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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019!

By the looks on their faces in the picture below, the Grads were happy to move on to their next stage of their lives. The year-end celebrations went off without a hitch...a fitting tribute to a class who put in a solid 5 years of hard work and perseverance at STA. I wish them all the luck as they forge ahead to meet the new challenges of life after high school.

A number of changes are in store for next year. **Teaching Staff Leaving**: Mrs. Ferrone, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. McEvoy, Mr. Florut, Mr. Keong, Mrs. Neuls, Mr. Guy and Mr. Vesco Educational Assistants Leaving: Mrs. Botteselle, Miss Botteselle, Mrs. Negrea On Maternity Leave: Mrs. Pilar

Thanks to all of the above mentioned leaving staff for all of their dedicated service to the community of St. Thomas Aquinas. Our school calendar is continually being updated and can be found on our website: <u>www.aquinas.org</u>. Please note the school office will be closed at noon on Friday July 12th and will re-open on Monday August 19th at 9:00am.

On behalf of our office staff (*Mrs. Barbara Dougan, Mrs. Angela Brickell, Mrs. Linda Sibau, Mrs. Tanya Zainul*) and the administration (*Mr. Chris Campbell* and *Mr. Tim Horton*), I wish you and your family an enjoyable and restful summer. See you in September!

Mr. John Campbell, Principal



GRADUATION AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Grade 12 students who were recognized at the Commencement Ceremony held on Friday, June 21 at Broadway Church, Vancouver:

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Leila Lalani Outstanding Achievement in English Jasroop Sarana Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics Phoebe Luo, Paul Moolan & Zoe Zhang Outstanding Achievement in Modern Languages Kiana Burran Outstanding Achievement in Science Jeffrey Eo Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies Andre Male Armida Outstanding Achievement in Religion & Julie Wheeler & Thomas Thordarson Campus Ministry Doug Lauson Outstanding Achievement in Christopher St. John Information & Communication Technology Outstanding Achievement in Fine Arts Alyssa Duro & Christine Luk Outstanding Achievement in Performing Arts Hunor Szabo Outstanding Achievement in Music Raphael Plana

SPECIAL SCHOOL AWARDS

Sound Crew Daniel Goodwin Msg. Lopez-Gallo International Student Zoe Zhang & Andre Male Armida Father John Kilty Male Athlete Adam Luigi Sammarelli Sister Jessie Gillis Female Athletes Olivia Thorpe & Pasley Vandermeye Dr. Jennifer Tong Award Rebecca Clarke & Katie Zhang Sister Giovana Davis Patrick Slowey Father Ian Charles Stuart Liturgical Julie Wheeler Sister Mary Alphonsus Rebecca Krohman Father Tim McCarthy Mayela Rodriguez Sister Susan Songary First Nations Award Cyprien Guss Sister Rita Tellier School Citizenship Gianluca Bizzotto Father John Brioux Memorial Duncan Ford

GRADUATION AWARDS

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

Friesens Award	Grace Lee & Pasley Vandermye
Fotografica Fine Arts Award	Alyssa Duro
Holy Trinity Parish Council of the Catholic Women's League Scholarship	Olivia Thorpe
Sharp Performing Arts Scholarship	Rebecca Krohman & Hunor Szabo
Carruthers Family Bursary	Raphael Plana
Life & Justice Award	Laura Harris
Michelle Robertson Campus Ministry Award	Jessie Cabada & Julie Wheeler
Andrea Buhler Memorial Award	Alyssa Duro
Leo Desaulniers/Knights of Columbus Bursary	Thomas Rieder
STA Parents Association Award	Kiana Burran & Emily Shaughnessy
STA Achievement Award	Rozelle Abad, Nathan Corvera, Rebecca Krohman & Michelle Nock
Dr. Tom Moonen Scholarship	Josh Cox
Kiwanis Club of North Vancouver	Jasroop Sarana
Dogwood District Awards	Gianluca Bizzotto, Rebecca Clarke, Alyssa Dimaandal, Laura Harris, Pablo Islas, Carrie Liu, Raphael Plana, Luigi Sammarelli, Yekta Saremi, Thomas Thordarson, Olivia Thorpe & Pasley Vandermye
North Vancouver High School Education Foundation Art Creelman Memorial Scholarship	Jeffrey Eo
North Vancouver High School Education Foundation Warren G. Mayo Memorial Scholarship	Thomas Thordarson & Steven Brown
North Vancouver High School Education Foundation Ursula Creelman Memorial Bursary	Raphael Plana
North Vancouver High School Education Foundation Don Kay Memorial Bursary	Luigi Sammarelli
A. W. Rowe Memorial Scholarship	Pasley Vandermye & Paul Moolan
Archbishop James Carney Award	Julie Wheeler & Thomas Thordarson
Seanna & Nicole Strongman Memorial Scholarships	Laura Harris & Sofia Panzetta
Marilyn Williams Memorial Scholarship	Hunor Szabo

