

### **Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,**

**Happy New Year!** I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday break with family and friends. The STA staff are excited to welcome the students back to school as we begin 2026 with much excitement and joy.

As we continue through the school year with many activities being planned and organized, please continue to access our school website for up to date information, calendar events and school news (<https://sta.ycdsb.ca/>). The 'Week at a Glance' parent communications are posted on our school website each week on Sunday afternoon as well as emailed to families Monday morning. In addition, you may wish to follow the school instagram account, [https://www.instagram.com/stthomasces\\_ycdsb/](https://www.instagram.com/stthomasces_ycdsb/) for up to date information and upcoming events occurring at the school.

As the cold weather and snow continue, kindly ensure that your child(ren) is dressed appropriately for outdoor play (boots, snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens, etc). Extra socks and gloves/mittens are suggested as these items can become quite wet during outdoor recess. Students are required to have indoor shoes to change into after recess in order to keep our classrooms and hallways safe for students and staff.

**Georgina Ice STA Family Game Night:** 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 form will be sent home). All purchases are due by January 22 and tickets will be distributed the week of January 19.

**Hot Lunch Session January to March:** The second session of the Hot Lunch Program begins this week until March 27. Our Hot Lunch program will consist of the following:

- Wednesday: Nonna's Lakeside
- Thursday: Riveredge Restaurant
- Friday: Pizza Pizza

**Please Note: Riveredge Restaurant will NOT be available for Hot Lunch Orders for the month of January. Please ensure your child has lunch on Thursdays for this month.**

**Rescheduled Hot Lunch Session:** The December 10 Nonna's Hot Lunch has been rescheduled for Thursday January 15, 2026 for students who did not receive their Hot Lunch on the snow day.

**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:** The French Immersion Program Registration for all SK students is now open. All registrations are due by **January 22, 2026**. Any applicants after this date will be placed on a waiting list. If the number of applications exceeds the number of available openings, a public lottery process will be conducted at the school, at **5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2026**. Approved applicants will be notified by the school between **February 4th February 11, 2026**. 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.***

**YCDSB AST January Communication:** Please see the attached link for the January AST newsletter. [Jan Communication](#)

**Parish News:** For parish news/updates please see the bulletin attached. [Jan 4 Bulletin](#)

**Upcoming Dates:**

- January 5: Welcome back to school
- January 7: Grade 5 Trip SHREK THE MUSICAL
- January 8: Grade 5 & 6 Trip Snow Tubing
- January 12: Boys Volleyball Tournament at POP
- January 13: Girls Volleyball Tournament at OLG
- January 15: Rescheduled Nonna's Hot Lunch (from Snow day Dec 10)
- January 16: P.A Day

**Have a great week,**

***F. Rossy***

**Principal**