

Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

The Catholic Virtue for October is *Compassion*. This focus for this virtue is:

- I will seek to understand others by listening.
- I will be willing to forgive others.
- I will give of my resources to help those in need.

A note on Compassion written by Matteo T (Gr. 5):

*Compassion - It is a small word with BIG meaning.
It means seeing someone's pain and choosing to care.
It means being kind, even when it is not easy
The world can be tough sometimes. People get hurt, left out or lose hope.
But compassion is the light that helps us find the way to kindness.
One gentle word, a helping hand, one smile -
Those small things can change someone's sad day.
Let's be the reason someone feels seen.
Let's be the voice that says, "You're not alone."
Because when we lead with compassion, we don't just make the world better,
We make it beautiful!*

School Photos & Photo Re-take Day: The photo proofs have been sent home with your child and the deadline to order school photos with FREE Ship-to-School delivery is October 20, 2025. Please place your order at edgeimaging.ca/order using the portrait code and pass code on your proof. If the proof has been misplaced, you can look up your codes at edgeimaging.ca/lookup. The school Photo retake day is Monday October 20 for those students who wish to retake their photo.

Mr. Skinny Bones Halloween Visit: On October 31, 2025 at approximately 1:30 pm , St Thomas Aquinas CES welcomes Mr. Skinny Bones (not affiliated with any organization) to address FDK to Gr. 6 on the topic "Mr. Skinny Bones Halloween Safety Visit". Mr. Skinny Bones will be visiting to speak about Halloween Safety in an engaging and fun way. Mr. Skinny Bones is a skeleton robot operated by Mr. Buck McLeod from the Toronto Clown Alley and Family Entertainers. There won't be any literature, giveaways, or supplementary resources in this presentation. Thank you to CSC for organizing this visit for our students.

CSC Halloween Dance: Orders for the CSC is hosting a Halloween Dance are due Monday October 20, 2025. The Halloween Dance will take place on Thursday October 23, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the school. *As this is a family event, all children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.* Tickets and food combos must be pre purchased. [CSC Halloween Dance Form](#)

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

Parish News: For parish news/updates please see the bulletin attached. [Oct 19 Bulletin](#)

Upcoming Dates:

October 20: Photo Re-Take day
 -Photo Orders due
October 23: CSC Halloween Dance
October 24: P.A. Day
October 31: Halloween Day & Mr. Skinny Bones Visit

Have a great week,

F. Rossy
Principal