SCHOOL AWARDS

GRADE 8



ACADEMIC See Honour Roll list on page 5

RELIGION Isaac Fediw & Stephanie Kostamo

SPIRIT Sophie Cox & Dana Montoya

CITIZENSHIP Athessa Del Monte, Daniel Fernandes & Lauren Hinze

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT Isabella Dy & James Smiley

GRADE 9

ACADEMIC See Honour Roll list on page 6

RELIGION Isabel Altamirano & Catherine Moric

SPIRIT Anna Gawronski

CITIZENSHIP Michael Purkiss & Abraham Wang

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT Hannah Wesley Baker

GRADE 10

ACADEMIC Grace Haines

RELIGION Carmel Dear

SPIRIT Chloe Taylor

CITIZENSHIP Raphael Arcilla & Justin Krohman

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT Jack Blake & Jessica Markic

GRADE 11

ACADEMIC Samantha Scalabrino & Christine Weiss

RELIGION Diego Altamirano & Christine Weiss

SPIRIT Michael O'Flynn & Samantha Scalabrino

CITIZENSHIP Helene Hennig & Adam Pizzolon

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT Genevieve Calamo & Darren Soberano

	JNE HONOUR ROLL	
	GRADE 8	
Asoudehkhaljan, Seyedehailin	Soroka, Alexander	Kelly, Norah
Bernardo-Lai, Diego	Vaseghi, Anita	Kennedy, Thomas
Boppart, Gabriella	Villanueva, Myla	Kim, Siwoo
Clarke, Madeline	Wong, Kara	Kischer, Evan
Cox, Sophie	Woodworth, Eliana	Kramer, Julia
Cutler, Declan	Apostol, Vincenzo	Kramer, Victory
Del Monte, Athessa	Arai, Ethan	Kwong, Aiden
Factor, Deanna	Baker, Roland	Marchetti, Luke
Fernandes, Daniel	Baptista, Alexandre	McLeary, Ashley
Fraser, Raine	Bremsak, Nina	Merrin, Laura
Genova, Rumina	Brick, Kelsey	Mozaffari, Radin
Hamilton, Meara	Chong, Jae Ha	Nacorda, Gabrielle
Hinze, Lauren	Costales, Raphael	Oko, Caiden
Hinze, Sean	Ducut, Brendan	Panicker, Alexandre
Islas, Diego	Dwyer, Matthew	Revilla, Angelina
Kennedy, Christina	Dy, Isabella	Santos, Estefania
Kim, Vin	Estropia, Harrison	Scherk, Michael
Kostamo, Stephanie	Fediw, Isaac	Simmons, Matias
Kwon, Yohan	Forguson, Lucinda	Somera, Alyssa
Larson, Sierra	Glowacki, Benjamin	Souza, Julie
Lee-Cayetano, Madelyn	Heijse, Anna-Sophia	Themens, Kelsey
Matinrad, Mehrsa	Howse, Noah	Tomas, Anthony
Montoya, Dana	Hunter, Anthony	Ventura, Aubrey
Riddall, Mia	Jung, Jun	Villanueva, Shayne
Sharghi Yazdi, Setarej		Yi, Jioh

Names in bold denote First Class Honours (GPA = 3.80). Honour roll students are listed alphabetically and have achieved a GPA of 3.202 or greater and/or have achieved Excellent or Good work habits in all subjects.

