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## Grade Five Transition - 2024-2025 School Year

Welcome to St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School! It is the time of year when 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 ease any nerves Grade 5 families may have as you make this memorable transition to middle school.

Our school counsellors will make a visit to your child's elementary school this spring. 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. Your child will also have an opportunity to spend a morning at St. Thomas with other Grade 5 students from other catchment schools. Additionally, we will be hosting a parent evening where you will meet some of our staff who will be working with your child and 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, April 29- Friday, May 3: St. Thomas Aquinas Counsellors' Visit**

STA counsellors will join your child's class on one of these days 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 for additional information.

### **Thursday, May 16 Morning: 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 classmates.

### **Thursday, May 23 @ 6:00-7:00 pm: Parent Information Evening**

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 Catchment Information**

If you are unsure what middle school your child will be attending, please visit our Red Deer Catholic School catchment map [here](#). Make sure you select Middle School instead of Elementary School. All requests to attend an out of catchment school must be submitted using the RDCRS Out of Boundary request form found at the same link as above.

If you have any further questions about the transition of your Grade 5 child to middle school, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the STA Counsellors, Tara Lawrance ([tara.lawrance@rdcrs.ca](mailto:tara.lawrance@rdcrs.ca)) and Leo Chauvet ([leo.chauvet@rdcrs.ca](mailto:leo.chauvet@rdcrs.ca))