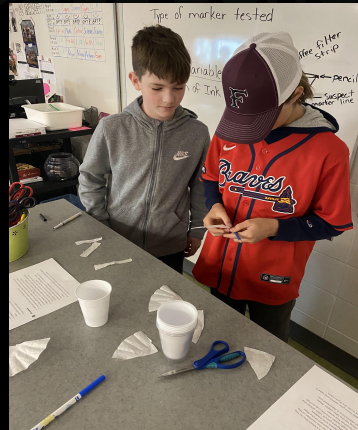


Welcome to



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

MIDDLE SCHOOL







Prayer and Acknowledgement of the Land :

Land
Acknowledgement

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools would like to thank God for all of creation. We acknowledge that we are on Treaty Six Territory to the North of the Red Deer River and Treaty Seven territory to the South of the Red Deer River.

We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries and whose respectful stewardship have enabled us all to enjoy the riches of the Creator's blessings.



STA Office Team



Mr. Stang
Principal



Mr. Kelly
Vice -
Principal



Mrs.
McCullough
Vice - Principal



Mrs. Duncan
Administrative
Assistant



Ms Heisler
Administrative
Assistant



Mrs. Coumont
Administrative
Assistant

Introductions:

STA Counselling Team



Mr. Chauvet
Counsellor



Mrs. Lawrance
Counsellor



Mrs. Wilson
FSEC

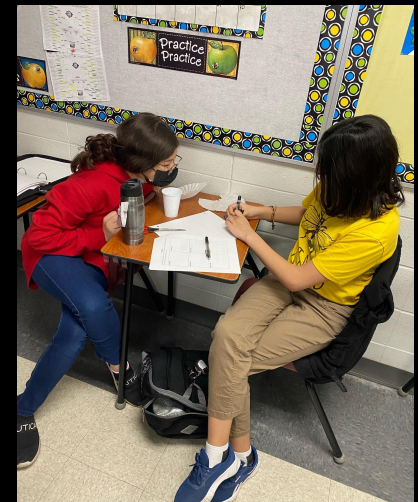
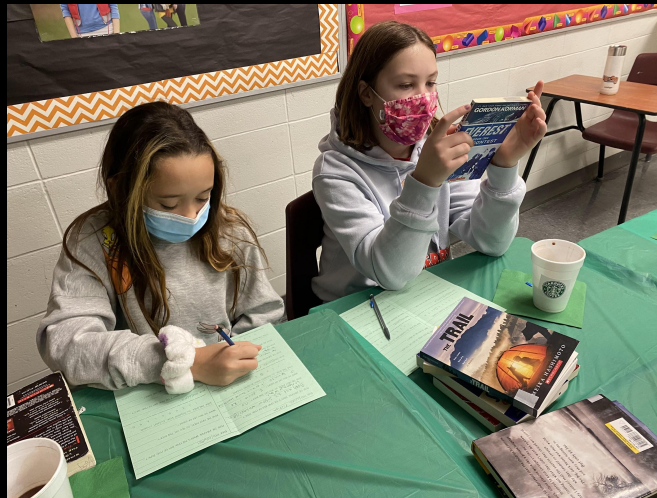


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Projected School Population 2022-2021:



- 5 classes of grade 6
 - 5 classes of grade 7
 - 6 classes of grade 8
 - 4 classes of grade 9
- ~Projected total of 600 students with 50 staff members~





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Safe

CARING

Welcoming

Middle School Configuration:

- All students have a homeroom teacher. This will be the first point of contact for parents.
- Grade team teachers instruct the five core subjects (Social Studies, Science, English Language Arts, Mathematics and Religious Studies)
- Grade 6 students will have other teachers in the school that will teach them options and physical education.





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Our Programs:



Core Courses:

- Religion, LA, Math, Social, and Science

Options:

- Offered based on student enrollment
- Grade 6 students are required by Alberta Education to take fine arts throughout the year.
- Trimester system
- Outcomes based reporting similar to elementary school





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Learning, Loving And Growing In Christ:



- Close Link to our Parishes
- Our liturgical plan includes:
 - Attending Mass/celebration monthly
 - Celebrations during liturgical seasons
 - Catholic permeation as part of lesson plans
 - Faith retreats
 - Our faith is visible in our school
- Sacramental Preparation in collaboration with the parishes
- Daily student prayer and end of the day blessing





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Our Facility:



- 22 regular classrooms
- Library
- Two Science labs/Art Room
- CTS area that includes:
 - Foods and Fashions
 - Construction Technologies
 - Laser Cutter
- Playground field area/basketball and volleyball courts
- Cafeteria (lunch and breakfast)
- Mobile Chromebook Labs



A Regular Day at STA:

- Doors open- 8:30 am
- First bell- 8:48am
- Second bell (in class) @ 8:49 am
- Lunch:
 - Outside recess (30 Minutes)
 - Students Eating in homerooms (30 Minutes)
- End of school- 3:23 pm





Extra/Co-Curricular Activities:

Athletic Teams:

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Cross Country
- Track and Field
- Handball



Spirit Teams and Clubs:

- Social Justice
- EDGE Ministry
- Intramurals
- Ski Club





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Circle of Courage:



Cell Phone Policy



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CELL PHONE POLICY

- Devices will be off and away during all class times. (8:45-12:00 & 1:00-3:23)
- For the 1st and 2nd instances, devices that are not off and away will be brought to the office and returned to the students at the end of the day.
- If there is a 3rd instance, a call will be made home requiring a parent/guardian to collect the device.