JUNE HONOUR ROLL

GRADE 9



	Nederstand Manlaus	Kanat Vahin
Acio, Alexandra	Nedergard, Markus	Kang, Yebin
Ahn, Regina	Oliveira, Rafaela	Kim, Jinho
Altamirano, Isabel	Ong, Grace	Lam Po Yuen, Alexis
Battisti, Trent	Popa, Adelina	Laudencia, Jericho
Bizzotto, Caroline	Purvica, Daniela	Lee, Kai
Chen, Yvonne	Rangel, Jose	Liu, Mia
Claro, Julianna	Riccio Palmieri, Manuela	MacAtangay, Job
Cole, Samuel	Savage, Sophie	MacDonald, Ava
Concepcion, Janelle	Sikich, Eva	MacNeil, Arianna
Corcoran, Kiera	Wang, Abraham	Maglieri, Ella
Cruz, Brandon	Wishart, Daniel	Malekpour, Maneli
Dalzell, Ainslee	Aguilar, Xavier	McLennan, Alexander
Dick, Dylan	Anastacio, Sofia	Pavlovic, Ivana
Dijak, Dominik	Baker, Maylana	Purkiss, Michael
Frith, Luke	Bita, Tudor	Rodriguez, Tamara
Gawronski, Anna	Buno, Jayron	Rojas Gonzalez, Marcela
Gustafson, Anja	Cabahug, Janelle	Stokes, Kaitlin
Kam, Marcus	Calindas, Kevin	Villa Soto, Danilo
Kasabashian, Elizabeth	Coppin, Samantha	Villagracia, Michael
Kim, Eugene	Dalisay, Channah	Voulakis, Joseph
La Pica, Fiorella	De Paz, Aliah	Wein, Maia
Lazaro, Kandie	Eng, Ayden	Wimberley, Rory
Lum, Ayden	Erdman, Talia	Yu, Kylie
Marusak, Dominik	Flynn, Matthew	Zadeiks, Jordan
Moore, Mckenzie	Gultan, Tara	Zarowny, Monika
Moric, Catherine		Zhai, Echo

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JUNE HONOUR ROLL

GRADE 10



Haines, Grace	99	Arcilla, Raphael	Lalanne, Jordyn
Taylor, Chloe	99	Babcock, Grace	Lemelin, Chloe
Woo, Sean	98	Baker, Graydon	Lewis, Lauren
Eng, Allyssa	97	Barrera, Nicolas	Luo, Lucy
Cunningham, Laura	97	Black, Ryan	Ma, Hanshu
Themens, Mackenzie	97	Blake, Jack	McLachlan, Owen
Heuchert, Joshua	96	Burgess-Llanouarced, Luciane	Mills, Ryan
Crane, Amanda	95	Canvin, Ella	Moon, Yenna
Dupouy Pardo, Maria	94	Dahl, Meghan	Ong, Gabriel
Jones, Sonya	94	Dong, Ethan	Palmer, Sophie
Kennedy, Ella	94	Gao, Jenny	Paul, Benjamin
Serrano, Sofia	94	Gilmour, Stephanie	Repard-Denniston, Arabella
Poori, Saketh	94	Gilson, Abigail	Rhone, Gabriel
Dear, Carmel	94	Haaf, Georgina	Rogers, Liam
Costales, Ericka	94	Hamagami-Postill, Kamryn	Ryznar, Sophia
Nock, Hudson	93	Harris, Benjamin	Sapanta, Vanessa
Cox, Paige	93	Helm, Riley	Schumann, Luke
Woodworth Frank	93	Hoh, Clare	Serrano, Sofia
Bauermeister, Cara	93	Hunt, Amelia	Steverding. Anna
Day, Jazz	93	Jasionowska, Olivia	Tiernay, Anna
Saffar, Bahar	93	Kalanchey, Jack	Torres, Maria
Ye, Elena	92	Khavandgar, Nika	Wang, Boya
Hamilton, Thomas	92	Kim, Andrew	Watts, Tristan
Wattier, Siena	92	Kim, Minjin	Wee, Jessica
Thordarson, Erik	92	Koeppen, Christopher	Yang, Jennifer
Arai, Brandon		Krohman, Justin	Yellowley, Marcus
		La Breche, Noah	

Names in bold denote First Class Honours (92%+) Average All honour roll students are listed alphabetically, have achieved an overall average of 82% or greater and/or have achieved Excellent or Good work habits in all subjects.

