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# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## † CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

ONTARIO

### WHY CHOOSE THIS SCHOOL



St. Thomas Aquinas offers **Core French and no ESL support**. Students should have an intermediate or higher English proficiency.



The school features **Hockey Academy** and **Soccer Academy** open to students in grades 9–10 (boys and girls). Special application and extra fees apply.



STA is well known throughout South-Western Ontario as a school with a proud tradition of **strong academic** focus, tremendous athletic successes, and **magnificent artistic performances**



Religious education is **moderate**. Grade 9–12 students of **any faith** and religion are welcome with the expectation of mutual respect.

### ABOUT THIS SCHOOL

Region:	<b>London Catholic</b>
Community:	<b>London</b>
Grade offered:	9 – 12
Year Built:	1994
Population:	1200
Team Name:	Flames
Uniform:	Yes
ESL Support:	No
Website:	<a href="http://sta.ldcsb.ca/">sta.ldcsb.ca/</a>
School Colours:	Red & Black



Canadian International Student Services

# MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School is to present the Catholic tradition and teachings in all our pedagogy to prepare our students to meet the demands of modern life within the context of the gospel



## FACILITIES

- Classrooms (with smartboards/computers)
- Computer labs + use of laptops
- Science labs
- Art room
- Dance studio
- Drama room
- Music room
- Multimedia centre
- Theatre (seating for 350)
- Double Gymnasium
- 3 Sports fields & Running track
- Indoor running track
- Weight room/fitness centre
- Technology: Drafting, Mechanical Woodworking, Hairstyling & Aesthetics
- Cafeteria
- Library/Learning Commons
- Chapel
- Air-conditioning



# SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Grades 9 and 10 have several prescribed subjects, with few electives. Maths and Science are general classes encompassing all areas of these subjects. Grades 11 and 12 offer more student choice, more electives and specialized Math and Science options

### Languages and Literature:

- English
  - note: Gr 11 English is either the standard ENG English course or NBE3 Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices
- English – Creative Writing/Writer's Craft (Gr 12)
- Core French

### Math and Science:

- Calculus and Vectors, Foundations of Math, and Functions, Data Management
- Science, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology
- Environmental Science (Gr 11)

### Arts:

- Dance
- Drama
- Music – instrumental, vocal
- Visual Art
- Photography

### Social Studies:

- Geography
- History
- Canadian Law
- Economics
- Family studies
- Food and Culture
- Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology (Gr 11)
- Philosophy (Gr 12)

### Business Studies/IT/Technology:

- Business Studies – Accounting, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Business Leadership
- Computer Studies
- Computer Engineering
- Communication Technology
- Construction Technology
- Hair Styling & Aesthetics
- Manufacturing Technology
- Technological Design

### Physical Education:

- Healthy Living
- Personal Fitness
- Hockey Academy (Gr 9–11)
- Soccer Academy (Gr 9–10)
- Introductory Kinesiology (Gr 12)

### Religious Studies

1 Religious studies course is mandatory each school year.





## STUDENT LIFE



Competitive sports and extra-curricular activities are offered to all students throughout the school year.

**SPORTS:** specific sports are offered by playing season and require try-outs. Offerings may change annually and additional fees may apply

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** may change annually and are based on student interest each year

*\* Students must be enrolled for the duration of the sport season to be considered for the team. Students who are already graduated from home country may be ineligible to be on the competitive school team.*

## DAILY SCHEDULE

\*SEMESTER SYSTEM

### Monday – Friday

Period 1 Announcements	08:00 – 09:20
Period 2	09:25 – 10:40
Period 3A Lunch	10:45 – 12:00 12:05 – 12:45
Period 3B Lunch	10:45 – 11:25 11:30 – 12:45
Period 4	12:50 – 14:05

The school operates on a semester system. Students take 4 courses per semester.

Total annual = 8 courses. (timetable may change annually)

### FALL SPORTS\* (SEP-NOV)



- Basketball – Jr/Sr Girls
- Cross Country running
- Football – Jr/Sr Boys
- Golf
- Volleyball – Jr/Sr Boys

### WINTER SPORTS\* (NOV-FEB)



- Basketball – Jr & Sr Boys
- Hockey – Boys
- Hockey – Girls
- Volleyball – Jr/Sr Girls

### SPRING SPORTS\* (MAR-JUN)



- Badminton
- Baseball
- Soccer – Sr Boys
- Soccer – Sr Girls
- Track and Field



### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Badminton
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Creative Writing
- Fuel The Flames: Mental Health & Wellness
- Gaming
- Knitting and Crochet
- Mural/Art
- Music
- Musical Theatre (Returning Soon)
- Prism – LGBTQ2S+
- Robotics and Computer
- Programming





# SCHOOL FEATURES





# UNIFORMS



All uniform items must be purchased from  
**DGN Kilters:** <https://dgn-kilters.com/>

Flyer: [https://sta.ldcsb.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1125263&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1382659](https://sta.ldcsb.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1125263&type=d&pREC_ID=1382659)

Recommendation is 5 tops, 2 bottoms, and 1-2 sweaters to best meet your needs throughout the year.

	Female	Male
Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black or White Crested: Polo shirt, unisex or ladies style (short or long-sleeve)</li> <li>Black or WhiteCrested: 1/4 zip sweatshirt</li> <li>Black Crested: Crewneck sweatshirt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black or White Crested: Polo shirt (short or long-sleeve)</li> </ul>
Bottns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black or khaki pants– unisex or ladies style</li> <li>Black or khaki walking shorts –unisex or ladies style</li> <li>Tartan kilt (with shorts)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black or khaki pants</li> <li>Black or khaki walking shorts</li> </ul>
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Footwear must be appropriate and in good repair. It should be noted that wearing sandal type footwear is hazardous with stair climbing and related school activities. The school is not responsible for any personal injury related to the wearing of sandal type footwear.</li> <li>Black socks</li> </ul>	
Phys. Ed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical Education Tshirts/shorts (approx. \$25/\$30) – purchased at school</li> </ul>	

- Uniforms are to be worn throughout the school day, and at all times while on school property (including parking lot).
- Uniforms are to be neat, clean, and in good repair (no altering of style or colour).
- Shorts and kilts are to be worn at  $\frac{3}{4}$  thigh level.
- Extreme over-sizing or under sizing is not allowed.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn.
- No tucking of pant legs into footwear. Pant legs must be worn at the intended length.
- Non-uniform clothing over or under the STA uniform is not allowed.
- Students who are not in uniform or do not meet the uniform requirements, will report to the Office. Their parents will be contacted and appropriate disciplinary actions will be taken. The school administration reserves the right to suspend students from their remaining classes or to send home students who are not dressed in accordance with this uniform policy.
- **No hats or any other head gear or sunglasses are to be worn in the school**
- **Hair should be kept clean, neat, and reasonably styled**
- **Face jewellery, other than earrings and small nose studs are not allowed**
- **Scarves are not allowed as an accessory**



**“CIVVIES” DAYS:** The expectations of appropriate attire, which govern all of us, are still in place during all Civvies days. Clothing worn on a ‘Civvies’ Day should be modest and appropriate to the Catholic School/classroom environment. Spirit Wear may be worn on Civvies Days.