



St. Thomas Aquinas C.S.S.

Grade Level Assembly

Daily Schedule - Be on time!

WARNING BELL

8:20 AM

Period 1

8:25 am - 9:40 am

Period 2

9:45 am - 11:00 am

Period 3

11:05 am - 12:20 pm

Period 3 Lunch (A)

11:05 am - 11:45 am

Period 4

11:50 am - 1:05 pm

Period 4 Lunch (B)

12:25 pm - 1:05 pm

Period 5

1:10 pm - 2:25 pm



Code of Conduct



▶ HCDSB Code of Conduct

- ▶ **Students** are to be treated with respect and dignity. In return, they must demonstrate respect for themselves, for others, and for the responsibilities of citizenship through acceptable behaviour.
- ▶ Respect and responsibility are demonstrated when a student:
 - comes to school prepared, on time and ready to learn
 - shows respect for others and for those in authority
 - refrains from bringing anything to school that may compromise the safety of others
 - follow the established rules and takes responsibility for his or her own actions



Racism, Discrimination and Bullying

- ▶ [Policy II-40 Bullying Prevention and Intervention](#)
- ▶ Behaviour can take different forms: physical, verbal, social or electronic (cyber bullying).
- ▶ Will not be tolerated in any form.
- ▶ Remember that Social Media posts are PUBLIC.
- ▶ DISRUPT any and all Racism, Discrimination, and Bullying. Please report any/all concerns to a caring adult in school or at home.
- ▶ The school board is developing a form for students to report a hate or bias motivated incidents.
- ▶ [Reporting Tool](#)



Online Reporting Form for Incidents Involving or Impacting Students

This reporting tool is for non-emergency reporting. It is not monitored 24 hours a day.

If this is an emergency, please contact 911. Any criminal activities may be reported to Halton Regional Police and/or Crimestoppers.

If you are a student looking for additional supports, you may contact any of the following::

- ROCK Virtual Walk-In. Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am-4:30pm. Call 289-266-0036
- ROCK Crisis Line: 905-878-9785
- KIDS HELP PHONE 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868
- Black Youth Helpline 1-833-294-8650,

PURPOSE

Students or their parents/guardians are encouraged to report an incident to a trusted adult at school (e.g. School Administration, Teacher, Child and Youth Counsellor, Social Worker, Chaplain, etc. Students or their guardians may choose to report an incident using the Online Incident Reporting Tool below.

This form is for students or their parents/guardians to report a hate or bias motivated incident and/or a bullying incident involving or impacting HCDSB students, either as victims, witnesses, or alleged perpetrators. ([Procedure VI 102 Responding to Hate or Bias Motivated Incidents Involving or Impacting Students](#); [PPM 144 Bullying prevention and intervention](#); [PPM 145 Progressive discipline and promoting positive student behaviour](#)).

A hate or bias motivated incident is a non-criminal action (does not involve violence, threats or property damage) committed against a person or property that is motivated in whole or in part by hate and or bias based on membership in a Code Protected ground such as race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, age, disability,

School Uniform Policy

- ▶ We proudly represent our STA community at school and outside school by wearing the full uniform.
- ▶ Hoodies and non-uniform sweatshirts, and STA clubs/teams shirts that were purchased cannot be worn in the school or in class. No exceptions.
- ▶ This includes from the time of arrival to the end of period 5, including **lunch periods**, spares, hallways and the library
- ▶ [McCarthy Uniforms](#) is our uniform provider.
- ▶ [School Uniform Policy](#) can be found on the school web page
- ▶ Shoes can now be any colour, however need to be closed-toe, closed-heel. NO CROCS, NO SLIDES, NO SLIPPERS.



Attendance - Student Expectations

- ▶ Students are expected to be in class while in the school.
- ▶ Breaks from class should be limited.
- ▶ Students should not be wandering the hallways or gathering in the washrooms with friends.
- ▶ Students should not enter any classroom that is not their own.





Attendance - You Belong Here!

Research has shown a strong connection between attendance and achievement.

- ▶ If you are absent: have your parent/guardian report your absence via the school messenger app.
- ▶ Students are not able to sign themselves out using their parent's credentials.
- ▶ If you become ill during the day, report to the attendance office.
- ▶ Students cannot leave the building without being signed out through the attendance office.
- ▶ **** When students are signed out, they must leave the school building. You may not work in the library, cafeteria, or sit in another class.**



Attendance - Unexplained Absences

- ▶ The day following an unexplained absence, the teacher will direct the student to the office.
- ▶ The vice principal will meet with the student and discuss progressive discipline.
- ▶ Parent/Guardian will be informed.



