



St. Thomas Aquinas CES

Week at a Glance: April 14-18

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Learn with Joy!

Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

This last week of Lent, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' Passion and death. During this holy time we pray reverently and reflect on our faith and on our love for Jesus. The end of the week begins the Easter Triduum, the period which marks the end of the forty days of Lent and begins the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ -- Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

*God of the Journey, walk with us this Lent.
Teach us to pray, fast, and give in ways that
bring us closer to you.*

*Help us to **persevere** in staying with you
on the journey through Lent to Easter. Amen.*

First Holy Communion Rosary Making: On Monday April 14, students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year will be participating in a Rosary Making Session at the school. Students will be invited throughout the day to partake in this ½ hour session in small groups. Please call the school if you have any questions.

Super Smoothies at STA: Super Smoothies is coming to STA! Every student will enjoy a 10 oz Strawberry-Banana Smoothie made fresh by Super Smoothies. FDK to Grade 3 will enjoy their smoothies on Thursday April 24 and Grades 4-6 will enjoy their smoothies on Friday April 25, 2025. **Ingredients include: yogurt, strawberries & bananas**

Please return the form below by **Monday April 14, 2025**. Please indicate if your child has any allergies/dietary restrictions. The school will inform you of the alternate smoothie due to dietary restrictions/allergies. [Super Smoothies Consent Form](#)

Easter & Spring Celebration Theme Week: STA will be having an Easter & Spring Celebration Theme Week from **April 22-25**. During this week the Luke 4:18 will be having a food drive in support of the local food bank. Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off throughout the week in the front foyer.

As part of the generous fundraising this past year we have purchased a new Volleyball Net System and new Volleyballs for our students to use. There will be a Junior Volleyball game using our newly purchased equipment during our celebration theme week. In addition, the grades 1-3 students will be participating in a Crock-A-Doodle Pottery Painting workshop which has been subsidized by the school with the generous fundraising this past year. Please see the attached flyer for details. [Easter & Spring Celebration Theme Week Flyer](#)

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. Please call the school if you require a hard copy of the order form. **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. Please call the school if you require a hard copy of the order form. 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.*

2025/2026 School Year: Planning for the 2025/2026 school year has begun. If you are planning on registering your child or know of anyone that would like to register at our school, please visit the YCDSB website. In addition, if you are **not** returning to St. Thomas Aquinas for the next school year please let the school know once confirmed and as soon as possible. This information is crucial for the successful and accurate planning for the 2025/2026 school year. Your support and attention to this matter are greatly appreciated. Please call the school if you have any questions.

YCDSB Active School Travel Newsletter: Please see the attached link for YCDSB AST April Newsletter. [April AST Newsletter](#)

Parish News: For Our Lady of the Lake Parish news. [Bulletin April 13](#)

Upcoming Dates:

April 14: Junior Dance Workshop

-First Holy Communion Rosary Making Session

April 18: Good Friday (no school)

April 20: Easter Sunday

April 21: Easter Monday (no school)

April 22-25: Easter/Spring Spirit Week [Easter & Spring Celebration Theme Week Flyer](#)

April 22: Earth Day

April 23: CSC meeting in library at 6:30 pm

April 24: Super Smoothie Day (FDK to Grade 3)

April 25: Super Smoothie Day (Grade 4-6)

-Crock-a-Doodle Pottery Workshop (Grade 1-3)

Have a great week,

F. Rossy

Principal