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## Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2019!

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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.... 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: www.aquinas.org. Please note the school office will be closed at noon on Friday July $12{ }^{\text {th }}$ and will re-open on Monday August $19^{\text {th }}$ at 9:00am.
On behalf of our office staff (Mrs. Barbara Dougan, Mrs. A ngela 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 Business Education Grace Lee
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<br>Fotografica Fine Arts Award Alyssa Duro<br>Holy Trinity Parish Council of the Catholic Women's Olivia Thorpe<br>League Scholarship<br>Sharp Performing Arts Scholarship Rebecca Krohman \& Hunor Szabo<br>Carruthers Family Bursary Raphael Plana<br>Life \& Justice Award Laura Harris<br>Michelle Robertson Campus Ministry Award Jessie Cabada \& Julie Wheeler<br>Andrea Buhler Memorial Award Alyssa Duro<br>Leo Desaulniers/Knights of Columbus Bursary Thomas Rieder<br>STA Parents Association Award Kiana Burran \& Emily Shaughnessy<br>STA Achievement Award Rozelle Abad, Nathan Corvera, Rebecca Krohman \& Michelle Nock<br>Dr. Tom Moonen Scholarship Josh Cox<br>Kiwanis Club of North Vancouver Jasroop Sarana<br>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<br>North Vancouver High School Education Foundation Jeffrey Eo<br>Art Creelman Memorial Scholarship<br>North Vancouver High School Education Foundation Thomas Thordarson \& Steven Brown<br>Warren G. Mayo Memorial Scholarship<br>North Vancouver High School Education Foundation Raphael Plana<br>Ursula Creelman Memorial Bursary<br>North Vancouver High School Education Foundation Luigi Sammarelli<br>Don Kay Memorial Bursary<br>A. W. Rowe Memorial Scholarship Pasley Vandermye \& Paul Moolan<br>Archbishop James Carney Award Julie Wheeler \& Thomas Thordarson<br>Seanna \& Nicole Strongman Memorial Scholarships Laura Harris \& Sofia Panzetta<br>Marilyn Williams Memorial Scholarship Hunor Szabo

# SCHOOL AWARDS 

GRADE 8
ACADEMIC See Honour Roll list on page 5
RELIGION Isaac Fediw \& Stephanie Kostamo
SPITIT Sophie Cox \& Dana Montoya
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
SELIGION Diego Altamirano \& Christine Weiss Michael O'Flynn \& Samantha Scalabrino
CITIZENSHIP Helene Hennig \& Adam Pizzolon

| JUNE 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 <br> GRADE 9

| 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 |

## JUNE HONOUR ROLL <br> 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 |  |


|  | JUNE 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 |

Names in bold denote First Class Honours ( $\mathbf{9 2} \%{ }^{+}$) 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.


| 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 |  | lbbott, 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


Thank 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<br>Top Junior Male Athlete Henry Cromack<br>Sister Gillis Award (Top Senior Female Athlete) Olivia Thorpe \& Pasley Vandermye STA Male Athlete Award (Top Senior Male Athlete) Luigi Sammarelli<br>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:

Mr. L. Salituro
Athletic Director

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


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 <br> Summer Volleyball Camp

Date: August 20 - 24
Time: $10 \mathrm{am}-$ 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: $1 \mathrm{pm}-3 \mathrm{pm}$
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: $3 \mathrm{pm}-5 \mathrm{pm}$
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: $3 \mathrm{pm}-5 \mathrm{pm}$
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

Grade 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.



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Another 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

Congratulations 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

Congratulations 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 $30 \quad$ - $\quad 8: 30 \mathrm{am}-11: 45 \mathrm{am}, 1: 00 \mathrm{pm}-3: 45 \mathrm{pm}$

## GRADUATION WRAP-UP NEWSLETTER



With 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



## GRADUATION MASS



## COMMENCEMENT

 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 promote the graduating class on 2019.

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 Master of Ceremonies.


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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## CHOICE HOMESTAY

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



Another 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.


| IMPORTANT DATES IN |
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| SEPTEMBER |$|$| 3 | First day of school |
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| 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 <br> Meet the Teacher Night |
| $19-20$ | Staff Retreat <br> 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.


## STA Newsletter Subscriptions

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