Absences and Lates

- ▶ 1 to 5 Absences:
 - ▶ Teacher discusses effect of absences on performance with student.
 - ▶ Teacher to contact home and the vice principal.
- ▶ Lates
 - ▶ For lates less than 20 minutes, students report to class.
 - ▶ For lates greater than 20 minutes, students report to the attendance office.
 - ▶ On the 5th late, the teacher will call home. On the next late, you will be sent to meet with your VP



E-Learning Students

- ▶ If you have an e-learning class, you are expected to be in the library or the cafeteria.
- ▶ E-learning students are also expected to be in uniform while in the school.



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Lockers

- ▶ Each student has been assigned a locker; no sharing of lockers.
- ▶ Keep them clean and organized; discard any garbage (food) immediately.
- ▶ Do not leave your lock unlocked or keep your lock inside your locker. It should be locked to protect you and your belongings.
- ▶ Admin will be bolting lockers without a lock.
- ▶ Contact the office if you have forgotten your locker combination or need a new lock (replacement cost: \$10)

Exterior Doors and Visitors

- ▶ Exterior doors will be kept locked all day with the exception of the main doors
- ▶ Do not prop open doors → they are locked for safety purposes.
- ▶ DO NOT go to any other school during the school day.
- ▶ Visitors are not permitted on our property unless previously approved.
- ▶ Any visitors to our school (including parents/guardians) must sign-in at the main office
- ▶ Unwanted visitors may be issued a trespass letter.



Drills and Evacuations

- ▶ Multiple and varied drills throughout the year
- ▶ Take all drills seriously; they could save your life
- ▶ Remain calm and follow the instructions of the staff
- ▶ Remain silent.
- ▶ During a lockdown, if out of classroom – seek shelter or stay out of sight.
- ▶ Turn off all electronic devices – the school will notify parents – call 911 only if you have vital info.



Smoking/Vaping/Electronic Cigarettes/ Chewing Tobacco

- ▶ Provincial law makes it illegal to vape, smoke, or use chewing tobacco, or nicotine pouches on school property
- ▶ Students are prohibited from vaping, smoking, using chewing tobacco, or drugs on school buses, in school buildings, on school grounds, in vehicles parked on school grounds, as well as during school activities, including field trips and sporting events.
- ▶ Students who commit a smoking/vaping infraction will meet with administration to discuss progressive discipline consequences.
- ▶ Repeated infractions may lead to school suspension and/or a ticket (\$300) from the Public Health Department Inspector.



Electronic Devices

- ▶ [Policy I-43 Use of Technology and Digital Citizenship](#)
- ▶ To be used for educational purposes – always follow the direction of the classroom teacher and school administration with respect to the use of electronic devices in the school.
- ▶ School is ***not*** responsible for lost or stolen devices.
- ▶ Return borrowed devices to your teacher the library on the same day that you signed it out.
- ▶ You are responsible for the device while you have signed it out



Respectful use of Electronic Devices

- ▶ Respect all privacy laws.
- ▶ Students are not permitted to record or take photos of anyone in the school without their knowledge or consent
- ▶ Students who take photos or video at school of other students or staff members without their consent may face progressive discipline up to and including suspension
- ▶ Students who record video or take photos of any incident/altercation in the school may face suspension

Cell Phone Use In Class

- Students are expected to comply with [Policy I-43 Use of Technology and Digital Citizenship](#) and the Code of Conduct. Students are not permitted to use cell phones during class unless directed by the teacher.
- **Students must leave their cell phone in their locked locker.** If a teacher invites students to use their phone for a lesson, students will retrieve their phone from their locker and place it in a sealed pouch on their desk when not in use.
- Please refer to the email sent by HCDSB regarding [PPM 128 – Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct](#).

Academic Honesty

- ▶ It is the responsibility of students to be academically honest in all aspects of their schoolwork so that the marks they receive are a true reflection of their own achievement.
- ▶ Academic dishonesty is a serious offense, and it is imperative that students understand what it entails and its potential consequences



ChatGPT

Food Allergies/Medical Concerns/Cafeteria

- ▶ We have students with life threatening allergies to peanut and other tree nuts.
- ▶ Do not bring any food containing peanut or any tree nut to the school.
- ▶ Anyone with a medical condition (such as Asthma, Diabetes, Anaphylaxis, or Epilepsy) that has not completed the necessary paperwork, please make sure information is updated electronically by parents.
- ▶ School bags not permitted in the cafeteria.
- ▶ Food delivery services may only be delivered during lunch periods and drivers must be met outside the building (they are unapproved visitors). **Students are not permitted to leave class to pick up an order.**



Community Behavior during lunch and after school

- ▶ Be respectful in the school community.
- ▶ Students are easily identifiable in the school uniform.
- ▶ Be aware of your language and your environment when in the public domain.
- ▶ Bad news travels very quickly.
- ▶ Information usually gets relayed to us in the office.



