

Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

As we continue through the season of spring with the changing weather and temperatures, 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 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.

STA 2025/2026 Yearbook: The 2025-2026 Yearbook is now available for purchase. The full-color, professionally bound yearbook capturing the best moments of the 2025/2026 school year at St. Thomas Aquinas will be available for distribution at the end of this school year. The price per yearbook is \$30. Purchases can be made online through the School Day Cashless system, cheque (made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas) or cash. **All orders are due Friday May 1, 2026.** [Yearbook Order Form](#)

BRAVE Education: On Monday April 27, 2026 , STA welcomes Brave Education to our school. They will address the FDK to Grade 6 students on the topics listed below:

- *FDK to Grade 3:* Building Emotional Regulation Workshop. The students learn how events impact their emotions, thoughts, and actions. Students learn to take ownership of their actions by regulating through our three steps: Breathe, Express and Share.
- *Grade 4 to 6:* Bullying, Conflict & Relationships. Students learn why conflict happens, how it is essential to friendships, and how to distinguish the difference between conflict and bullying.

The presentation will include material, videos and scenarios that will enhance the experience for our students. <https://braveeducation.com/>

Georgina Chess Academy Tournament: The Georgina Chess Academy is hosting an Open Chess Tournament for students in Grades 3 to 5 and Grades 6 to 8. The tournament will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 9:30 am to noon at the Georgina Community Church. Please see the attached flyer for further details. [Georgina Chess Academy Tournament](#)

Jump Rope For Heart: The Jump Rope For Heart Event will be taking place this week on Tuesday April 21. As a school we have raised just over \$850 in support of important heart and brain research funded by Heart & Stroke Foundation. There is still time to donate as we work towards reaching our goal of \$2000. Please see the link to register. <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/122768>

2026/2027 School Year: Planning for the 2026/2027 school year has begun. If you are planning on registering your child or know of anyone that would like to register at our school, please visit the YCDSB website. In addition, if you are *not* returning to St. Thomas Aquinas for the next school year please let the school know once confirmed and as soon as possible. This information is crucial for the successful and accurate planning for the 2026/2027 school year. Your support and attention to this matter are greatly appreciated. Please call the school if you have any questions.

Parish News: For parish news/updates please see the bulletin attached. [April 20 Bulletin](#)

Upcoming Dates:

- April 21: Jump Rope for Heart Day
- April 22: CSC Meeting
- April 22: FDK Drumming Presentation
- April 24: Dance Workshop #3
- April 27: BRAVE Education Workshops
- April 28: Fire Department visits FDK classes
- May 4-8: Catholic Education Week
- May 4: Boys Basketball Tournament at STA
-STREAM Center Trip Grade 4 Miguelo
- May 5: Girls Basketball Tournament at SBE
- May 6: FDK School Yard Visit by LSRCA
- May 8: Art Show

SAVE THE DATES

- ***FDK Growing Celebration - Wednesday June 17 at 1:00 pm***
- ***Grade 6 Celebration of Promotion - Tuesday June 23 at 1:00 pm***

**Have a great week,
F. Rossy
Principal**