	JUI	NE HONOUR ROLL	
		GRADE 11	
Weiss, Christine	98	Castellon, Elena	Mastrangelo, Sophia
Scalabrino, Samantha	98	Cesareo, Isabella	Matoulek, Natalie
Li, Rachel	97	Clarke, Jessica	McGeough, Matthew
Altamirano, Diego	96	Conejar, Allsion	Milla, Anikka Mae
Kostamo, Sophia	96	Coyle, Mika	Minni, Joseph
Leblanc-Pratt, Felix	96	Cune, Maria	Neal, Stephanie
Bowen, Dayton	96	Dalzell, Daela	O'Flaherty, Caleigh
Sanoria, Erik	96	Damery, Edward	O'Flynn, Michael
Shin, Sa Eun	95	Endler, Laura	Panopio, Guia Bianca
Mo, JingXiang	94	Everett. Emily	Parente, Isabella
Galat, Isabella	94	Heffring, Madison	Parrotta, Julia
Alnuweiri, Evyndira	94	Hennig, Helene	Pizzolon, Adam
Cox, Cleo	93	Kero, Ava	Prescott, Caelan
Jozsa, Petra	93	Kim, Chae Ryeong	Rodrigues, Olivia
Chen, Kristin	93	Kim, Munnho	Schmidt, Catherine
Cutler, Gemma	92	King, Lili	Spadavecchia, Danet
Bracken, Emily	92	Lee, Jun Soo	Spadavecchia, Elio
Kischer, Rudolf	92	Li, Rain	Stockwell, Katharina
Yao, Vicky	92	Lowe, Caitlin	Tancredi, Evan
Martin, Julia	92	Lyall, Rachel	Tomas, Nicolas
Abbott, Leah		Macababbad, Pamela	Urbani, Madeline
Achadinha, Justin		Maglieri, Olivia	Winter, Meg
Almerling, Alyssa		Maguire, Fiona	Winter, Sam
Bosa, Ava		Marcano, Eloisa	Wouters, Julia
Burran, Michael		Marilley-Bodner, Benjamin	Xia, Simon
Butt, Aron			Zhang, Coco
Campbell, Lauren			Zhu, Alvin

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JUNE HONOUR ROLL					
	_	GRA	DE 1	2	
Brown, Steven	99	Shaughnessy, Emily	93	Darby, Jane	Liu, Kai Rui
Moolan, Paul	98	De Guzman, Dominique	93	Dimas, Sarah	Liu, Tiffany
Eo, Jaekyung	98	Duro, Alyssa	93	Ellis, John	Plana, Raphael
Thordarson, Thomas	98	Krohman, Rebecca	93	Feigl-Schmidt, Mattias	Robles-Block, Aanika
Nock, Michelle	98	Sarana, Jasroop	92	Flynn, Brendan	Rodriguez, Aayela
Vandermye, Pasley	97	Hodgins, Connor	92	Ford, Duncan	Salcedo, Ma Alyssa
Islas, Pablo	97	Guan, Yifan	92	Gates, Michael	Sammarelli, Adam
Male Armida, Andre	96	Panzetta, Sofia	92	Goodwin, Daniel	Schneider, Aidan
Ljuljovic, Peter	96	Buitenhuis, Noah	92	Guan, Gretchen	Shim, Jaemin
Luo, Phoebe	96	Wang, Herman	92	Hamilton, Matthew	Slowey, Patrick
Savage, Joshua	96	Purkiss, Justin	92	Hickey, Amber	St. John, Christopher
Voulakis, Electra	95	Nacorda, Julianne	92	Hinze, Aidan	Sutherland, Concettena
Cagunot, Ericka	95	Abad, Rozelle		Horta, Angelica	Szabo, Hunor
Saremi, Yekta	95	Balce, Carla		Hughes, Terence	Taylor, Carmen
Ong, Mikaela	95	Bauermeister, Alexander		Ibbott, Johathan	Themens, Brogan
Rieder, Thomas	95	Bernardez-Lai, Marco		Irving, Scott	Tosa, Misuzu
Lee, Grace	95	Bizzotto, Gianluca		Jennex, Kiahna	Tran, Minh Long
Burran, Kiana	95	Black, Kristinn		Jin, Zheyi	Tumaneng, Gabrielle
Hwang, Jiwon	94	Bordignon, Stefanie		Jovero, Michael	Wang, Rachael
Alcantara, Krista	94	Bremsak, Sara		Karimpanal, Abraham	Wheeler, Julie
Gao, Zhijie	94	Brick, Liam		Keller, Poppy	Whelan, Carmella
Houser, Woojin	94	Buno, Katrina		Kuwalek, Sara	Zhang, Haopeng
Factor, Dylan	94	Cabada, Jessie		LaBreche, Benjamin	Zhang, Lisa
Cox, Joshua	94	Christensen, Maya		Lee, Jay	Zhang, Qingyu
Thorpe, Olivia	93	Chua, Lorainne		Lee, Jungmin	Zhang, Zoe
Dimaandal, Alyssa	93	Ciolfitto, Luca		Lee, Kyuri	Ziapour, Atena
Kielar, Matthew	93	Clarke, Rebecca		Li, Tianrui	
Harris, Laura	93	Corbet, Thomas		Liu, Andersen	

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STA SAINTS AWARD

The *Nix/Tsevende* Saint of the Year award is presented to a student in grade 8—11 who most exhibits the five traits of:

Responsibility/Respect/Perseverance/Community/Faith.

