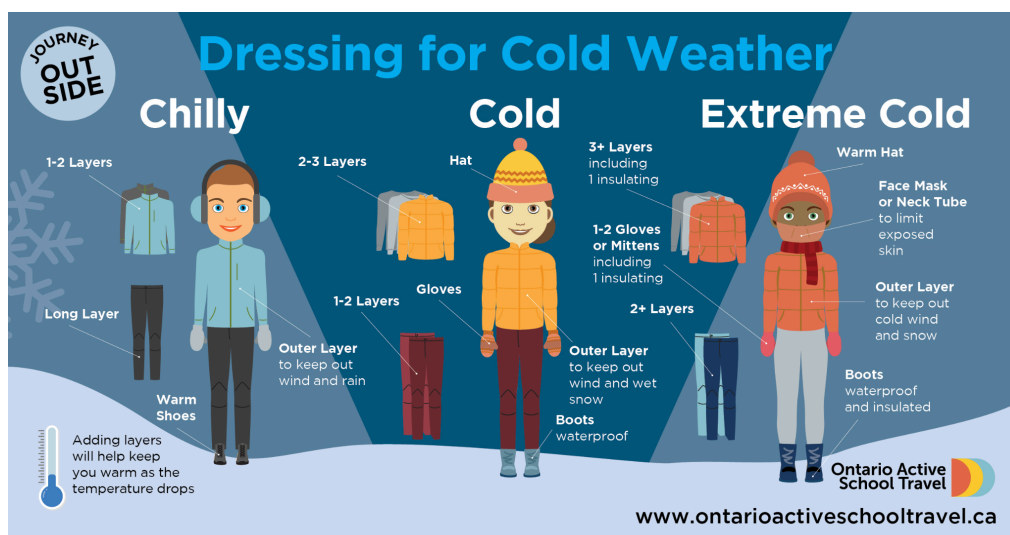


Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

This new week in January comes with cold temperatures and the continuation of snow. YCDSB Active School Travel has great tips for how to get outside and still have fun in the cold, including while you're walking or wheeling to school or the bus stop.

Some tips and suggestions on how to stay warm include:

- Wear an insulating layer
- Wear an outer shell (windproof jacket with a hood and snow pants)
- Wear insulated waterproof snow boots
- Have a hat that covers the ears, add a neck warmer and waterproof mittens
- Keep moving!
- Eat healthy snacks to keep your body going.
- Drink water! Even though it's cold, the air is dry and your body can become dehydrated.



Georgina Ice STA Family Game Night: This is the FINAL week to order tickets! Georgina Ice is hosting a St. Thomas Family Game Night on Friday January 23, 2026 with Georgina vs Little Britain. The evening will include various activities such as a free face painter, on-ice activations, fan of the game, etc. Tickets are \$35 and valid for 2 adults and up to 4 children/seniors. For every ticket sold 14.5% will go back to the school. Tickets may be purchased online or through cash/cheque (hard copy of the form has been sent home). **All purchases are due by January 22** and tickets will be sent home this week with students.

Let's Talk Day - January 21, 2026: Let's Talk Day is on January 21st, an annual day of awareness designed to break the silence around mental illness and support mental health all across Canada. School Mental Health Ontario has many parent/caregiver resources to support mental health learning and well-being for every family. [SMHO site](https://www.ssmho.ca/)

Refunded Hot Lunch Session: Due to the snow day last week, the Nonna's Hot Lunch will now be reimbursed for students who did not receive their Hot Lunch on December 10. Payments made online will be refunded online. Please allow 2-3 days for processing. If you do not see a refund by Wednesday in your records please call the school. Payments made by cash or cheque, will be refunded accordingly and sent home with your child this week.

CSC Meeting: The CSC meeting will take place on Thursday January 22 at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be held virtually. All parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend please contact the school and a meeting link will be shared with you. All information including agendas and minutes are up to date on the school website for your review.

FREE Parent EQAO Webinar: A free live webinar about how EQAO assesses students' reading skills at key stages of their education is being offered to parents. EQAO staff will discuss reading samples and questions from the Primary & Junior Reading Assessments, and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. Participants will hear how these reading passages and questions help assess the skills students are learning in class. EQAO staff will also highlight valuable insights and resources that can help parents and guardians support their child's learning. The webinar will take place on January 20, 2026, starting at 6:00 pm. Click [here](#) for registration.

2026/2027 FDK Registrations: The FDK registration for the 2026/2027 school year is now open on the YCDSB website. Please see the attached link for further information and online registration. [FDK Registration 2026-2027](#)

French Immersion Program Registration Reminder: *FINAL WEEK TO REGISTER!* All registrations are due by **January 22, 2026**. Any applicants after this date will be placed on a waiting list. Please visit [FI Application Link](#) if you wish to register your child for the French Immersion program at St. Thomas Aquinas. ***Please call the school if you do not receive a confirmation of the registration to ensure that the application has been received.***

Parish News: For parish news/updates please see the bulletin attached. [Jan 18 Bulletin](#)

Upcoming Dates:

- January 22: You're the Chef Session #1
- January 22: CSC meeting (Virtual 6:30 pm)
- January 23: Georgina Ice STA Family Game Night
- January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas Feast Day
- January 29: YCDSB STREAM Center Trip Grade ½ Masse
- January 29: You're the Chef Session #2
- January 30: P.A Day (no school)

Have a great week,

F. Rossy

Principal