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Grade Five Transition - 2021/2022 School Year

Welcome to St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School! It is the time of year where the Grade 5 students are beginning to prepare for their transition from elementary school to middle school. Due to our current Covid-19 reality, the transition process will look a little different this year. We will strive to answer all of your questions and to ease any nerves the Grade 5's may have as they make this memorable transition to middle school.

Our counsellors will make a virtual visit to your child's school in the coming month. This visit will provide your child with a lot of information about our school and what your child can expect when they start Grade 6 next year. Additionally, we will be hosting a virtual parent evening where you will meet some of our staff who will be working with your child and you will learn about what makes STA unique.

Outlined below is the schedule of activities that will help prepare the Grade 5 students for middle school at St. Thomas Aquinas:

Monday, May 10- Friday, May 14: St. Thomas Aquinas Counsellors' Visit

STA counsellors will join your child's class in a Google Meet to give an overview of the differences between elementary and middle school, and to discuss the programming and extra-curricular programs that are presently offered at St. Thomas. The STA transition handbook will be emailed to parents.

Monday, May 17-Tuesday, May 20: Virtual Tour of St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School

Students who are attending St. Thomas in the 2021-2022 school year will attend a virtual tour of STA in the comfort of their Grade 5 classrooms.

Wednesday, May 26: Virtual Parent Information Evening, 6:30-7:00pm

In previous years, parents of Grade 5 students have had the opportunity to come to the school for an information evening, to tour the school and meet some of the staff that will be working with their children. However, in our current reality, we invite you to join us at meet.google.com/vtt-nhmz-ehi for a Parent Information Evening.

Middle School Boundary Information

If you are unsure what middle school your child will be attending, please visit our Red Deer Catholic School website <https://www.rdcrcs.ca/schools/where-is-my-catholic-school> and enter your address. Make sure you select Middle School instead of Elementary School.

All requests to attend an out of boundary school must be submitted using the Out of Boundary request form, also found on this website. If you have any further questions about the transition of your Grade 5 student to middle school, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the STA Counsellors, Heather Weaver (heather.weaver@rdcrs.ca) and Leo Chauvet (leo.chauvet@rdcrs.ca)

