



# STA At-a-Glance

Week 10: October 28 -  
November 4, 2025

CALL OUT FOR CRAFT FAIR VOLUNTEERS



**STA 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & MARKET**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025  
10 AM - 4 PM**

**STUDENT & PARENT  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

## STA Christmas Craft Fair & Market – Volunteers Needed!

We're excited to host our 36th Annual Christmas Craft Fair & Market, featuring over 150 artisans and vendors. We'll be welcoming hundreds of visitors from our community to STA and need student and parent volunteers to make this event a big success! We have lots of vacant volunteer positions that need to be filled. Can you help out?

**Parents:** Please visit the [Parent Participation Portal](#) to sign up for volunteer positions. We are looking for volunteers specifically for:

- Kitchen help
- Admission
- Helping vendors to park and unload
- Information table

**Students:** Sign-up sheets have been posted on the 3rd Floor. Grade 12 students (only) can earn credits to decrease the cost of the "Grad Dinner & Dance" tickets. Listen for details in the morning announcements and sign up now.

Whether it's setting up, helping out during the event, or cleaning up afterwards, every helping hand counts! Thank you in advance for your support. Questions?

Email: [stacraftfair@aquinas.org](mailto:stacraftfair@aquinas.org)

## KUDOS



### Congratulations Swimming Team

While STA students were soundly sleeping on last Friday, the STA swim team was at school at 5:30 am as they travelled to Richmond for the Zones Swim Meet. Twenty eight swimmers represented the team with the following highlights:



- 17 swims placed in the top 16
- 9 new swim team records were made. Congratulations to Luisa B, Kinsey R, Katie J, Ivan L, and Jackson F
- 10 swims placed in the top 10
- 6 qualifying swims for Provincials
- 3 Swimmers qualify for Provincials
- STA placed 9th overall out of 36 schools, 5th place as a AA school, and was the 1st place North Shore school



Heading to Provincials are Grade 12 students: Ivan L, Ryan L and Owen H.

Congratulations to our Swimming Saints!

### Congratulations to the X-Country Team which competed at the Sea to Sky Zone Championships

The team competed against 40 schools from Vancouver, the North Shore, Squamish and the Sunshine Coast. The STA runners battled the wind, the rain, the cold, and the bears as they raced against the top schools. Special mention goes to Josh W, Massimo L, Jordan P, Aidan J and Audrey S who qualified for the BC Provincial Championships to be held in Nanaimo on November 1. Go Saints!!



**Congratulations to the Junior Boys Soccer** team for their 2-0 victory over Rockridge in the playoff quarterfinal! They have now advanced to the semifinals and will face Sutherland tomorrow. Good luck to the team!

## OFFICE UPDATES

## BC Post-Secondary Mini-Fair - tonight, October 28 at 6:30pm

Meet with recruitment officers from over 20 post-secondary institutions across BC.

Grade 11 and 12 students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

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### Halloween Safety and Spirit Day Reminders

As Halloween approaches, we encourage all students and families to celebrate safely. The RCMP has shared some helpful [Halloween safety tips](#) for trick-or-treating and community events - please take a moment to review them together.

This Friday, students are invited to participate in our **Halloween Spirit Day** by wearing costumes that are fun, **appropriate, and modest**. For safety and respect of our learning environment, please remember:

- **No masks** (faces must be identifiable)
- **No weapons or replicas** of any kind
- **Costumes should be respectful and school-appropriate**

Let's make it a safe and spirited day for everyone at STA!

For those participating in Spirit Day, students are required to donate a canned good or a minimum of \$2. Collections will be taken during first period. For those students who don't provide a donation, a full school uniform is required.

Students can enjoy the Haunted House organized by the Student Council, on the first floor. Participation warning: there will be flashing lights, a fog machine, smoke, and fake blood. Cost: \$2 (cash only).

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### Walkathon/Spirit Week Update

The results are in. Students surpassed their goal, raising a total of \$56,897.

