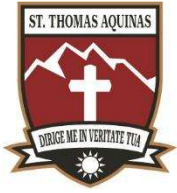


2025-26 Donor Impact Report





ST. THOMAS AQUINAS REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL
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Message from our Principal

June 2026

Dear STA Community,

It was Hercules who said *"The true measure of a hero isn't the power they possess, but the impact they leave on the lives of others."*

With the focus of this year's giving as Mission Possible, STA students felt the impact of your gifts. Whether it was volunteering your time in the cafeteria, helping at an event, coaching a team or a financial donation, your gift helped to:

- hold meaningful events which enhanced our community spirit;
- mentor and demonstrate Catholic leadership in clubs and team; and
- provide enhanced student learning and extracurricular opportunities which deepened our student's connection to learning and their school experience.

Keep reading to see how your giving had an impact on STA students.

Stay legendary,

Mieszko Krol
Principal

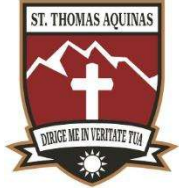
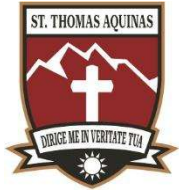


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Time & Talent Summary

Volunteer Hours Contributed: At the end of April, 171 parents volunteered their time for 6,859 hours. Thank you!

The work of all parents who support the school's mission through volunteering is immeasurable. Your contribution to building a vibrant STA community is more than parent participation hours.

The impact of **your participation results in:**

1. **Role modeling** – By participating in school activities, you're demonstrating the importance of community involvement and showing faith in action to your children.
2. **Building a stronger community** - Volunteering fosters relationships among parents, staff, and students, contributing to a more cohesive and supportive school culture.
3. **Stronger home-school connection** - Children often feel more motivated and secure when they see their parents engaged in their learning environment.



It's great to have women's field hockey back at STA. I coach the team because it is fulfilling to see these athletes find their confidence, and coaching is fun. The sport instills discipline, tenacity, grit, and the fight to compete hard as a team while building strong leadership skills. These traits will serve these athletes well in whatever their future endeavours might be."

Greg Smith, Grade 12 & 10 Parent

Giving Summary

Why is Philanthropy Important?

Giving financially to STA enables us to provide enhancements to student learning and extracurricular activities. Your gifts help us to bridge the gap between public funding and tuition. As an independent, Catholic school, STA receives 50% of the per-student funding ratio.

Your giving demonstrates to students the value of lifelong philanthropy: our ability to look outward and support causes and institutions that are aligned to each family’s core values.

STA was built on a legacy of philanthropy. Generations of parents, alumni, and grandparents gave before us so today’s STA students can enjoy the benefits of a Catholic education in a new building.

You are part of a legacy for future generations of STA students.

Overview of Giving

	2025-26 (\$)	2024-25 (\$)
Walkathon	58,097.00	55,155.95
Annual Fund	87,613.66	88,308.80
Campus Ministry (Spirit Days and International Night)	14,671.34	16,082.65

“Supporting STA is very important to our family because it is far more than just a school – it is a close-knit community that helps shape character, leadership, friendships, and lifelong values. We are deeply grateful for the dedication of the teachers, staff, coaches, and parents who work so hard to create an environment where students can grow both academically and personally.

We believe that giving back is one of the most meaningful ways to strengthen a community that has given so much to our family. We are proud to play a small part in helping STA continue its tradition of excellence and strong community spirit.”

– Amir & Sherry Sadath, STA Grade 8 Parents

Highlights

STA Giving & Gratitude Annual Fund

We know families have many options when they consider their giving. All gifts to the Annual Fund and Walkathon are received with gratitude, and 100% of the proceeds are invested in the current school year. All gifts are tax-receiptable.

As your family considers their giving strategy for the year ahead, please consider STA as one of those priorities for your donations.

Walkathon

This year, we saw a 5.3% increase in donor participation for the Walkathon. As a student-led initiative, the Walkathon is a great way to build school spirit and raise money for the year ahead. In addition, students learn about philanthropy as 10% of donations are set aside for their Grade 12 Grad Legacy Project



For more information about the Grad Legacy Project, click [here](https://aquinas.org/students/grad-legacy-project/).
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2025-26 Priorities

- Hudl camera to capture athletic games and STA events
- Increased indoor/outdoor furnishings
- Student audio equipment for morning announcements
- Increased TV monitors for student announcements
- Bus labelling for the new school bus
- Set of Chromebooks and cart



Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry provides students with opportunities to live out their faith. By participating in visits to The Door Is Open for example, we care for and support our neighbours in need locally and globally.

The local and global charities that STA supports include: Spectrum Mother's Support Society, CCBR, Development & Peace - Caritas Canada, Talitha Koum Society, Chalice Canada, Mejor Venezuela Society, Good Shepherd Ministry, The Door Is Open, and Associates of the Urban Poor.