PLEASE HAVE PHONES OFF AND AWAY IN LOCKERS BETWEEN
8:45 -12:00 & 1:00-3:23.



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Zoe the Therapy Dog



A therapy dog is a dog that is trained to provide affection, comfort, and support to people.

The use of a therapy dog is a strategy that is recognized to help improve many psychological conditions such as anxiety and depression, increase social skills, develop self-regulation skills, decrease stress levels, improve the mood of those involved, promote greater self-esteem, and encourage positive interactions.





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School Year Class Lists



STA Staff Members please make their way to their classroom spaces.

Opportunities at STA:

Students have a chance to:

- Meet new people
- Develop new skills
- Investigate goals for the future
- Engage with a variety of teachers and staff

More independence and more responsibility:

- Change classes
- Own locker
- CTF options
- Checking Powerschool





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Ways for Parents to Get Involved at STA:

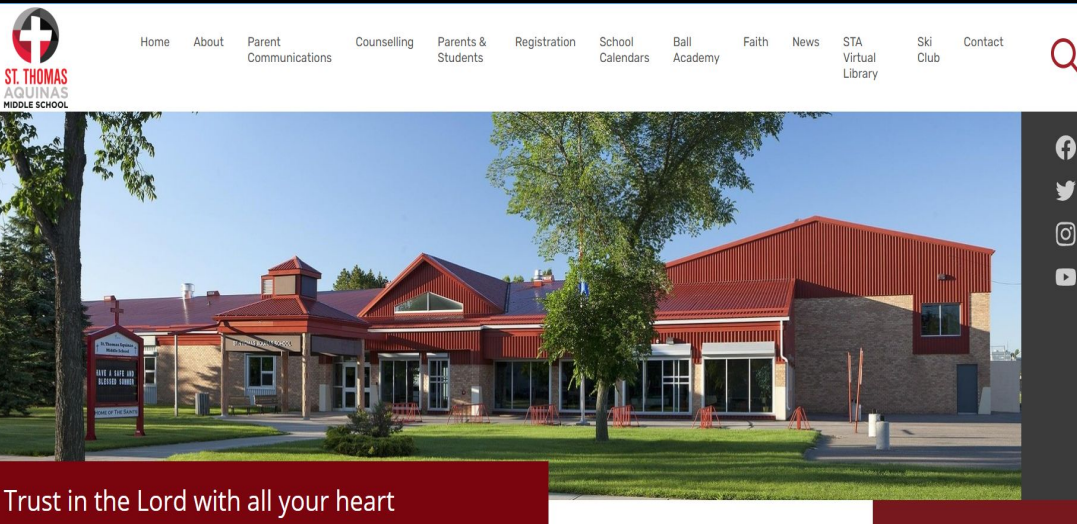


- Use PowerSchool/Schoology to keep up to date on your child's process. We ask parents to check this site weekly
- Google Classroom is where teachers provide outlines of what is covered in class and provide digital copies of assignments
- School Council – Meets every second month – we need volunteers for next year!

Always welcome at any celebration!



Accessing Information:



Our Webpage

- Access to Calendars & PowerSchool Link
- Important dates & Information

PowerSchool/Schoology

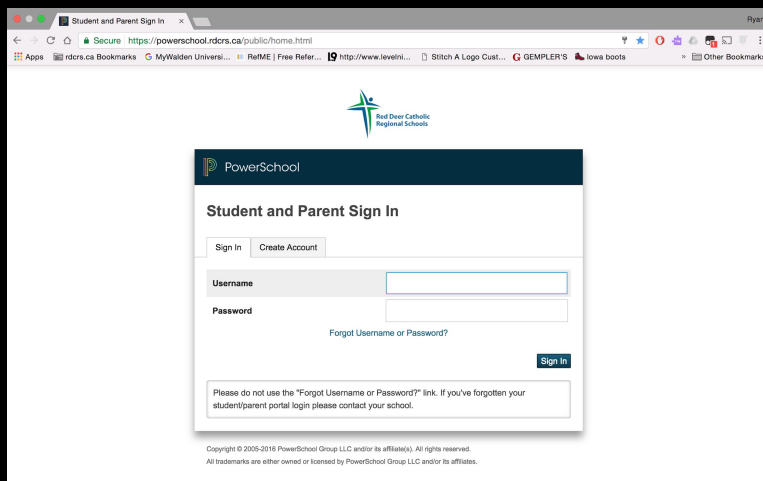
- Key tool for communication on homework assignments/Progress Reports/Report Cards
- Need to check this regularly

Email/Facebook/Twitter/Instagram/SMORE

- These are our key communication tools

Homeroom teacher

- Your contact with grade team



Questions – Please connect with one of us this evening.
STA Blessing