Congratulations! Up next is Spirit Week running from **November 3-7**. A list of participants is posted on the Student Council board on the 3rd Floor. Students are encouraged to review the sheet to ensure their name is listed if they participated.

Students do NOT choose their Spirit Days.

Details

- Monday, November 3: One Spirit Day – minimum \$25
  - Tuesday, November 4: Two Spirit Days – minimum \$50
  - Wednesday, November 5: Three Spirit Days – minimum \$100
  - Thursday, November 6: Four Spirit Days – minimum \$150
  - Friday, November 7: Five Spirit Days – minimum \$200
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### myEducation BC Parent Portal Login

Term 1 Learning updates (ie report cards) will be released on-line on **Friday, November 7**. STA parents will be able to access their child's learning updates through myEducation BC's parent portal.

In order to access this information, please ensure your myEducation BC parent account is active. Please click on this [link](#) and complete the login information with your Login ID and password. Step by step instructions are [here](#).

Any questions, please send an email to the [office](#).



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Password

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Log In Request Account



Career Exploration Day  
November 24  
8:00 - 9:15 am

Speakers  
Invited



**STA Career Day for all Grade 12 students** is coming up on **Monday, November 24 from 8:00-9:15 am**. We are looking for panelists in the following fields:

- Healthcare
- Trades
- Hospitality/tourism
- Social work
- Recreation/sports

If you are open to discussing your career path and education with our students, we'd love to have you participate. Please click [here](#) to complete the google form. Questions? Contact us [here](#).

### Purdys Christmas Chocolate Sale on now!

Grade 12 students are selling Purdys chocolates as fundraising towards their Dinner Dance event in June. Yummy chocolate, gift giving and supporting a grad - it doesn't get any sweeter than that!

Click here for more [information](#).



### Graduation Photos by Custodio Photographers

Information about Graduation Photos has been emailed home. All **Grade 12s** need to book an appointment to have their photo taken. Click here for more [information](#).

Appointment times are available between **October 7 - November 5**. Book early to get your preferred time!

Click here to book your [appointment](#).



## Join the STA Sun Run Team for 2026

Exciting news, STA Parents, Guardians, Students and Teachers! We are gearing up for the 2026 Sun Run and YOU are invited to be part of our amazing STA Team! Here's your chance to get active, represent our school, and enjoy a fun challenge together. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just starting out, this is a great opportunity for everyone! Click on **Register Today** and then choose a **Team Division - Join a Team** (- Team Division - In Person 10K - YOUTH (18 and Under) and scroll to STA (High school) (Tony Domina) and

Access Code: **YNZCFE**. Special Pricing: Register between October 1 – 31, 2025, to get the lowest registration fee of the season! Everyone is welcome! Let's come together as an STA community, have fun, stay active, and show our school spirit on race day!

## The STA Annual Poinsettia Sale is here!

Once again, the STA Parent Association is proudly selling beautiful Christmas poinsettias, wreaths and seasonal arrangements. The funds raised will be used to improve and enhance STA student extra-curricular activities.

Please **visit** and place your order today.

The order deadline is **November 19** and pick-ups will take place on **December 4** and **December 5**.

We thank you in advance for your support.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October:

**28** - BC Post-Secondary Mini-Fair at 6:30pm

**29** - EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:00pm - 4 Blocks Day 2 Schedule (8:25am-1:00pm). Cafeteria will not be open for lunch.

**31** - Spirit Day - Halloween & Haunted House

### November:

**2** - The Door is Open

**2** - STA Christmas Craft Fair 10:00am - 4:00pm

**3 - 7** Spirit Week

**5** - Grade 9 "Take Our Kids to Work" Day

**7** - Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:10am

**7** - Student Interim Learning Update available on-line

**10** - SCHOOL CLOSED - Professional Development Day

**11** - SCHOOL CLOSED - Remembrance Day

**13** - Grade 8 Retreat trip (during school hours)

**13** - Parent Teacher Interviews at 3:30pm - 7:30pm

**14** - NO CLASSES IN SESSION - Parent Teacher Interviews at 10:00am - 5:00pm

**MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**



Fighting Saints Fall Playoff Update

The fall playoff season is officially here, with soccer leading the way! The **Junior Boys Soccer** team advanced to the semifinals after a strong quarterfinal win, while the **Senior Boys** take on West Point Grey Academy today at UBC in their playoff matchup.