Scholarship Program

With over 20 scholarships for Grade 12 students totaling \$60,000, STA graduates begin their post-secondary experience on a positive note through the generosity of our Scholarship Program donors.



"I enjoy volunteering because it keeps me connected to what's happening at the school and I enjoy having an active role in the community. I value the camaraderie with staff and other parent volunteers, and it's especially rewarding to see how our efforts positively impact the students' school experience."

Adela Nichols, Alumni & Grade 11 Parent

Parent Support Group (PSG)/Gaming Grants

Gaming grants are funds from commercial gambling revenues distributed by the provincial government to non-profit organizations, such as STA. Gaming grants are intended to enhance our students' extracurricular opportunities. A Parent Support Group (PSG) consisting of three STA parents oversees the distribution of gaming grants in consultation with the STA's Administration and staff. The PSG received \$12,060 from the provincial government for this school year. Funds can be carried over for 24 months.

Funds have been used to support:

Activity	Funds used
Funds for Dry Grad/After Grad party	\$3,930.00
German Club meeting and food	\$146.79
Icon Workshop - senior art students	\$1,280.00
Choir T-Shirts	\$1,674.24
Grade 8 Boys Basketball kit	\$5,271.00
Tea Club supplies	\$27.97
Funds for Grad Mass Reception	\$700.00
	\$13,030.00

“STA has given so much to our family since we arrived in 2019. To us, volunteering is a way to give back as well as providing us with a feeling of community. We volunteer to model good citizenship to our kids and for them to know they are fully supported in all aspects of their high school journey.”

Peter and Kerri Amat, Alumni & Grade 12/10 Parents

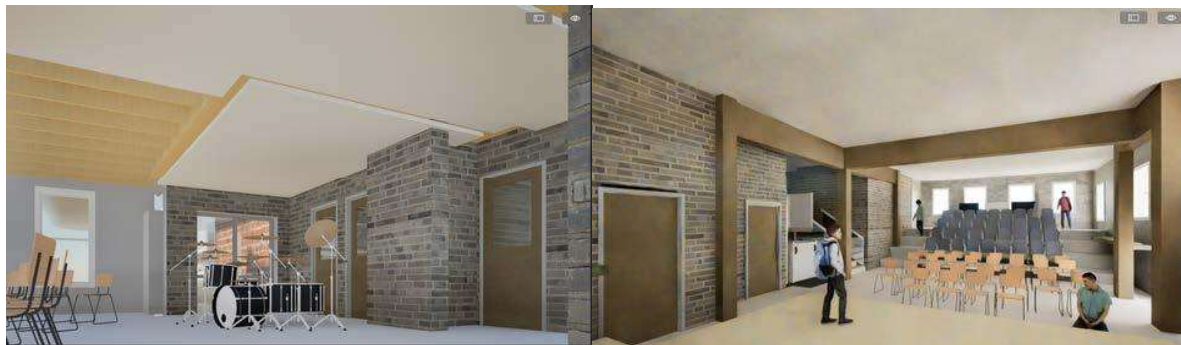
Campus Master Plan (CMP)

In 2015, STA embarked on a Campus Master Plan, beginning with the building of the new school. The CMP is divided into three (3) phases:

- Phase 1: Build a new school – completed in 2019
- Phase 2: Convent renovation
- Phase 3: The demolition of the old school, and building an activity field in its place

Phase 2 – Convent renovation

The Convent was built in 1932 as the regional headquarters for the Sisters of the Child Jesus as well as their member residence. To continue serving our faith and learning community effectively, STA must invest in renewed and expanded educational facilities that align with our mission and meet the evolving learning needs of today's students. Phase 2 reflects STA's enduring commitment to Catholic education, student enrichment and community inclusion, while preserving the building's architectural heritage.



This critical upgrade advances STA's strategic vision to expand arts programming - including music, drama and choir - within a dedicated facility and to increase student capacity. This project will also provide enhanced Evergreen Program space, six new classrooms, and new teacher workspaces, all within a campus that reflects the school's values and aspirations.

The plan is to fund this proposal from the following three sources:

1. Revenues generated through the rental of the old school to the entertainment industry
2. Donations from the STA community
3. Support from the RCAF through a loan

STA has been fortunate to rent the old school to the entertainment industry. Those funds, in conjunction with funds generated from school operations, were used to pay down the construction loan obtained for our current school. As of December 2024, six and half years after the school opened, that loan is fully paid - a major milestone for the STA community!

The cost of the project is \$16.7M.

Conclusion

Thank you again for being part of the STA community and believing in our mission to educate students in a Catholic-faith environment to reach their fullest potential. This report is a testament to all that we have accomplished together.

Don't forget to:

- **Volunteer** – Join us in making a difference. Donating your time, talent and treasure all has an impact on STA students. Learn more about volunteer opportunities [here](#).
- **Spread the Word** – Share our mission with friends and family. Bring them to STA events and help build our community.
- **Make a Gift** – Sustained support helps us plan for long-term impact. The Annual Fund is open year-round. Click [here](#) to donate.