ATHLETICS

FALL

- ▶ Cross Country
- ▶ Senior Boys Football
- ▶ Junior Boys Football
- ▶ Senior Girl's Basketball
- ▶ Junior Girl's Basketball
- ▶ Senior Girl's Field Hockey
- ▶ Junior Girl's Field Hockey
- ▶ Junior Boy's Volleyball
- ▶ Senior Boy's Volleyball
- ▶ Varsity Boy's Baseball

WINTER

- ▶ Bantam Boys Basketball
- ▶ Junior Boys Basketball
- ▶ Senior Boys Basketball
- ▶ Curling
- ▶ Junior Boys Hockey
- ▶ Varsity Boy's Hockey
- ▶ Varsity Girls Hockey
- ▶ Alpine Ski and Snowboard
- ▶ Swim Team
- ▶ Senior Girl's Volleyball
- ▶ Junior Girl's Volleyball
- ▶ Bantam Girl's Volleyball
- ▶ Junior Badminton
- ▶ Senior Badminton

SPRING

- ▶ Senior Girl's Soccer
- ▶ Junior Girl's Soccer
- ▶ Senior Boy's Soccer
- ▶ Junior Boy's Soccer
- ▶ Track and Field
- ▶ Varsity Girl's Rugby
- ▶ Girl's Slow Pitch
- ▶ Junior Tennis
- ▶ Senior Tennis
- ▶ Varsity Boy's Lacrosse
- ▶ Girl's Touch Football
- ▶ Ultimate Frisbee



Get Involved in Co-Curricular Activities!



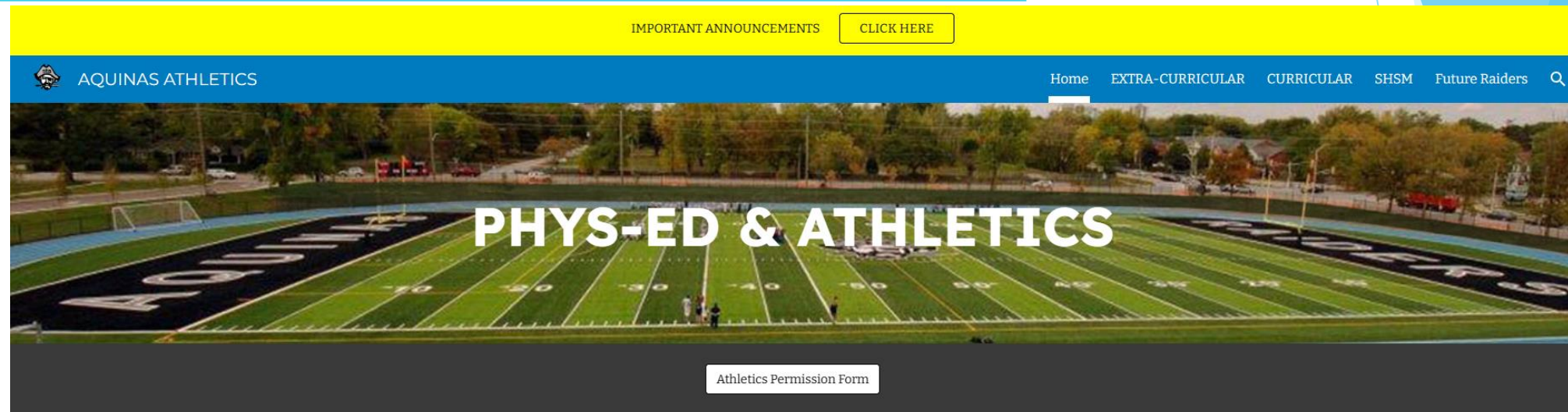
Clubs / Teams / Committees

- ▶ Student Council
- ▶ Black Student Union
- ▶ Eco Team
- ▶ HOSA
- ▶ Social Justice
- ▶ Development and Peace
- ▶ Girls Who Code
- ▶ Global Aid Club
- ▶ Culture of Life Club
- ▶ PAC
- ▶ Book Club
- ▶ Jr & Sr Mock Trial
- ▶ Breakfast Club
- ▶ French Club
- ▶ Creative Writing Club
- ▶ Concert Band
- ▶ Tech Crew
- ▶ Jazz Ensemble
- ▶ STA Singers Club
- ▶ Representation Matters
- ▶ Astronomy Club
- ▶ MUN
- ▶ DECA
- ▶ Debate Club
- ▶ Chess Club
- ▶ Running Raiders
- ▶ Table Tennis Club
- ▶ Black History Month Club
- ▶ Best Buddies
- ▶ Robot Garage
- ▶ Acoustic Guitar Club
- ▶ IB Buddies Program
- ▶ Athletic Council
- ▶ BWEG - Board Wide Equity Group
- ▶ Math Club
- ▶ Dance Club
- ▶ Raiders Thrive
- ▶ Theatre Aquinas Drama
- ▶ STArt Council
- ▶ Rock Club
- ▶ Rotary Interact

