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Grade Five Transition - 2023-2024 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. 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 counselors will make a visit to your child's school in May. 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 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 8- Friday, May 12: St. Thomas Aquinas Counselors' Visit

STA counselors will join your child's class 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 available on our school website.

Tuesday, May 16: Grade 5 Tour of Middle Schools

The Grade 5 students will spend the morning at STA learning about and touring the school, working with our Grade 8 Ambassadors and having a great time meeting new friends.

Thursday, May 25: Parent Information Evening, 6:00-7:00 pm

Parents of Grade 5 students are welcome 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.

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.rdcrs.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 Counselors, Tara Lawrance (tara.lawrance@rdcrs.ca) and Leo Chauvet (leo.chauvet@rdcrs.ca)