



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...



It is a privilege to serve as the Principal of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School. It is my pleasure to welcome all of you, particularly the incoming Grade 9 students. We certainly hope that all of you have had a great summer.

I also wanted to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Diana Van Bommel, who is joining us as Vice-Principal. Along with Vice-Principal - John Milne, we strive for excellence in providing a great learning environment that fosters *Catholic values*.

This year we look forward to working with the students, staff and community as a whole to ensure the success of each and

every student. Our goal is to provide all of you with the necessary tools for success in life, while being ambassadors of our *Faith*.

Please take a few minutes to go through this newsletter, as it contains pertinent information to assist you through your school year.

Wishing you all the very best for the new School Year.

Mrs. Linda Thomas

Principal

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School

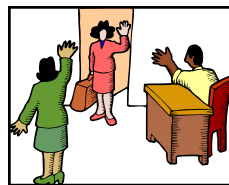
WELCOME TO STA / WELCOME BACK TO STA

- Ms. Diana Van Bommel - Vice - Principal
- Ms. Yasmine El-Sabawi - SWIS Worker
- Mr. Paul Theriault
- London Police Community Resource Officer



GOOD BYE

- Mr. Paul Digby (retired)
- Mr. Barry Thomson (retired)
- Mr. Brian Anderson (retired)
- Ms. Anne Marie Novacich (on leave)
- Constable Dennis Rivest



UNIFORMS



Please note that there is a new uniform piece - a "Bench" style jacket available at the McCarthy store.

With this new piece, students are to wear no other jackets or sweaters of any type - anywhere in the

school at any time. The uniform is a compulsory component of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School. Please review the uniform policy in the student agenda planner.

STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM

Please review the enclosed *Student Information Verification* form. Please make any necessary changes, sign and return to the Main Office on the first day of school, **Tuesday, September 7, 2010.**

September / October at a glance

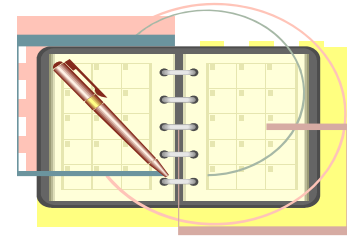
- September 1 Grade 9 Orientation
- September 7 School Begins
- September 15 Grade 9 Parent Orientation 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- September 15 Club Sign Up Day
- September 16 Student ID Photo Day
- September 22 Opening School Mass 8:00am Holy Family Parish
- September 22 School Council 7pm
- September 28 Off Uniform
- October 1 Blood Donor Clinic
- October 5 Gr. 10 Retreat
- October 7 Academic Awards
- October 8 Thanksgiving Mass
- October 8 Progress Reports Distributed
- October 8 Jostens Ring Day - during all lunches
- October 11 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- October 14 Parent-Teacher Conferences - 4:00-7:30pm
- October 16 Fall Classic Football Game
- October 20 School Council Mtg. 7pm
- October 22 PD Day
- October 26 Off Uniform
- October 29 Assessment Day 1



TIMETABLES

Enclosed with this newsletter is your timetable for the new school year. On the first day of school, look for your name on the alphabetic listings posted just outside of the cafetorium. Locate

your homeroom and your homeroom teacher will have your finalized timetable and other important information to start the school year.



LOCKS AND LOCKERS

Each student is responsible for his/her own locker. All lockers must be secured with a Dudley lock purchased from St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School for a price of \$8.00. Please be advised that

the lock is already attached to your child's locker. Grade 9s will have an opportunity to purchase a lock and receive their locker assignment at the **Grade 9 Orientation on Wednesday, September 1st from 8:30am -11:00am.** Any student without a lock

should go to the Main Office to purchase a lock. Remember: **DO NOT** share your combination with anyone.



PARKING REGULATIONS AND APPLICATION

Parking at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School is a privilege. Students are asked to apply for a parking permit each year and if approved must sign a parking agreement. Parking privileges may be revoked at anytime because of failure to meet the expectations of this agreement which include:

- to use the vehicle for driving to and from school and not for socializing or storage
- to drive safely

Parking applications are available in the Main Office.

- to display the proper STA Parking tag on dashboard of the vehicle at all times.



GRADE 9 ORIENTATION MORNING / GRADE 9 PARENT ORIENTATION EVENING

All Grade 9 students are invited to the school on **Wednesday, September 1 from 8:30am - 11:00am (date change)** for orientation. Our Peer Helpers, and members of Student Council have planned an exciting morning for you. Enclosed is a postcard with all the details of the activities. Please bring your timetable with you.

We also wish to invite parents for our annual Grade 9 Parent Orientation Evening on **Wednesday, September 15 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm.** School Council will be hosting a BBQ from **4:00pm - 6:00pm** and at 6:00pm there will be a guest speaker.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION / PHOTO DAY

STA Student Identification/Photo Day is on **Thursday, September 16.** All students must be photographed for school records, yearbook, student identification cards on this day. Additional photo packages may be purchased.



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	
SCHOOL SCHEDULE	
Anthem/Prayer	8:00 - 8:05
Period 1	8:05 - 9:20
Period 2	9:25 - 10:40
Period 3 - 1st Lunch	10:45 - 11:25
Period 4 - 2nd Lunch	11:25 - 12:05
Period 5 - 3rd Lunch	12:05 - 12:45
Period 6	12:50 - 2:05
Buses leave promptly at 2:20pm	