



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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September 20, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The 2024/2025 school year is well underway and with it, the planning for Graduation. This letter is to inform you of STA Graduation events, which while months away, require much planning, particularly in terms of fundraising. The grade 12 activity fee paid in September includes: the purchase of the graduation gown, the cap and tassel, diploma, rosary, invitations and flowers. The Dinner and Dance represents the major end of year expense. To help defray some of this cost, the grade 12 students have sponsored several fundraising events.

The primary grade 12 fundraiser is the sale of Purdy's Chocolates. The profit earned by each student will be maintained in an account for him/her until year's end when these funds earned will be applied towards and thus reduce their Dinner and Dance costs.

The Purdy's Chocolate sale has been successful as it features the same high-quality product that is available in their retail outlets. However, it is the commission structure for this fundraiser that is most advantageous to students. Students receive 25% of their sales (once the total sales of the group reaches at least \$1000) and again, this is credited to the student's account. The Purdy's brochures will be issued shortly and orders arrive in early December. Another Purdy's sale will take place in time for Easter.

This year the STA Craft Fair will once again offer a fundraising opportunity for grade 12s. Grads can sign up for a two-hour shift in the Cafe and earn \$20 towards their account.

We hope you will encourage your son/daughter to take an active part in these fundraising endeavours as they go a long way in helping to offset the year-end graduation costs. You may contact us at the school to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

Graduation photos will be taken by Custodio Photographers Ltd. at their studio on Hastings in Burnaby. More information about booking sessions will be forthcoming.

Finally, and most pressing, please join us **Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm** for our very important grade 12 parent information meeting. We look forward to seeing you and providing you with details about the year. Mr. Salituro will also be presenting important grade 12 post-secondary information.

Look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mieszko Krol
Principal

Ms. D. Mattia
Graduation Coordinator