This year two students were the recipients of this award,

Ericka Costales & Frank Woodworth

STA ATHLETICS

FIGHTING SAINTS SPORTS ACADEMY 2019 FOOTBALL BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Fighting Saints Sports and Basketball Academies finished off the year with a fun and highly competitive touch football championships. In the boys match, the leadership and fire of *Hunter Parkinson* propelled his charges to the championships. And in the girls match, *Rebecca Clarke's* leadership combined with *Kandie Lazaro's* relentless pressure on the oppositions quarterback fueled their team to the championship.





2019 CHAMPIONS (above)

Fiona MacGuire, Anni Steverding, Kandie Lazaro, Ava Bosa, Caelan Prescott, & Rebecca Clarke

Most Valuable Player- Kandie Lazaro

2019 CHAMPIONS (at left)

Raphael Arcilla, Sam Ockeloen, Eric Thordardson, Argen Siddoo, & Hunter Parkinson





hank you to all coaches, parents and athletes who attended this years' athletic awards ceremony. Your continued support of this annual event is greatly appreciated. To all of our grade 12 athletes, we wish you all the best in all your future endeavors.

Congratulations to all our award winners and North Shore All-Stars this year. To all our student athletes, you have represented your team and your school with great pride, congratulations on a truly successful and rewarding year, well done Saints!

Special congratulations to the following award winners:

Top Junior Female Athlete Jordyn Lalanne

Top Junior Male Athlete Henry Cromack

Sister Gillis Award (Top Senior Female Athlete) Olivia Thorpe & Pasley Vandermye

STA Male Athlete Award (Top Senior Male Athlete) Luigi Sammarelli

Most Inspirational Athletes Laura Harris & Luigi Sammarelli

ANOTHER BANNER YEAR

The 2018-19 school year has been an exciting and event filled year. This school year witnessed North Shore, Vancouver & District and BC Catholic Championships. Achievements such as these are only possible through the tireless work of our coaches, the dedication of our athletes, and the support of our administration and parent community. The commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship displayed by our athletes deserve special recognition. Congratulations to all athletes and coaches on helping to make this another truly successful and rewarding year for athletics at S.T.A.

Special congratulations to the follow teams who took home championship banners this year:

Juvenile Girls Volleyball: Senior Boys Soccer: Junior Boys Basketball: Senior Girls Basketball: Junior Girls Soccer: Senior Girls Soccer: North Shore and Vancouver & District Champions BC Catholic Champions North Shore Champions North Shore & BC Catholic Champions BC Catholic Champions North Shore Champions



Mr. L. Salituro Athletic Director



I would like to invite all athletes to join us at S.T.A. for a great summer camp experience!

Our camps are a great place to improve your skills, compete with players in your age group and spend time with the S.T.A. coaches. When attending the S.T.A. team camps, all players are exposed to intense fundamental instruction, motivation and a competitive atmosphere. We want players to leave camp having had an enjoyable and rewarding experience, and we also want them to leave with a positive attitude about the game, about themselves and about education. Under the guidance and leadership of our coaching staff, I am positive that your experience at our camps will be a rewarding and enjoyable one.



Hope to see you this summer,

Mr. L. Salituro

Athletic Director

Grade 8 Girls Summer Volleyball Camp

Date: August 20 – 24 *Time*: 10 am–Noon *Location*: S.T.A.

Open to all girls entering grade 8 at STA in September.

Players should bring proper footwear, kneepads and a water bottle.



Grade 8 Boys Summer Basketball Camp

Date: August 20 - 24*Time*: 1 pm - 3 pm *Location*: S.T.A.

Open to all boys entering grade 8 at S.T.A. in September.

Players should bring proper footwear and a water bottle.



Girls Field Hockey Camp

Date: August 29 & 31 Time: 3 pm – 5 pm Location: Fen Burdett Turf Field

All girls entering grades 8 - 12 interested in joining field hockey in the fall are invited to attend these pre-season sessions.

Players should bring sticks, mouth guards, shin pads, proper footwear and water.



