and how to cook healthy, delicious, and easy to make recipes with their friends. From broccoli cheddar frittata to pumpkin chocolate chip cookies, all recipes were enthusiastically enjoyed by everyone. We would like to send a special thank you to our wonderful volunteers, York Region Public Health, Routes Connecting Communities, and United Way Greater Toronto for the funding and resources to run the program. A big Thank you to Mrs. Clements and Mrs. Swirla for their dedication, enthusiasm and initiative in bringing this program to our school and students.



Term One Report Cards: Term One Report Cards will be available on the Parent Portal on Tuesday February 11. These can be accessed by visiting our school's website, <https://sta.ycdsb.ca/>, and clicking on the 'Parents' link at the top of the page. For detailed instructions on registering, using the portal and to seek support please visit, <https://sites.google.com/ycdsb.ca/ycdsbparentportal>. If you require a hard copy of the report card please contact the office.

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

Upcoming Dates:

- February 10-14: Carnaval Week [Carnaval Theme Week](#)
- February 11: Term 1 Report Cards available on the Parent Portal
- February 12: Njacko Backo Interactive Performance
- February 14: Buddy Bash Valentine Dance-a-Thon
- February 17: Family Day (no school)
- February 18: Hockey Team Practice #3
- February 25: Grade 6 Composite Photo Day
- February 26: Primary Dance Workshop Presentation
 - Pink Shirt Day
 - Black Heritage Month Family Movie Night
- February 28: Optimist Chess Club Tournament

Have a great week,

F. Rossy

Principal