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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

We hope that this letter finds you and your family healthy and well. During the last week of June, students at St. Thomas will write year-end final exams and provincial achievement tests in four subject areas: Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Results from these tests will provide all stakeholders with information about what students know and can do in relation to provincial standards at the end of Grades 6-9. These tests are important pieces of data that we at St. Thomas use to reflect on our current practices and guide our instruction for the next school year, therefore we appreciate any support you can provide your child in preparation of the exams.

Below you will find the schedule for our Year-End Final Exams and the Provincial Achievement tests as well as our early dismissal schedule and permission form. Here at STA we provide a structured review for our students following each exam, but allow them to leave school early with parent/guardian permission following the mandatory review.

The permission form attached to this letter must be completed by a parent/guardian in order for your child to leave at 1:30 p.m. following the mandatory review sessions on June 22, 23, 24, 27 and at 11:30 a.m. on June 28.

Transportation is provided for bus students who are registered on yellow school buses for **in-town routes only**. Please note that rural bus routes will only run at the usual 3:30 p.m. route and not for early dismissal times on these days. If your child does not return the permission form below to the school signed by a parent/guardian, then they will be required to remain at the school each day until 3:23 p.m. Students who choose to remain at the school for the day will be required to remain in an identified location for the duration of the day to study independently. Students who have permission to leave the school at the designated early dismissal times will be required to leave school grounds.

Due to the number of students in our school, we are unable to accept phone calls and/or emails granting permission for students to leave the school for early dismissal on exam days. If you wish for your child to be dismissed early on exam days, please complete the attached permission form and have your child return it to their homeroom teacher by 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15. Please note that students will be provided time to eat their lunch on June 22, 23, 24 and 27, but our cafeteria will not be open, therefore all students will need to bring a bagged lunch from home. If you have any questions about any of these details, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Yours In Christ,

Ian Stang
Principal

Kristie McCullough
Vice-Principal

Mike Kelly
Vice-Principal

June 2022 PAT/Final Exam Schedule

<p>Mon, June 20, 2022</p> <p>Regular Classes</p>	<p>Tues, June 21, 2022</p> <p>Regular Classes Locker Clean Out</p> <p>National Indigenous Peoples Day</p> <p>BBQ lunch will be provided for all students</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 22, 2022</p> <p>Math Part A Exam</p> <p>—————</p> <p>Science Review</p> <p>Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm with Permission</p>	<p>Thursday, June 23, 2022</p> <p>Science Exam</p> <p>—————</p> <p>Math Review</p> <p>Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm with Permission</p>	<p>Friday, June 24, 2022</p> <p>Math Part B Exam</p> <p>—————</p> <p>Social Review</p> <p>Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm with Permission</p>
<p>Monday, June 27, 2022</p> <p>Social Exam</p> <p>—————</p> <p>ELA Review</p> <p>Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm with Permission</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 28, 2022</p> <p>ELA Part B Exam</p> <p>—————</p> <p>Early Dismissal @ 11:30 pm with Permission</p>	<p>Wed, June 29, 2022</p> <p>Organizational Day STAFF ONLY</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>FINAL MARKS/COMMENTS AVAILABLE ON-LINE</p>		

Itinerary for all students Wed. June 22 to Mon. June 27, 2022	
8:45 AM - 9:30 AM	Teacher-led review session
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Testing - Writing time as per exam instructions
11:30 AM - 12:05 PM	Mandatory Review session 1
12:05 PM - 12:45 PM	LUNCH - eating for 20 minutes and outside for 20 minutes
12:45 PM - 1:30 PM	Mandatory Review session 2 for next day's exam
1:30 PM	Dismissal - WITH PERMISSION ONLY
Itinerary for all students Tues. June 28, 2022	
8:45 AM - 9:30 AM	Teacher-led review session
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Testing - Writing time as per exam instructions
11:30 AM	Dismissal - WITH PERMISSION ONLY

--Transportation is provided for students registered to ride a yellow bus for in-town routes only departing STA at 1:30 p.m. on June 22, 23, 24, 27 and at 11:30 a.m. on June 28. Rural routes will not be running for early dismissal times. Buses will also run regular routes at 3:30 p.m. each of these days.

--June 29 is an organizational day and the school will not be open for students. Final report cards are available via PowerSchool from June 29 to July 31, 2022.

--All textbooks should be returned to the library on the day the final exam is written. Students are responsible for all textbooks assigned to them. If a student loses a book, they will be required to reimburse the school for the replacement cost of that particular book.

--All students will be cleaning out their lockers on June 21. All students should bring a bag to use to transport all of their belongings home. Any belongings not claimed by 11:30 a.m. on June 28 will be disposed of through clothing banks, recycling, or into the garbage bin.

--On final exam days, students will not have access to their lockers to store their belongings or cell phones. Therefore, if your child chooses to bring a cell phone to school on an exam day, they will be required to check it into a storage bin in the classroom supplied by the teacher. In this situation, the teacher will not become responsible for any phones that end up damaged through this process. We strongly recommend that students do not bring their cellphones to school on exam days.

--Students who are not dismissed early will be provided a supervised location to spend additional time studying independently for their future exams.

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION ONLY



St.Thomas Aquinas Middle School Final Exam Week Early Dismissal Permission Form

My child, _____ in class _____, has permission to leave St.Thomas on the following dates and at the following times:

Check the box that corresponds to the days that you give permission for your child to leave STA at early dismissal time:

June 22 (busses depart STA @1:30pm)

June 23 (busses depart STA @1:30pm)

June 24 (busses depart STA @ 1:30pm)

June 27 (busses depart STA@ 1:30pm)

June 28 (busses depart STA at 11:30am)

Printed Parent Name

Parent Signature

Transportation is provided for students riding yellow school busses. Please return this Permission Form to your child's homeroom teacher. Permission forms must be received by exam day, otherwise, students are to remain at school for the full day. June 29 is an organizational day and the school will not be open for students. All final report cards will be available via PowerSchool. If you require a printed copy of your child's final report card, please contact the office.