

Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

STA will be having a Thanksgiving food drive in support of the local food bank. Non-perishable food items (canned goods, cereals, granola bars, powdered milk etc.) will be collected from October 6th to October 17th. All items can be dropped off to your child's classroom or the front office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Fresh From The Farm Fundraiser: The Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser is ongoing until October 14th, 2025 with 40% of the sales of each bundle sold returns back to the school. All orders can be placed online at the following link: [Fresh from the Farm Fundraising Link](#) Please call the school if you have any questions.

CSC Halloween Dance: The CSC is hosting a Halloween Dance for all STA families. 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. Hard copy order forms have been sent home. Please see the link below for detailed information. [CSC Halloween Dance Form](#)

Halloween Costumes: As we look forward to Halloween Day 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.

CSC Christmas Market- Donations needed: The annual CSC Christmas Market will take place on Saturday November 22, 2025 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the school. At this time CSC is asking for donations for the silent auction. All money raised will be used to support initiatives and resources in our school. All donations can be brought to the school office.

Parish News: For parish news/updates please see the bulletin attached. [Oct 5 Bulletin](#)

Upcoming Dates:

October 6-10: CCAT Testing (Grade 4)

October 13: Happy Thanksgiving (no school)

October 14: Dental Screening

October 16: CSC Meeting

October 17: Thanksgiving Mass at OLL parish

-Eradication of Poverty Fundraiser (Jersey & Team Sport Day)

October 20: Photo Re-Take day

October 23: CSC Halloween Dance

October 24: P.A. Day

Have a great week,

F. Rossy

Principal