



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 Department
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Course Name:	Grade 10 Civics and Citizenship
Course Code and Section:	CHV2O1

Course Description:	This course explores rights and responsibilities associated with being an active citizen in a democratic society. Students will explore issues of civic importance such as healthy schools, community planning, environmental responsibility, and the influence of social media, while developing their understanding of the role of civic engagement and of political processes in the local, national, and/or global community. Students will apply the concepts of political thinking and the political inquiry process to investigate, and express informed opinions about, a range of political issues and developments that are both of significance in today's world and of personal interest to them.	
Strands/ Units:	Unit 1 Political Inquiry and Skill Development Unit 2 Civic Awareness Unit 3 Civic Engagement and Action)	
Corresponding Catholic Graduate Expectation Indicators for each Strand/Unit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Listens actively and critically to understand and learn in light of gospel values within society. 2) Examines and reflects on one's personal values, abilities and aspirations influencing life's choices and opportunities 3) Develops attitudes and values founded on Catholic social teaching and acts to promote social responsibility, human solidarity and the common good as a Canadian citizen. 	

Assessment and Evaluation:

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

Final Summative Assessments	Grade Distribution
Term Work	70%
CPT	30%

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: _____