Senior Boys Soccer I.D. Camp

Date: August 28, 29 & 31 *Time:* 3 pm – 5 pm *Location:* Fen Burdett Turf Field

All boys entering grades 10, 11 or 12 interested in playing senior soccer in September are encouraged to attend these three identification scrimmages.

Players should bring proper foot wear, shin pads and water.



Student News

BASKETBALL WITHOUT BORDERS

rade 11 student *Jessica Clarke*, was selected by Basketball Canada to participate in an NBA/FIBA program called Basketball Without Borders. On June 22 she flew to the camp which took place in Columbia.

More than 60 of the top high-school age boys and girls from North and South America participated.

The camp was an opportunity for her to train as well as develop her leadership skills.

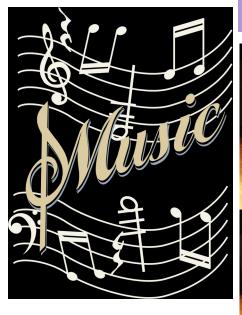


THE THERAPY DOGS WERE BACK

Because everyone needs a little therapy. Thank you to the grade 9 students and *Mr. Mendoza* for bringing some calm and tranquility to room 402 at lunch time on June 6. Staff, students and even *Father Giovanni* eased their troubled minds.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



MUSIC DEPARTMENT





A nother stellar set of performances by our STA band students on May 28 at Centennial Theatre. Thank you to all families who came out and supported our Fine Arts students throughout the year.



STA CHAMBER CHOIR AND CONCERT CHOIR



The STA Chamber Choir and Concert Choir held their school year end concert on May 13 at Centennial Theatre. Always a pleasure to listen to and see the unique styles and presentations of music we recognize and pieces that are unique.

Thank you for sharing your talents with us.



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

TRU Chemistry Contest Results

On Wednesday, May 15, nineteen of our grade 11 and 12 chemistry students wrote the TRU Chemistry Contest. We are proud to announce that *Samantha Scalabrino* and *Vicky Yao* tied for first place among our grade 11 students and, holding on to her first-place title from last year, *Zoe Zhang* placed first among our grade 12 students. These three students will receive an assortment of TRU memorabilia at our end of year assembly. Next year's contests will be written on May 13, 2020.

LIFE SKILLS FIELD TRIP



The Life Skills students set off once again to sewing class, this time to make a custom photo pillow.

The students choose their own photos and fabric and had their first experience using a sewing machine. Thanks to *Christine* at **Made By Me Sewing** for her guidance and clear instructions.

The students are each so proud of their hard and beautiful creation.

MATH DEPARTMENT NEWS

ongratulations to the following students who have been recognized for their outstanding results in the University of Waterloo, Canadian Mathematics Competition and have been awarded Certificates of Distinction.

PASCAL CONTEST

Isabel Altamirano Diego Bernardez Lai Jaeha Chong, Lucy Kim Jioh Yi (recipient of school medal for highest mark)

CAYLEY CONTEST

Hudson Nock Chloe Taylor Xinrui Luo Marcus Yellowley Alyssa Eng (co-recipient of school medal for highest mark) Graydon Baker (co-recipient of school medal for highest mark)

FERMAT CONTEST

Diego Altamirano Xia Shangzhou Williams Zhang (recipient of school medal for highest mark)

EUCLID CONTEST

Zoe Zhang (recipient of school medal for highest mark)

Also congratulations go out to all the students who took part in the contests this past year!



S.T.A. MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Parents are urged to get instruments serviced at the beginning of the summer when the music stores are quiet, as opposed to the end of the summer when they are at their busiest.

SURAYA WINS THE PROVINCIAL "YES I CAN" AWARD

C ongratulations to *Suraya Pittalwala* for being awarded the "YES I CAN" award from the BC Council of Exceptional Children. This was given in recognition of *Suraya's* growth and development in the area of transition to adulthood and work experience. Here is an excerpt from the application for this award:

Suraya Pittalwala has successfully transitioned into an accomplished, independent young woman. In this last year at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School she has focused on work experience having graduated from grade 12 last year. She has blossomed into a focused, hard worker who is keen to take on new challenges and experiences in the work setting. Suraya completed a variety of work experiences including Mountainside Pre-School, The Pantry Restaurant and Shopper's Drug Mart.



