



St. Thomas Aquinas CES
Week at a Glance: March 31 - April 4

Live with Love!

Learn with Joy!

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Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

This week we welcome the month of April! As we journey through the Lenten season we continue to simplify ourselves and prepare for Easter. It is a time of prayer, service to others and reflecting on what is truly important in our lives.

*God of the journey,
Sustain us throughout this Lenten season.
Help us to continue to use this time of the Lord's favour
to reflect on ways to change and grow.
Strengthen us to keep going when we are discouraged.
Give us the grace to persevere as we journey toward the sacred days of Easter,
nourished by your steadfast love. Amen*

Family Literacy Night: The Family Literacy Night was a great success. Families engaged in various interactive literacy centers throughout the evening and were provided with resources to help support literacy at home. Thank you to all the families that attended and joined in the various centers. Thank you to Mayor Quirk and Councillor Neeson for being a part of the evening and reading stories to our students. Thank you to Georgina Public Library for sharing resources and the many programs taking place at the library. Thank you to Keswick High Kitchen for the yummy treats. Thank you to McDonalds Keswick and Riveredge Restaurant for the hot chocolate donations. Thank you to the YCDSB Mental Health Leads for sharing valuable information and resources. A Big Thank you to CSC and the STA staff for organizing and hosting an important evening as we work together to support literacy with our students.

Parking Lot Reminders: The Kiss 'N Ride, located on the north end of the building acts as a drop off/pick up loop. In an effort to keep the traffic moving in this area, please ensure that you are not stopping at the curved part of the Kiss'N Ride as this makes it difficult for other cars to proceed and turn and prevents a steady flow of traffic. 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.

Luke 4:18 Symposium Collection: Students from the Luke 4:18 committee will be participating in a Social Justice Symposium in May. As part of their participation at this symposium, Health Kits to support Canadian Food for Children will be assembled. The STA Luke 4:18 students are collecting donations of boxes of bandaids for their part in collecting items for these Health Kits. All donations can be dropped off at the front office.

STA 2024/2025 Yearbook: The 2024-2025 Yearbook is now available for purchase. The full-color, professionally bound yearbook capturing the best moments of the 2024/2025 school year at St. Thomas Aquinas will be available for distribution at the end of this school year. The price per yearbook is \$30. Purchases can be made online through the School Day Cashless system, cheque (made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas) or cash. A hard copy of the order form will be sent home this week. All orders are due Tuesday April 22, 2025. [2024/2025 Yearbook Order Form](#)

Terra Cotta Ice Dawgs Snack: The Terra Cotta Ice Dawgs Ice Cream Sandwich is available to purchase. Ice Dawgs are \$2.00/Ice Dawg. Students will receive their cookie every Thursday from May 8, 2025 to Thursday June 26, 2025. All orders are due Tuesday April 15, 2025. Orders can be placed online through the School Day Cashless system, cheque (made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas) or cash. A hard copy of the order form will be sent home this week. The ingredient list for Ice Dawgs are as follows:

- *Ice cream: vanilla ice cream (cream, sugar/glucose, modified milk ingredients, mono and diglycerides, guar gum, polysorbate 80, carrageenan, dextrose, natural and artificial flavour).*
- *Cookies: enriched wheat flour, sugars (brown sugar, sugar), liquid whole eggs, semi-sweet chocolate chips (sugar, unsweetened chocolate, cocoa butter, dextrose, soy lecithin, vanilla extract), soybean and modified palm oil margarine, unsweetened applesauce (apples, ascorbic acid), inulin, water, baking soda, vanilla extract.*

Parish News: The rehearsal and confessions for students receiving First Holy Communion will be Saturday April 26 from 11:00am – 1:00pm. ***Please be reminded that attendance is mandatory.*** The First Holy Communion Mass date is Saturday May 10, 2025, at 10:00am. For Our Lady of the Lake Parish news. [Bulletin March 30](#)

Upcoming Dates:

March 31: Junior Dance Workshop

April 2: Junior Hockey Team Tournament

-Confessions with Father Dunston (Grades 3-6)

April 4: Eric Walters Author Visit

April 7-11: Share Life Week

April 7: Junior Dance Workshop

April 8: Krispy Kreme & Vandermeer Nursery Orders pickup (4:00-6:00 pm at the school)

SAVE THE DATES

- **FDK Growing Celebration - June 20, 2025 at 1:00 pm**
- **Grade 6 Promotion of Learning Celebration - June 24, 2025 at 1:00 pm**

Have a great week,

F. Rossy

Principal

