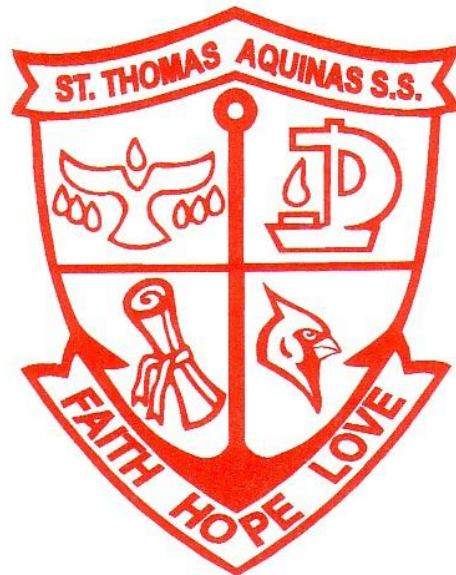


St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School

Pastoral Plan 2010-2011

Celebrating the Spirit:

*The Spirit of Hospitality, Understanding, Wisdom,
Justice, Gratitude*



School Mission Statement

At St. Thomas Aquinas we aspire to be a truly Catholic community where the ideals of Jesus Christ are both taught and witnessed; where staff members, students, parents and clergy are respectful and appreciative of each other's gifts; where everyone is mutually caring and supportive, feels welcome, accepted, loved and challenged to live the Christian ideal. We aspire to be an educational community where everyone is a learner, a teacher, and a leader responsible for providing each other with opportunities for growth.

Pastoral Priorities for 2010-2011

- Community building through our common faith journey
- Virtues/Gifts of the Spirit
- Adornment of halls to reflect our Catholic values
- Grade 9 Transition
- Establish a student and staff Chaplaincy Team

Liturgies

- Opening Mass: September 28
- Advent Liturgy: December
- Ash Wednesday Liturgy: March 9
- Holy Thursday Liturgy: April 21
- End of Year Mass: June
- Graduation Mass: June 29
- Eucharist: Thursdays 7:30 am in chapel

Retreats

Grade 9: September 23, Pearson Convention Centre – All Grade 9 homerooms

All other retreats are through Religion classes:

Grade 10: "Relationships," facilitated by staff at Mount Alverno

Grade 11: Temple Tours to Hindu Mandir, Buddhist Temple, and Muslim Mosque

Grade 12: Religion Classes to Good Shepherd for awareness, service and Mass; Philosophy Class with Matthew Behrens at Queen of Apostles to discuss Social Justice Activism

Prayer and meditation

- Daily morning reflection and prayer, led by chaplain, students, teachers, and administrators
- Televised reflection on Fridays
- Meditation and Prayer for classes in chapel
- Prayer before meetings and gatherings
- Teachers are encouraged to begin classes with prayer

Social Justice and Charity

- Soup Kitchen every Thursday
- Terry Fox Run: September 30
- Movember for Prostate Cancer Awareness
- Christmas Drive for local families
- Nicaragua Trip: January
- ThinkFast: Lent

- Development and Peace postcard campaign: Lent
- Social Justice Week: 2nd Semester
- Life Month: May
- Catholic Education Week: May 1-6
- Other campaigns as per student and staff initiative

Pastoral Care

- Collaboration among Administrators, Teachers, Social Worker, CYWs, and Chaplaincy Leader
- Individual pastoral counseling and spiritual direction
- Bereavement Group for students
- Wellspring group for students whose parents have cancer
- Sympathy cards in case of death of grandparents from Chaplaincy Leader and Principal
- Mass cards for staff and students who lose immediate family members
- Daily reflections to have pastoral component
- Care Notes for students in need
- Presence of support staff to students in and around the school
- Reconciliation during Advent and Lent



Supported by:

D. Compagnon, *Principal*

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