NEWS FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Preliminary personal schedules will be mailed out to students at the end of August. If you have any questions regarding courses, if you require changes or if you are missing a block or course, please call the STA office (604-987-4431) **after** August 19 and make an appointment to see *Mr*. *Salituro* on one of the following days:

August 26	-	8:30 am—11:45 am, 1:00 pm—3:45 pm
August 27	-	8:30 am—11:45 am, 1:00 pm-3:45 pm
August 30	-	8:30 am-11:45 am, 1:00 pm-3:45 pm

GRADUATION WRAP-UP NEWSLETTER



Tith the wrap up of the official STA graduation events at the end of June, we would like to take time now to thank again the many people who helped in creating memorable moments for our graduates.

Thank you to *Miss Hughes* and *Mr. Keong* for organizing the Graduation Mass, the celebrants *Archbishop Miller, Fr. Giovanni, Fr. Horgan, Fr. Obiwumma, Fr. D'Souza, Fr. Lynn, Fr. Kurudeepan, Deacon Richard* and *Ms. Stevenson* for her work with the liturgy choir, *Mrs. Rebane* for her work with the Chamber Choir, *Mrs. Markwick* for her help setting up and transforming the

gym for mass, and *Mrs. Souza* and *Mrs. Lum* for coordinating the reception after Mass. Thank you also to the many grade eleven parents who served, cleaned and decorated the cafeteria for the event. Thank you to the sound crew for setting up the mass sound system and to grade 11 teachers, *Mr. Barber, Mr. Francis, Mr. McCaffery, Ms. Natola, Mr. Savage* and *Ms Treacy* who supervised their students and assisted with the candle procession. Thank you *Mr. Mendoza* who helped distribute grad gowns. Thank you to *Mr. Galat, Mr.Salituro* and *Mr. Christopher* who helped load gear into vehicles for transport to Broadway Church.

The Commencement Ceremonies took place again at the Broadway Church this year. Thank you to Fotografica Studios for their patience in taking the grad photos. Thank you *Mr. Horton* for being MC, *Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. C. Campbell, Sr. Denece* and all staff who presented. Thank you also to *Mrs. Thorpe* for speaking on behalf of the parents in her address to the students, and *Graydon Baker* for being accompanist. Thank you also *Yekta Saremi* for your lovely Valedictory speech! Thanks to *Mr. Galat* for his help with organizing seating, and assisting with rehearsal. Thank you *Mr. Campbell* and *Mr. Horton* for helping to pack and deliver items to the Church, *Mr. Florut* and *Mr. Cune* for manning the powerpoint, *Mrs. Stagnitta, Mrs. Paruzzolo, Mrs. Natola, Mr. Natola,* and *Mrs Morris* for greeting and guiding guests and distributing programmes. Thanks to *Mr. Cune, Mr Francis, Mr Domina, Mrs.Sibau, Mrs Hughes* and *Miss Hughes* for helping with the collecting and packaging gowns and *Mr. Lamasan* and *Mr. Barber* for helping load the bus with the trophies, podium, flags etc.

Grade twelves themselves are to be thanked and congratulated for the maturity, spirit and camaraderie they demonstrated at all Grad events. We enjoyed your enthusiasm, and appreciated the respect you demonstrated toward event times, and deadlines. Thank you parents for your cooperation in this regard!

Thank you to our office staff *Mrs. Dougan, Mrs. Brickell*, and *Mrs. Zainul* who handled questions and requests so graciously and to *Ms. Sibau* for her work on the invitation lists.

A great many awards were presented at Commencement and we are very grateful to *Mr. Salituro* for coordinating the Scholarships/Bursaries and Senior Awards committee. It is a year long process which requires much correspondence and organization. The graduates are the very fortunate recipients of his hard work.

The Dinner and Dance at the Pan Pacific was a great success and we thank MCs *Grace Lee* and *Josh Cox, Father Giovanni* for his prayer, and *Lisa Zhang* and *Luigi Sammarelli* for their toast to the parents. Thanks also to *Mr. and Mrs. Darby* for their toast to the grads. Thank you to *Marco Bernardez-Lai* for putting together the grad video which was enjoyed by all. The dance floor was packed with the tunes spun by *Mr. Vesco* – thanks for keeping things hopping! The evening continued on into the wee hours of the morning thanks to the gr.12 parents who organized an After Grad. Thank you *Mr. Slowey* for taking that on!

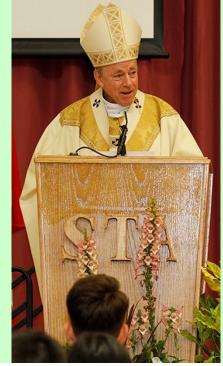
Finally, we look forward to working with next year's graduates in planning an equally fun and successful year!

