

St. Thomas Aquinas CES Week at a Glance: May 5-9

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Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

This week we celebrate Catholic Education Week. As we celebrate this Year of Jubilee, as Pilgrims of Hope, we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. This week is also Mental Health Week. We are reminded of the deep connection between our faith and well being. The following are a list of the activities taking place this week at STA:

- CEW School Mass at OLL Parish
- Love of Dance Showcase at YCDSB Performing Arts Theater
- JR Girls and Boys Basketball Tournaments
- CSC Wellness Night
- Scholastic Book Fair
- JR Dance Presentation

All are invited to attend the Province Wide Mass on <u>Wednesday May 7, 2025 at 11:00 am</u>. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Douglas Crosby at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Please click <u>HERE</u> to access the live stream. A video recording will be available if you are unable to attend this time. As a school we look forward to the week as we come together and engage in many faith filled and wellness activities.

CSC Wellness Night: The CSC Health & Wellness Night is on Thursday May 8 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the school. There will be a variety of local wellness stations for the whole family to enjoy including community resources, hands on activities, safety tips, interactive demos, outdoors games, arts & crafts and healthy snacks. We look forward to another great school community event.

Scholastic Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Fair will begin on Monday May 5 and will run until Friday May 9. Students will have an opportunity to view and purchase books throughout the week. The book fair will also be open during the CSC Health & Wellness Evening from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm for any parents interested in visiting the book fair.

EQAO Grade 3 & 6: The Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in EQAO assessments in the areas of Reading, Writing and Math. The Grade 3 French Immersion classes will be participating in the Math portion of the testing only. Grade 3 students will write between the dates of May 27 and May 30 and Grade 6 students will take part in the testing between the dates of June 2 and June 5, 2025. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions/concerns.

STA Dress Code: School dress code is important at St. Thomas Aquinas. All student attire must be in keeping with our Catholic teachings and beliefs, and reflect principles of modesty. Tops, pants, shorts and skirts must cover the entire midriff. The following items are not part of the school dress code:

- Halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti strap tops (narrower in width than 3 fingers) or tube tops
- Half t-shirts, tops with cut-outs, tops made of mesh or netting type material
- Short shorts or skirts
- Low necklines, front or back
- Language and/or representation (pictures) on attire that indicates gang affiliation and/or depicts violence, profanity or discrimination of any kind whatsoever or that otherwise demeans an identifiable individual or group

Please refer to the school website for additional information on appropriate dress when at school https://sta.ycdsb.ca/our-school/dress-code/

Parish News: For Our Lady of the Lake Parish news. May 4 Bulletin

Upcoming Dates:

May 5-9: Catholic Education Week, Mental Health Week & Scholastic Book Fair

May 5: JR Boys Basketball Tournament at St. Bernadette

-Junior Love of Dance Showcase at YCDSB Performing Arts Theater

May 6: JR Girls Basketball Tournament at Prince of Peace

May 7: Catholic Education Week mass at OLL Parish (11 am)

May 8: JR Dance Final Presentation (Gym at 1:15 pm)

-CSC Wellness Night

May 10: First Holy Communion at OLL Parish

May 13: Hearing Clinic

May 14: Welcome to Kindergarten

May 16: STREAM Center Trip for Mrs. Olar's class

May 19: Victoria Day (no school)

Have a great week,

F. Rossy

Principal