

Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

Welcome to the month of December and the liturgical season of Advent. Advent is the season of waiting and looking forward to something special. This week we light the first candle, the hope candle to symbolize the hope that shines in our lives and guides us through this season of joyful expectation.

God of Hope;

We praise you during this season of Advent and always.

Draw us into your light as we journey.

May we be filled with trust.

May our anticipation of the joyful coming of your Son ever increase.

May our hope grow with each passing moment.

We ask this through your Son, who was born in a stable in Bethlehem.

Amen

As part of the Advent and Holiday season, STA will be having a food drive from December 1 to December 12 in support of the local food bank and pantries. All donated items can be dropped off in the front foyer of the school.

CSC Christmas Market: A big thank you to all the amazing vendors and donors who made the CSC Christmas Market a huge success this year! Hope to see you again next year! Please see the attached flyer for a list of the many vendors and donors. [Thank you Flyer](#)

CSC Christmas Fundraiser: Thank you to the many families who purchased the Christmas flowers from Vanderneere Nursery All orders will be available for pick up on Thursday December 4 at the school between 3:30 pm and 6:00 pm.

Winter Weather Reminders: As the temperatures continue to cool down and Mother nature begins to bless us with snow and flurries, please ensure your child(ren) is prepared for the weather with coats, hats, gloves and boots. Extra socks, mitts/gloves and clothes are also recommended as these items can become quite wet during recess play. Also please ensure that your child(ren) has indoor shoes and outdoor boots so that we may keep our classrooms and school safe and clean for staff and students.

Grade 4-6 Marlies Trip: On Wednesday April 8, 2026, the grade 4-6 students will be attending the Marlies game at the Coca Cola Coliseum in Toronto. The cost of the excursion will be between \$30-\$35 per student. A portion of every ticket sale will be donated to the Children's Wish Foundation on behalf of the YCDSB students. This is an amazing way to enjoy a day at the Marlies and help a child's wish come true!

At this time we are asking for the attached permission form and the **Elements of Risk** form attached to be completed if you wish for your child(ren) to attend. This will enable us to order the correct number of tickets and plan for bussing accordingly. **Payment will be collected at a later date in the New Year.** [Marlies Parent Letter](#) [Marlies Consent Letter](#)

Christmas Holiday Theme Week: STA will be having a Christmas Holiday Theme Week from December 15-19 to celebrate the Holiday Season. Please see the attached flyer for details [Christmas Fun Week](#)

Parish News: For parish news/updates please see the bulletin attached. [Nov 30 Bulletin](#)

Upcoming Dates:

- December 4: Grade 4 Scanlon Creek Trip
- December 4: Vandermeer Nursery Orders Pick up
- December 5: Advent Mass at OLL Parish
- December 9: Grade 3 Pioneer Village Trip
- December 10: FDK Christmas Concert (6 pm)
- December 11: Grade 1-3 Christmas Concert (6 pm)
- December 15-19: Christmas Spirit Week
- December 18: YCDSB STEAM Center Trip (Grade 2/3 Axford)
- December 20: Christmas Break Begins

Have a great week,
F. Rossy
Principal