



# Saint Thomas Aquinas School

February 2019

## Important Dates...

Thursday, Jan. 31	Organizational Day, No Classes
Friday, Feb. 1	No School
Monday, Feb. 4	First Day of Semester 2, Jr/Sr Report Cards go home
Mon. Feb. 18	Family Day Holiday
Friday, Feb. 22	Bazaar 7:00pm-9:00pm



## Bazaar...

It is once again time for our Annual STA Bazaar. Food slips will be sent home with the youngest in the family, beginning of February.



\*Please note: If the youngest in the family is in Grade 10, 11 or 12, you will not be receiving a food slip.

Thank-you in advance to all the families for bringing in your food items. We could not have a successful Bazaar without your help!

\*Reminder that if you have any items for the flea market table, please bring them to the school library by Thursday, Feb. 21.

## Thank You...

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with our Student Union Turkey Dinner this year. We truly appreciate all the people who donated their time and effort in preparing food and helping in the kitchen. We couldn't have this wonderful school wide event without your generosity.

## Yearbook Sponsors

STA yearbook has a few more spots left for advertisements. If you would like to support our yearbook by purchasing an ad, please contact Mrs. Tylene Appel ([tylene.appel@ecacs16.ab.ca](mailto:tylene.appel@ecacs16.ab.ca) or call the school). Thank you!

## 2019 Yearbook Orders

Yearbook orders for the 2018-19 yearbook are due by the end of February. Orders are available online. Please contact Mrs. Tylene Appel if you have any questions or would like an order form. Yearbooks are \$35.00. Thank you!



## Classroom News...

This month Jr. Kindergarten dove into the first letters of the alphabet! Each day a new Puppet comes to meet them and share their letter with the kids. They have already met an actress, a baby and a crazy camel! With each letter we make a craft and play games in gym that start with that letter. The kids are always excited to see Mrs. Paulgaard, learn about our imagination and take Adventure Bear home with them! She even brought some late Christmas presents for our classroom. At the end of our day we venture out to play on the playground and snow hill.

The extremely cold weather fit right in with the Kindergarten's Arctic unit that we started in the New Year! We have been reading books, making crafts and singing our penguin song this month as we learn all about the Arctic. The kids get to go skating at the rink to show us all their skills. Many are already faster than their teachers and the others will be whizzing past us by March! If that wasn't enough for one month we also finished up learning all the letters of the alphabet. Each student got to take home their letter log stuffed full with fun letter crafts. To celebrate their accomplishment we read *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* and did all sorts of alphabet activities.

Grade 1: The beginning of the new year has been very exciting and very busy! We wished in the new year by learning how to make root beer floats and then sampling them. We learned most of our class loved them! In math we reviewed adding and subtracting to 12. We started our weekly skating sessions with the grade 2s. We are working on our third reader and continue to work on our writing skills.

The Grade Two's have leapt into a brand new year full of lots of learning and fun! This month, they have been enjoying reading the many books of Robert Munsch and have even written letters to this very famous Canadian author! The class has enjoyed reading his books, Mortimer and Mud Puddle. They have had fun writing and illustrating a "Class Book of



Sounds" and are currently busy creating their very own mud puddle poems for display! As well, the students have been practicing and improving their speed and accuracy on basic facts to 18. They have been learning about the traditions of the Acadian people of Meteghan, Nova Scotia as well as all about healthy eating and the Canada Food Guide. Winter soapscapes and New Year goal posters decorate the walls of our classroom, too! A trip to the arena on Tuesdays for some skating fun and fresh air with our classmates has been a weekly highlight for all of us!

The Grade 3 class has had a wonderful start to 2019. The students have set personal goals for this year, created firework and aurora borealis artwork, started a new novel study "The Mouse and the Motorcycle". The students have been busy completing units in math and social, also with testing building materials in science. What a great way to start the new year off!

The Grade 4 class had a great Christmas break, filled with family visits, toys, and outside fun! In school we are getting back into the swing of things. In science, we have been working on our unit on building things. We started off by making a waterwheel out of everyday materials. Our next project is a speed roller that they will race against each other. In social studies we are learning about why people in the past wanted to move to Alberta. Right now

we are focusing on the fur trade and Metis, British, and Francophone people. In math, we have been learning to tell time on analog clocks and 24 hour clocks. This unit also teaches area. In ELA we started our novel study on Mice at Center Ice. The students are loving this book and seeing the connections that it makes to the NHL. It is hard to believe that we are half way through the year!

As we approach the semester break the grade fives are knee deep in multiplication. We've learned so many strategies it's hard to keep them all organized!! We are looking at the beautiful region we live in, the Interior Plains, and will be moving onto the Cordillera Region which highlights the majesty of the Rocky Mountains. We will be building & erupting volcanoes during our Chemistry unit in Science and we will be showcasing our creativity as we Narrative write. The big excitement coming up is starting Drama in the second half of the school year! The kids are excited and I can hardly blame them!

For the Month of January, the grade 6 class is exploring the depths of our solar system. They are understanding how constellations work and how to find them in the night sky. In math we are crushing those pesky interior angles that are in triangles and quadrilaterals. ELA we are beginning to master descriptive segments and introduce those into our narrative writing assignments. The charter of rights and freedoms is starting to make sense for us in grade 6. We are really appreciating all the things we're being allowed to do as Canadians! We cannot wait for February to start as this begins the second half of the school year.

### Extra-Curricular...

The Jr. Girls' Basketball Team is in full swing this season. They have been competing in league play and have greatly improved their skills and team play. They competed in the Macklin tournament and went undefeated, winning the tournament. They are a great group of girls who play with a lot of determination and grit.



Junior Boys Basketball : This year's STA squad is composed of 13 players from grades 7 to 9. Deegan Sieben, Jake Heinrich, Alex Klein, Laine Paulgaard, and Kaydan Lyman are the grade 9 representatives. The grade 8 players are Ethan Joy, Carter Wirachowsky, Mason Ganser, Lukas Greenwood, and Noah Heinrich. Dagan Spencer, Aiden Levert, and Devraj Williams are the members from grade 7. The boys started the season with 3 straight victories over PPS, Paradise Valley, and Castor.



This year, the **STA Art Club** met in the Art Room with Mr. Tameling and Miss Yuen Mondays after school from late October, 2018 to the end of January, 2019. Art Club members showed their amazing creativity and natural artistic talents creating their own masterpieces, employing themes based on a wide variety of materials, from paper and wood to glass, canvas, foam and even plastic. Lots of paints, glue and markers were also used to create a multitude of fun projects to take home, display and even share, especially the ever popular spooky Halloween decorations and festive Christmas gifts!

**Members of the STA Art Club this 2018-2019 school year were:**

- Jack Tameling
- Farah Brown
- Wesley Wotschell
- Keegan Dewan
- Pyper Manning
- Lexi Wood
- Liana Thia Ramos
- Owen Agsaoay
- Jazmine Bauer
- Jamie Kleinsasser
- Gracie Bugler
- Dane Dallyn
- Rylei Varty
- Atley Levert
- Parker Ewanchuk
- Brielle Gregory
- Tayten Grzyb
- Kerris Stuckky
- Braylin Stang
- Mikenna Ewanchuk
- Rhett Manning

Thanks to everyone for three amazing months of fun, mess, imagination, creativity and color! See you next school year for the twentieth anniversary edition of the STA Art Club!



**Happy Family Day...**

