



Dear Parents and Students,

The end of the school year is quickly approaching and as always we want to gather to celebrate the numerous achievements of our students over the course of the year.

On **Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am**, we will be hosting our High School Athletic Awards. On **Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am**, we will host our Grade 7 and 8 Awards ceremony. During the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup>, **Grade 8s are invited to a celebration dance from 6:30—9:00 pm**. Finally, our **Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony** will take place on **Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**.

We wish all the best to three of our high school Track & Field students who qualified for the OF-SAA East Regionals. Keely Zandbelt (shot put), Tristan Babin (high jump) and Rebecca Greer (3000m) will represent STA in Kingston on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our Grade 9 students enrolled in applied or academic math this semester will be writing their EQAO assessment on **Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday June, 13<sup>th</sup>** in the morning. Please reschedule any appointments if scheduled on these days.

Please come out and enjoy an evening of musical bliss. Our Annual Spring Grade 9 Music Concert will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Exams will begin on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. It is a requirement that all students attend and complete culminating tasks and examinations in their courses in order to achieve credits. The final day of school for Grade 7s and 8s is Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Wishing all of you a peaceful, restful and safe summer!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Danny Palumbo,  
Principal

**EXAM SCHEDULE:**

**June 20, Gr 12 Week 1, Period 4 Exam**  
**June 21<sup>st</sup>, Week 1, Period 1 Exam**  
**June 24<sup>th</sup>, Week 1, Period 2 Exam**  
**June 25<sup>th</sup>, Week 1, Period 3 Exam**  
**June 26<sup>th</sup>, Week 1, Period 4 Exam**

The Chaplain's Corner

Go to the Chaplaincy website: [www.sta-russell.com](http://www.sta-russell.com) and click on the Chaplaincy link

The End of another School Year

Thanks be to God—it's June! A lot has happened this year, and our St. Thomas Aquinas community has made a huge difference in the world. Together we gave 5,625lbs of food to the Good Neighbour's food bank in Embrun, visited with the seniors at the Osgoode Care Center, gave \$21,346.23 to help families in our local community through the STA Christmas Angel Program—and all of that before Christmas!

Then on Shrove Tuesday we made pancakes for the entire school population, and then collected \$4,235.65 during our Lenten coin drive to give the gift of education to our sponsor family in the Philippines! Our donations go directly to the educational needs of the four daughters in this family, Yeltzin, Yevgeny, Yalova, and Yankel. The oldest girl in the family, Yeltzin, has a university scholarship which covers the cost of her tuition for petroleum engineering, and we are covering all other expenses affiliated with university life, such as room and board, books, transportation, and special project costs. Without our help, she would not get a university education. This is changing the future of their family! The younger three girls are still in high school, and are working very hard to get the best possible education they can. We are so proud of them all!

I would like to thank you for making this project possible. It is a project that is literally changing the family's future, multiplying their possibilities, filling them with hope, and ensuring that they will not go hungry again. There are so many projects our students participate in—too many to list—and we are so proud. If you would like more information about this project—or any other project we initiate at STA—please stop in for a visit or contact me by email or phone. I would love to hear from you!

And of course each of our activities are made richer and more complete when we celebrate them in the context of our faith. Mass in the school chapel is a weekly occurrence on a rotating schedule, as is our presence at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish down the road. And we always make time to celebrate as an entire school community, like when we have a school-wide prayer service or mass every month in the atrium. And with Confessions, prayer, retreats and other faith opportunities in the midst of our studies we attempt to live up to our motto: "Faith Seeking Understanding."

And now it's time to breathe, take in a little R&R, and enjoy the summer! To all of our staff and students, as well as to the families in our community, I will continue to pray for you during the summer and may God bless you always!

Yours in Christ,

Chris Vonesch  
Chaplaincy Leader  
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## June Dates to Remember:

June 3, SEAC meeting in Kemptville at 6 PM  
June 6, Grade 9 to 12 Athletic Awards at 9 AM  
June 6, Grade 9 Spring Music Concert at 7 PM  
June 7, Casual Day  
June 12, Grade 9 Math EQAO in AM  
June 13, Grade 9 Math EQAO in AM  
June 14, Mrs. Cox's class BBQ at the Fire Dept  
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June 15, STA 15 year anniversary celebration  
June 17, WEB Crew pizza lunch  
June 18, Grade 7 & 8 Year End Mass  
June 19, Casual Day  
June 20, Grade 12 Week 1, Period 4 Exam  
June 20, Gr. 7 & 8 Awards from 9:30 to 11:30 AM  
June 20, Gr. 8 Dance from 6:30 to 9 PM  
June 21, Week 1, Period 1 Exam  
June 21, Last day the cafeteria will be selling food  
June 24, Week 1, Period 2 Exam  
June 24, Grade 7 & 8 Report Cards go home  
June 25, Week 1, Period 3 Exam  
June 25 & 26, Gr. 8 Year-End trip to Toronto  
June 25, Gr. 7 Amazing Race activities in PM



Please note that the last day the cafeteria will be selling food and drinks for this school year is Friday, June 21st.

Remember to pack a lunch!

## Protect your family from harmful sun exposure this summer



Spending time outdoors is good for kids – it gives them fresh air and encourages physical activity. But it's important to protect them from the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays, especially between the months of April to September. Exposure to UV rays can cause sunburns, long-term skin and eye damage, and skin cancer.

Visit the Eastern Ontario Health Unit's website for the latest recommendations and tips for [protecting your kids](#) – and the [whole family](#) – from the harmful effects of UV rays, while still enjoying the outdoors.

For more health information, visit us at [www.EOHU.ca](http://www.EOHU.ca). And don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) for the latest public health news and videos

## EQAO Math Assessment

Attention all grade 9 students/parents and guardians. The EQAO math assessment dates have been set: students taking **MFM 1P & MPM 1D semester 2** will write their assessment on **Wednesday, June 12th and Thursday, June 13th, 2019.**

**Attendance is mandatory for these dates. Please do not plan any holidays or appointments during these dates.**

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# IT'S SUMMER!

**Enjoy your summer  
and stay safe!**