



STA At-a-Glance

**Week 10: October 29 -
November 5, 2024**

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Congratulations to the **Sr Boys NSSSAA Soccer** League Champions. The team won the North Shore 'AA' Division Banner, placing first in league play with a record of four wins, no losses and three ties. The first place finish qualifies STA for the Sea to Sky Zone Championships which start on **November 5 at 1:15pm** at Fen Burdett Field and once again on Thursday, November 7. Go Saints!



Congratulations to the **XC Country team** who represented us well at the Zone Championships at Jericho Beach! Our senior boys team qualified for provincials, along with Jordan P. (Sr) and Declan O. (Jr) who earned individual berths. Way to go Saints!



STA's swim team wrapped up a short but intense season at the Sea to Sky Zone Meet at Watermania on Friday, October 25. Highlights of the season and meet include:

- 30 swimmers + 1 team photographer
- Two parent officials on deck: thank you to Karla Cheon and Gwen Rossen.
- 18 swims placed in the top 16
- 12 new STA Fighting Saints swim team records

in individual and relay events, and best times galore

- 9 swims placed in the top 10
- Four (4) qualifying swims for Provincials
- Two (2) Swimmers to go to Provincials
- Two (2) First Place finishes
- 13 hours school to pool and back
- One calm, cool, and collected bus driver - thank you, Mr. Christopher - on a very busy Friday night of traffic with multiple STA teams competing three bridges away from home!

Next up: Provincials! Congrats to the swimmers Owen H. and Ryan L. who will compete on November 15-16, 2024 on 50 Meter Free and Backstroke PARA.



Congratulations to the Sr Girls Volleyball team who will be seeking a NSSAA banner on Tuesday, **November 5 at STA 4:00pm and 5:30pm** games.

OFFICE UPDATES

The Saint Achievement award

We are pleased to announce the creation of two new STA awards. These will be:

- the top 25% of qualifying students in each grade
- the Subject Recognition awards to be awarded to the top academic students of each subject from Grades 8 -12.

In addition, we are keeping the athletic awards from previous years. Please click on the [link](#) to watch a short video on the new STA awards.



Attention Grade 12: Grad wear 2025 is now available for ordering!

Choose either a hoodie or crewneck, black or grey, AQUINAS or STA. Sample sizes are available to try on in the library. We would like to place the order soon so get your order form and payment in ASAP. Click here for order **form**.

myEducation BC Parent Portal Login

Term 1 Learning updates (ie report cards) will be released on-line on **Thursday, 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**.

Daylight saving - November 3

Millions of Canadians will notice their **clocks turn back by one hour**, marking the end of daylight saving time for this year. Dawn will come earlier in the morning, and darkness will loom sooner in the afternoon when standard time returns.

Lost and Found Collection

The Parent Association will display lost and found items on the second floor in front of the trophy cases from Monday, November 4 until Friday, November 7.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out the school [calendar](#) for these and other events

October

30 - Early Dismissal - 4 Block Day 2 Schedule (8:25am-1:00pm). Cafeteria will not be open for lunch.

30 - Halloween School Dance - POSTPONED

31 - Spirit Day - Halloween & Haunted House

November

3 - STA Christmas Craft Fair 10:00am - 4:00pm

3 - The Door Is Open

6 - Grade 9 "Take Our Kids to Work" Day

7 - Student Interim Learning Update available on-line

8 - School Closed - Professional Development Day

Halloween Spirit Day & Haunted House - Thursday, October, 31

As we approach Halloween's fun and excitement, we want to ensure that the celebration remains respectful and in line with the values we hold as a school community. With that in mind, we have established a few guidelines to help students choose appropriate costumes:

- Modesty first: Costumes should be appropriate for a school environment. This means covering shoulders, midriff, and legs to a respectful length (i.e., no short skirts, shorts, or revealing tops). If you're unsure, it's best to err on the side of caution.

- Avoid offensive themes: Costumes should not include violent, gory, or inappropriate content, including weapons, blood, or anything disrespectful of others' cultures, religions, or beliefs.
- No masks or full face paint: Students' faces should be clearly visible for safety and identification. Light make up is fine, but full masks or extensive face paint that obscures identity are not allowed.
- School-appropriate accessories: Avoid props or accessories that could be disruptive or dangerous, such as toy weapons or overly large items.
- Respect for all: Costumes should reflect the values of our school community, avoiding themes that mock, belittle, or stereotype others.

If Administration deems a student's costume inappropriate, the student will be advised to go home, change and return to school.

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. All proceeds from this day go to the STA Campus Ministry to supply food to the [Door is Open](#) and to St. Vincent de Paul Society. For those students who do not participate, 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).

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](#).

STA Christmas Fair & Market

The STA Christmas Craft Fair & Market is being held on Sunday, **November 3** and we are looking for parent and student volunteers. Parents can click on the Parent Participation Portal [here](#) to see the variety of roles including: cafeteria, book sale, raffle baskets, guest arrival and decor. Students can sign up at the front office to volunteer throughout the weekend.



Thank you for helping to make this a successful event.

The Door Is Open

[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 3 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 by **Friday, November 1**.

Attention Grade 9 Parents/Guardians: Take Your Kid to Work Day - Wednesday, November 6

An email to Grade 9 Parents was sent on October 17. Please register your child on the [link](#) by **November 1, 2024**. Any questions, please send an email to the [office](#).

PARENT PARTICIPATION

Crossing Guards Needed

We are seeking for crossing guards for before and after school shifts. Contact **Karen Lo** at karenytlora@gmail.com for more details or to confirm your participation. Thank you for your involvement!