All of our **Girls Volleyball** teams are wrapping up regular-season play this week, with important North Shore playoff seeding on the line for our Bantam, Juvenile, and Junior teams. The **Senior Girls** continue to dominate, securing the #1 seed for the North Shore playoffs and currently sitting atop the provincial AA rankings. The **Juvenile** Girls had a successful "Day at the Dome" on Sunday, highlighted by a big win over Walnut Grove. The **Junior Girls** battled hard at the Neil Salkus Tournament, showing great resilience after four matches in a single day. Meanwhile, the **Bantam Girls** continue to improve with strong performances, including recent victories over Windsor.

All home volleyball games are streamed live on our school **HUDL** page — check it out [online](#) or through the **HUDL Fan app** to cheer on the Saints from anywhere!

We're incredibly proud of all our student-athletes for their dedication both on the court and in the classroom. A special thank you goes out to our bus drivers Mr. Christopher and Mr. O'Toole for their ongoing support and for ensuring our teams get safely to and from practices, matches, and tournaments.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY



### **The Door Is Open - Sunday, November 2**

The **Door Is Open** is a Catholic Charities outreach service that provides meals and services to residents and transients in the Vancouver's eastside. Students prepare and serve a meal to those living on the downtown eastside while earning service hours. The school bus will depart from STA on **Sunday, November 2** at **9:00am** and return at approximately 1:30pm. Uniforms are not required. Students must register and submit a permission form with the Campus Ministry office. Spots are limited!

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### **Youth Alpha - Wednesday, October 29 at 1:00pm (due to early dismissal)**

The Alpha Youth Series is all about creating a space where you can explore your biggest questions about life and faith in a way that feels open, real, and respectful. It's a place where real conversations happen, and friendships can grow in an inclusive, welcoming environment. We will go through the series together as a team, discussing and learning about ourselves and our faith. Starting this Wednesday, come join us in the alumni room. Fr. Lucio from Holy Trinity parish and various other STA leaders will be there to support you! See Gabby R, Gaby M, Ephraim C, Paige K or Ms. Hughes if you have any other questions.

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## Candy Drive for Good Shepherd Ministry

On Friday, students will receive a brown paper bag in their first block class. Students are invited to bring this bag home, fill it with candy, and return it to the Campus Ministry office next week! We will make candy bags with a note for Good Shepherd Ministry Volunteers to distribute every night on the downtown eastside. Our candy donations allow the volunteers to show those living on the streets that they are not forgotten, that they are seen and cared for. Thank you for sharing your candy!



## All Soul's Day

All Souls' Day is also known as The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, which is **November 2**. This is a day of prayer for those who have died. Catholics are encouraged to pray for the faithful departed, to remember them, and to give thanks.

During the month of November, we will be offering our weekly school masses for the deceased loved ones of our community. We invite you to include the names of your loved ones at this [link](#).

## PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

### Help Needed:

- Christmas Craft Fair & Market - Oct 31 - Nov 2.
- Cafeteria - full time shifts available: Tue, Wed and Friday (11:30pm - 2:00pm). Please contact **Claudia Montagut** if interested.
- Traffic duty volunteers - full time shifts: mornings: Mon (8:45am - 9:30am) and Tue-Fri (8:00am - 8:45am) and afternoons: Mon-Fri (2:45pm - 3:30pm). If you are interested please contact **Karen Lo**.
- Parent Judges for the Grade 8 Science Fair - January 26, 2026 (your child doesn't need to be in grade 8 in order for you to volunteer)



Click [here](#) to sign-up and review the current opportunities in the portal.