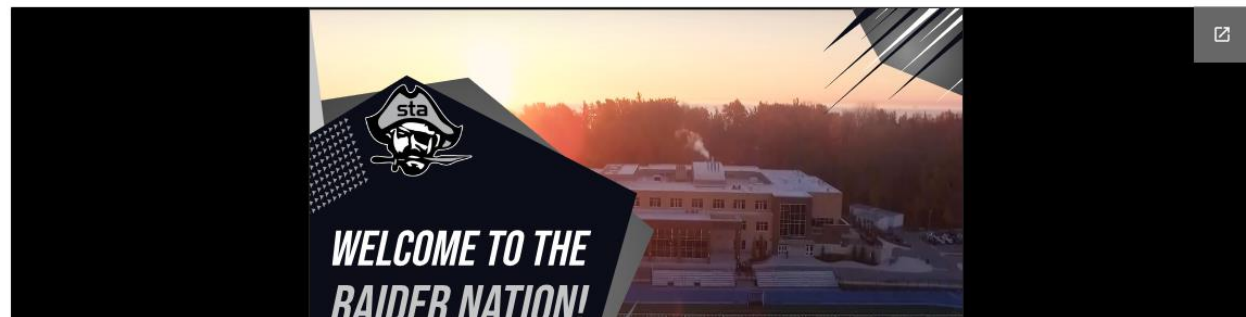
STA Athletics Website



► <https://sites.google.com/my.aquinas.me/athletics/home?authuser=0>



The Department of Health and Physical Education at St. Thomas Aquinas in Oakville is committed to promoting the physical, mental, social and spiritual development of its students in the pursuit of academic excellence.





STA Locker Room Rules

1. Food, chewing gum, and beverages are not permitted.
2. **Lock all valuables in locker.**
3. DO NOT leave towels, clothing, and other personal items at the end of class/activity.
4. DO NOT stand on the benches.
5. DO NOT leave litter. Use bins provided to dispose of waste.
6. Flush toilets after use.
7. DO NOT wash shoes/cleats in the sink.
8. **Students who are NOT in a PE class or changing for a team/activity are not permitted in the changerooms. Those found in the changerooms when they do not have a class or practice/game, defacing or damaging the locker room will face consequences.**

PLEASE RESPECT THE SPACES WE SHARE

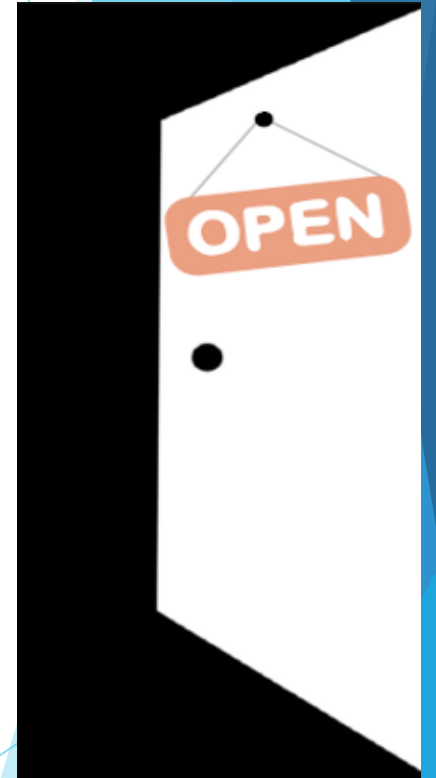
Respect All Staff

- ▶ Teachers, secretaries, custodians, cafeteria staff, lunchroom supervisors and school bus drivers provide a variety of valuable services for students. Students are expected to be respectful of all staff and follow their direction.



Open Door Policy

- ▶ You are always welcome to come and speak to your administrators, Mrs. Moro, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Giardina. Please come to the main office and ask to speak to them or send them an email to set up a time.
- ▶ You can also reach out to your teachers, CYC, social worker, or chaplain.
- ▶ Students are welcome to conversations where they can feel comfortable to share anything, anytime.



