



St. Thomas Aquinas CES

Week at a Glance: March 3-7

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Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

Welcome to the month of March! This week marks the beginning of Lent in the liturgical calendar. It is a time of preparing for Easter through prayer and reaching out to others and reflecting on what is truly important in our lives. We welcome Father Dunston on *Wednesday March 5* as we come together for an Ash Wednesday liturgy to mark the beginning of this important time and begin our journey to Easter.

BHM Family Movie Night: Thank you to the many families that attended the Black Heritage Month Family Movie Night. Over \$200 was raised in support of the Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association. It was a fun night of popcorn, laughter and coming together as a community. Thank you to Mr. Montana for organizing this event and to the many staff and volunteers for their support in making this evening a successful one.

Chess Tournament Update: Congratulations to our chess team! On Friday February 28, forty of our students competed at the chess tournament at the Optimist Club. Both the Primary and Junior students placed 1st overall bringing back two banners for our school. Way to go, STA! Thank you to Mrs. Attridge for facilitating and leading the chess club for our students. Thank you to Mlle. Rashotte and the many parents for their help and support at the chess tournament on Friday.

Hot Lunch Session March to June: The next session of the Hot Lunch Program will continue from March 17 to June 20. We are pleased to announce that Zucca's Catering will be offered every Thursday. The menu options include 3pc chicken fingers with Caesar Salad, Chicken Souvlaki with rice and Chicken Souvlaki on a pita. Each menu option is \$8/meal. Subway, Nonna's Lakeside and Quick Pizza will continue with the same menu options. Payments can be made online through the School Day app or cash or cheque (made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas) and are due by Monday March 17, 2025. Please call the school if you have any questions.

Staffing Update: I would like to thank Mrs. Coniglio for enthusiasm and passion in delivering the music program to our students and for being an important part of the STA team. We welcome back Mrs. Sita this week. She will continue the music program for our students.

Shrove Tuesday: Thank you to CSC for hosting a pancake breakfast on Tuesday March 4 for all students. Pancakes will be served throughout the morning. Please ensure that your child has extra snacks and lunch for the day and that the consent form has been returned to school. [Shrove Tuesday Consent Form](#)

Primary Dance Workshop Rescheduled Date: The Primary Dance Workshops presentation has been rescheduled to Thursday March 6 at 1:15 pm. Kindly note that seating and space are limited.

Grade 6 Composite Photo Day Rescheduled Date: The Grade 6 Composite Photo Day has been rescheduled to Thursday March 27.

Family Literacy Night: STA and CSC will be hosting a Family Literacy Night for all families. Families will be engaged in various interactive literacy centers throughout the evening. The evening will be filled with free resources, fun activities, special guest readers and information on promoting literacy at home. Family Literacy Night will be held on Thursday March 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the school. Information and an RSVP will be sent home this week to all families. [Family Literacy Night Flyer](#)

CSC Spring Fundraiser: CSC will be hosting a Krispy Kreme and Vandermeer Nursery Fundraiser. Further details and information will be distributed to all students this week. [Krispy Kreme Flyer](#) [Vandermeer Nursery Flyer](#)

Parish News: For Our Lady of the Lake Parish news. [Bulletin March 3](#)

Upcoming Dates:

March 3: YCDSB STREAM Center Trip for Mrs. Murray's Grade 1 class

March 4: Shrove Tuesday

-Hockey Team Practice #4

March 5: Ash Wednesday Liturgy (2:00 pm)

March 6: Primary Dance Presentation

March 10-14: March Break

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 20: CSC Meeting at 6:30 pm in the library

Have a great week,

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Principal