

Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

As the weather continues to fluctuate and cool down, kindly ensure that your child(ren) are dressed for the weather (jacket, hat, etc) and that students have indoor/outdoor shoes in order to keep our school clean and safe. 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.

CSC Halloween Dance: Thank you to our CSC and the many parent volunteers for organizing and hosting the Halloween Dance for our school community. Thank you to the many families for supporting and being a part of the evening. It was a great evening of fun and excitement as everyone dressed in costumes and enjoyed dancing and yummy treats.

Halloween Treats: Kindly refrain from sending in any food related treats on Halloween day. As we have many students with allergies and dietary restrictions, any food related treats will not be distributed and will be sent back home with your child. Please speak with your child's teacher about alternate items that may be purchased if you wish to bring in Halloween treats for your child's class.

Halloween-October 31: Halloween day will be filled with fun activities for all students. Students are invited to wear costumes or the colours orange and purple on this day. If students choose to wear a costume please note the following reminders when choosing a costume to wear to school:

- *All students are reminded that costume props, and/or replica weapons including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc., may not be brought to school.*
- *Masks as part of a costume are not to be worn at school as they present a safety risk, and some masks may even be quite scary to the younger students.*
- *Costumes should be respectful of the diversity in our communities and therefore should not reflect symbols or objects representative of another person's culture and/or race that may trivialize, devalue, or appropriate any culture or race. Costumes that mock social identities through stereotyping are also unacceptable.*
- *Students are discouraged from wearing costumes that are not appropriate to the moral tone of our Catholic schools.*

If students are unsure about their costume idea, they should speak with their classroom teacher and/or administration. We are looking forward to a fun and respectful Halloween for all.

Library Learning Commons Update: The LLC renovations have been completed. Please note that library book exchange/visits will be on pause for this week as the library and books are put back in order.

French Immersion Parent Information Evening: A parent information night will be held on Tuesday November 25th, 2025 to explain the Grade 1 French Immersion Program, with the online application available after the school presentation at www.ycdsb.ca. Please see the attached flyer for further information. [FI Parent Info Evening](#)

Parish News: For parish news/updates please see the bulletin attached. [Oct 26 Bulletin](#)

Upcoming Dates:

October 29: You're the Chef Session #2
October 31: Halloween Day & Mr. Skinny Bones Visit
November 5: You're the Chef Session #3
November 6: CSC Meeting in the library (6:30 pm)

Have a great week,

F. Rossy
Principal