

Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

As we enter the final two weeks of the school year, there is a wonderful sense of excitement and accomplishment throughout our school. We are incredibly proud of all that our students have learned, achieved, and contributed this year. The next couple of weeks will be filled with opportunities to celebrate successes, reflect on growth, and enjoy special year-end activities together. Please see below for this week's updates and upcoming events.

Track and Field Meet: Students and staff have been busy preparing for our Track and Field Team over the last few weeks. The Track and Field meet is on Tuesday June 16 at St. Maximilian Kolbe CHS. Parents are welcome to attend. If you are attending the meet please note that parking is in the **Legion (orange roof)** or **Aurora Soccer Dome** parking lots. In addition, there are designated areas (with marked fences) set out for parents and spectators. Bleachers are reserved for athletes and coaches/supervisors. Please ensure that your child has extra water, hat and sunscreen for the day. We appreciate your understanding in ensuring this is a safe and fun school event. We wish the Track Team the best of luck!

FDK Celebration of Learning: On Wednesday June 17, we will be celebrating the learning and achievements of our FDK students. This will take place at 1:15 pm in the gym. All are welcome to attend. ***Please note that siblings will be called down to the gym prior to the celebration beginning. Kindly refrain from entering the school yard during lunch recess to retrieve your child(ren).***

Ice Cream Truck Visits STA: Thank you to CSC for arranging an Ice Cream Truck visit to our school. On Wednesday June 24, all students will have an opportunity to receive a free treat from the Ice Cream Truck. Students will have the choice of chocolate, vanilla or twist ice cream cone or a slushie. *Please call the school or reach out to your child's teacher if your child needs an alternative treat due to dietary restrictions.*

2025/2026 Yearbooks: The 2025/2026 Yearbooks have arrived. These will be distributed on Monday June 22 to all those that ordered. There are a limited amount of yearbooks available for purchase if you did not order one previously. The cost of the yearbook is \$30. Please call the school if you would like to purchase a copy.

Library News: As we near the end of the year, Ms. Barnett has begun to close the library and prepare for the upcoming school year. If you have any library books at home, please have your child(ren) return them to school by the end of this week.

Term Two Report Cards Update: *Hard copies of the Term Two report cards will be distributed to ALL students on June 25.* In addition the Term Two Report Cards will be available on the Parent Portal on this day. These can be accessed by visiting our school's website, <https://sta.ycdsb.ca/>, and clicking on the 'Parents' link at the top of the page.

Let's Grow Summer Experience (A FREE Resource for parents): As we head into summer, YCDSB is excited to share a free resource from **Let Grow**, a nonprofit dedicated to giving today's kids more independence, free play, and real-world experience. **The Let Grow Summer Experience** is a fun, simple (and free!) kit designed to get kids off screens and out into the world — doing things on their own and building genuine confidence along the way. The kit is an inspirational checklist of age-appropriate adventures — climbing a tree, cooking a meal, pet sitting for a neighbor, organizing a neighborhood game, and much more. Kids do these independently, with or without a friend, but without a parent planning or supervising every step. That means less pressure on you and more genuine accomplishment for them.

How it works:

1. Families explore activity ideas together
2. Your child chooses something (or many things) they're ready to try independently
3. You give them space to do it
4. Then you talk about how it went

It's a simple cycle that helps children stretch their independence little by little. The result? Kids spend their summer doing real things, not scrolling — and you're not on the hook to entertain or orchestrate. Research shows that when children tackle challenges on their own, they build resilience and confidence that lasts a lifetime. Please click on the link for the Free Kit [The Let Grow Summer Experience Free Kit](#)

Parish News: For parish news/updates please see the bulletin attached. [June 14 Bulletin](#)

Upcoming Dates:

- June 16: Track & Field Day
- June 17: FDK Celebration
- June 18: Grade 6 Niagara Falls Trip
- June 23: Grade 6 End of Year Celebration
- June 24: Ice Cream Truck Visits the school
- June 25: Last Day of School

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