



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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We believe that each one, created in the image and likeness of God, is called by name into the Dufferin-Peel community to realize the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations to the fullest extent possible as we all journey from the early years to vocation.

COURSE OUTLINE

Department Name:	Social Science
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Course Name:	Forces of Nature : Physical Processes and Disasters
Course Code and Section:	CGF3M1-01

Course Description:	In this course, students will explore physical processes related to the earth's water, land, and air. They will investigate how these processes shape the planet's natural characteristics and affect human systems, how they are involved in the creation of natural disasters, and how they influence the impacts of human disasters. Throughout the course, students will apply the concepts of geographic thinking and the geographic inquiry process and use spatial technologies to analyse these processes, make predictions related to natural disasters, and assess ways of responding to them.
Strands/ Units:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geographic Inquiry and Skill Development 2. Spatial Organization: Spheres of the Earth 3. The Physical Environment: Sustainability and Stewardship 4. Systems: Interaction and Interdependence 5. Impacts of Change
Corresponding Catholic Graduate Expectation Indicators for each Strand/Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uses and integrates the Catholic faith tradition, in the critical analysis nature to enhance the quality of life. - Respects the rights, responsibilities and contributions of self and others within the geography framework of the school. - Develops attitudes and values founded on Catholic social teaching and acts to promote social responsibility, human solidarity and the common good through the lense of nature's impact on humanity.

Assessment and Evaluation:

Category Weightings	Weight
Knowledge/Understanding	25
Thinking	25
Application	25
Communication	25

Final Summative Assessments	Grade Distribution
Term Work	70
Course Culminating	10
Exam	20

Recommendations for Notebooks

The following suggestions will aid you in the organization of your notebook and will provide you with easy reference when studying. Keep in mind that notebooks will be assessed from time to time.

- use a hard cover three ring binder
- underline headings
- date each days notes and any accompanying handouts
- number each topic and record the topic=s title in your index
- always write in ink
- notebooks **must** be in class each day
- place marked tests and assignments after each unit

Assignments

To be eligible for full marks, assignments must be handed in at the beginning of the period on the specific due date. Assignments handed in after this time will be considered late and will be penalized. After one full day of being late the work will not be accepted. Untidy or poorly done work will not be accepted. If for a legitimate reason, such as illness, you cannot meet the specified due date alternative arrangements may be made with the teacher. Should any major culminating activity such as the ISU or major presentation be missed a doctors note is required for any work to be evaluated.

Homework

Homework assignments will be checked on a regular basis. Failure to complete homework assignments will result in you staying at lunch and/or after school to complete the work. Should this become a regular occurrence your parents will be contacted.

Tests

Students should expect a quiz or test at least every two to three weeks. Students will be given a minimum of 3 days to prepare for a major test. Quizzes may be given at any time without prior warning. Students who miss a test because of illness or an emergency must provide a note from their doctor the day of their return. Missed tests will be written the day of the students return to class from their illness. Any test missed by a student without a legitimate reason will merit a zero.

Absenteeism

When you are absent from class it is your responsibility to catch up on missed work. Students should arrange to have another class member save copies of any handouts given on the day they are absent from class.

Classroom Behaviour

It is expected that you will conduct yourself in a serious and conscientious manner in class. Interest in your work and consideration for others are appreciated every day. Disrespect of the teacher or other students, lateness and neglect of work will not be tolerated. Problems in these areas will be referred to the office and parents will be contacted.

Uniform

Full uniform is expected in the classroom. Any student not wearing the proper uniform will be sent to the vice principal. Remember that hoodies, multicolor undershirts and pants at your knees are not part of the uniform.

Food/Drink

No food will be allowed in the classroom. Drinks are allowed however this can change should this privilege be abused.

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ASSIGNMENT RECORD SHEET

Name: _____

Date	Title of Assignment	Signature

All assignments are considered major, therefore they must be handed in on time and in class. You receive a penalty of 10% per day for the first day, on the second day you will receive a mark of zero (as per Board instruction).

Signature (acknowledging that the note has been read) _____

Date: _____