Ms. Martins, Ms. Mattia, Ms Liang Grad Coordinators

Thank You

GRADUATION MASS











COMMENCEMENT

promote the graduating class on 2019. THOMAS Master of Ceremonies. THOMAS ST. THOMAS THOMA A OTTIINI.

n the evening of Friday, June 21, the Broadway Church in Vancouver was the site of the Grade 12 Commencement. The evening was beautiful and the location perfect as graduates, families, friends and staff gathered to

Monsignor Smith gave the Invocation, Principal John Campbell welcomed guests and Mrs. Kim Thorpe spoke on behalf of the parents. Ms. Mattia announced the names of graduates as they received their diplomas. Grade 12 student Yekta Saremi gave the Valedictorian speech. Vice-Principal Campbell announced the awards and scholarships. Vice-principal Horton was

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Congratulations

All graduation photos courtesy of Mr. Tim Horton

COMMUNITY NEWS

STA DRY GRAD



The STA Dry Grad Committee would like to thank the Trace Beverage Co. for their generous donation of bottled water for the Dry Grad celebration!

Trace Beverages are the world's first plant-based water, rich in antioxidants - available at IGA and London Drugs.



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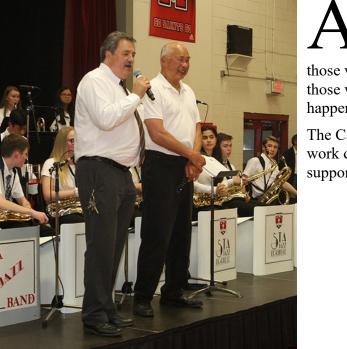
ARE YOU LOOKING TO ENJOY A CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY WITHOUT HAVING TO LEAVE YOUR HOME?

Become a Choice Homestay host family!

Choice Homestay is looking for families that can host an international student for this upcoming 2019-2020 school year. The homestay experience provides a complete and ideal immersion setting for students coming to Canada to study English at STA. Family interaction, cultural traditions, and community living offer aspects of the experience that can help the student adjust to life in Canada. If you or someone you know is interested in hosting an international student, please e-mail Jennifer Plachta at Jenniferplachta@choicehomestay.org



STA INTERNATIONAL NIGHT





nother successful International Night was held at STA on Friday, May 24.

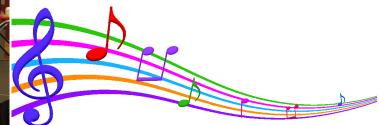
The volunteer families who hosted "National" tables, those who helped to organize, set up, take down, clean up, those who entertained and came out to enjoy, it could not have happened without you.

The Campus Ministry office is grateful and appreciative of the work done and the funds raised that evening as all profits support STA Campus Ministry projects throughout the year.





Photos courtesy of Mr. Tim Horton



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IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

3	First day of school
3	12 noon Grade 8 Connect Program
4	8-Block Schedule
6	3 pm Grade 8 Connect BBQ
11	Walkathon Assembly
16	7 pm Grade 8 Meet the Teacher Night
19-20	Staff Retreat School closed
26	School Mass
30	Orange Shirt Spirit Day





Staggered start times will take place for the various grades on September 3. Check the August Welcome Back Package for details.

Grade 8 students are invited to participate in the **Connect Program**, a fun introduction to student life at STA. Details in the Welcome Back Package.

The yearly Walkathon takes place on Wednesday, October 2. The Walkathon Assembly, on Wednesday, September 11, will be the official kick off for this fundraiser.

Weekly Mass takes place in the Convent Chapel, School Mass take place in the STA gymnasium.

Spirit Days are fundraisers for Campus Ministry projects. Students can donate to Spirit Day and wear casual clothing in the theme of the day instead of school uniform.

THE STA OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR THE SUMMER ON JULY 12 AND RE-OPENS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 19 AT 8 AM.

WELCOME BACK PACKAGES AND STUDENT SCHEDULES WILL BE MAILED OUT AT THE END OF AUGUST.

WATCH YOUR MAILBOXES IN ANTICIPATION.

USED UNIFORMS

STA used uniforms are available for sale through the school. If you have a uniform you would like to donate, please drop it off to the STA office.

Graduating students who no longer want their black sweaters, these are greatly valued and sought after. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Our new "Used Uniform" coordinator is *Rosa Helm*. Contact her at: 604-990-5124 if you would like to set up an appointment or ask a question about what she has in stock. Thank you Rosa for taking over this important task.



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