

### **Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,**

Welcome to the season of Autumn! This season brings us a warm palette of beautiful and changing colours as well as a renewed sense of awe and wonder for Mother Nature's beauty. May the transition into the new school year and season continue with a sense of gratitude, joy and hope. As the temperatures begin to fluctuate each day, please ensure your child is dressed for the weather. It is strongly recommended that students not wear flip flops, slides or crocs to school as these can pose a safety concern when students are playing outside at recess or in the school. Running shoes are recommended.

**Catholic School Council Meeting & Elections:** The CSC council meeting and elections will take place on Wednesday September 24 at 6:30 pm in the library. All election forms are due in the office by Tuesday September 23. *A form must be completed if you wish to be a voting member of the 2025/26 CSC. Once the 2025/26 CSC has been formed, the positions of Chair, Treasurer & Secretary will be chosen at the first meeting.*

**Hot Lunch Program Term 1:** The Hot Lunch program is now available for purchase. Ordering and payment can be made online through the SchoolDay Cashless system, or hard copy order forms with cash or cheque (made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas). The Hot Lunch Program will begin the Week of September 29, 2025. The Hot Lunch program is as follows:

- Tuesday: Subway ([How to Order through LunchBox Guide](#))
- Wednesday: Nonna's Lakeside
- Thursday: Riveredge Restaurant
- Friday: Pizza Pizza (now offering Cheese and Pepperoni Slices)

**All orders and payment are due by Thursday September 25, 2025.**

**School Photo Day:** Our school photo day will take place on Wednesday September 24, 2025. We are pleased to have EDGE IMAGING as our photo provider this year. *Please note that sibling photos will not be taken on this day. These photos will be scheduled at a later date.* [Flyer](#)

**Terry Fox Walk/Run:** The annual Terry Fox Walk/Run will take place on Thursday September 25, 2025. Our school goal is \$1500.00. Donations can be made at the following link: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/StThomasAquinasSchoolKeswick>. Students and staff are invited to wear red and white or Terry Fox T-shirts on this day.

**YCDSB Active School Travel:** Please see the attached flyer for the September Newsletter from YCDSB AST. [September Newsletter](#)

**Safety Awareness Week:** The week of September 29 - October 3, has been designated as “Safety Awareness Week” for the YCDSB. As part of our safety initiative at St. Thomas Aquinas, we will be practicing safety procedures with students and staff. During this week, we will be rehearsing a variety of emergency school procedures to acquaint students and staff with the precautionary steps to take in the event of such things as a warning of severe weather, or an intruder. In addition, throughout the year we will hold practice drills to acquaint students with various emergency protocols. Teachers will review these procedures with students in class prior to our practice drills.

**Dental Screening:** The Dental Screening Program will take place on **Tuesday October 14, 2025**. All students in JK, SK, Grade 2 and Grade 7 will be screened along with any other student that has requested the screening. Please see the attached link for further information. Please contact the school if you have any questions. [Dental Screening Parent Information](#)

**Parish News:** Communion Registration for students in Grade 2 and up is now open. Please see the attached information and registration form for further details. [First Holy Communion Information & Registration](#)

For parish news/updates please see the bulletin attached. [Sept 21 Bulletin](#)

### **Upcoming Dates:**

September 23: CSC Election Forms due  
September 24: School Photo Day (NEW provider Edge Imaging)  
September 24: CSC meeting & Elections in the library at 6:30 pm  
September 25: Terry Fox Day (Wear Red or Terry Fox T-shirt)  
September 25: Hot Lunch Orders Due  
September 26: P.A. Day (no school)  
September 29-October 3: Safety Week  
September 30: National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)  
October 1: Cross Country Meet at Bruce’s Mill  
October 3: Grade 1 & 2 Trip to Forsythe Farms

**Have a great week,**

***F. Rossy***

**Principal**