Support at STA:

- ▶ **Student Services** – Mr. McConville, Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Ferguson, Ms. Styka (IB)
- ▶ **Student Success** – Mr. Culina and Mr. McHenry
- ▶ **Special Education** – Ms. Mulligan
- ▶ **Chaplain** – Mrs. Harkin
- ▶ **IB Department:** Mrs. Subic
- ▶ **Social Worker** – Ms. Sandovski
- ▶ **CYC** – Ms. Da Silva
- ▶ **Custodian** – Carlos
- ▶ **Teachers**
- ▶ **Coaches**
- ▶ **Administration (Principal and VP's)** Mrs. Moro, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Giardina
- ▶ **If you are unsure who to go to—just ask! Relationship building is important: we can't help if we don't know!**



Be informed, stay connected

- ▶ **STA Website & STA app**

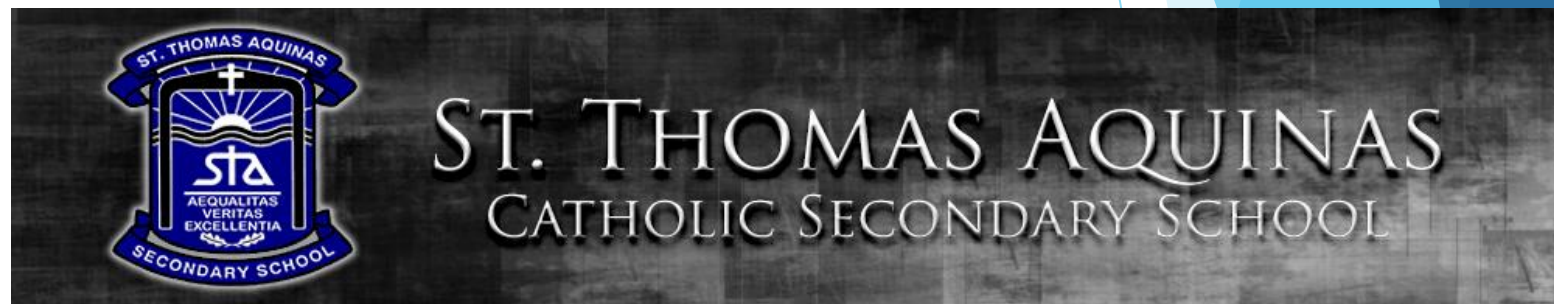
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- ▶ **Instagram**

- ▶ [staoakvillehcdsb](https://www.instagram.com/staoakvillehcdsb)

- ▶ **YouTube**

- ▶ STA Oakville



Have a Fantastic Semester Raiders!



Grade 12 only - Assassins Game

- ▶ **What is the Assassins Game?**
- ▶ Students must pay an entry fee to participate and cash prizes are awarded to the winners.
- ▶ Participants in the game are given a 'target' by the organizer and a deadline in which they have to eliminate their target by shooting them with a nerf or water gun;
- ▶ Students who fail to eliminate their target are therefore eliminated themselves.
- ▶ While each student is targeting another, they are also being targeted by another student looking to eliminate them.
- ▶ Although rules and restrictions vary by organizer, rules are often left up to the game maker to create.
- ▶ **Concerns**
- ▶ students blocking cars and attempting to open doors on the road or in the parking lot;
- ▶ targets and victims have been posted and discussed on social media;
- ▶ Halton Police have shared their safety concerns in terms of erratic driving and reports of weapons;
- ▶ neighbours and other citizens have called Halton Regional Police in the past when witnessing students who are carrying replica guns.
- ▶ **This is not a school organized or sanctioned game or event.**

Grade 12 only - Assassins Game

- ▶ The administration of St. Thomas Aquinas does not support or condone the playing of this game, and at no time are students allowed to engage on school property or during school hours. Students found to be in violation of the code of conduct as it relates to the “Assassin’s Game” may be subject to consequences as per [Policy II-39 Progressive Discipline & Safety in Schools Code of Conduct](#). Further, any student found organizing the game, promoting the game or advertising the game via posters, social media, or other means may be suspended.
- ▶ The safety and well-being of our students is our greatest concern. We encourage you to speak with your child/ren about the dangers of engaging in the “Assassin’s Game” and discourage them from participating in this game.
- ▶ Please see a past tweet from Halton Police and a link to a Global News article: <https://globalnews.ca/news/5177910/halton-police-issue-warning-about-assassins-game/>



A warning to High School students of Halton. We heard the "Assassins Game" may be coming back. Please don't. It's dangerous. Instead, do your homework and go to bed early. Probably just as fun.
- Fun Police/ Real Police