



STA At-a-Glance

**Week 11: November 5 -
November 12, 2024**

KUDOS



The **Senior Boys Soccer** team is competing in the Vancouver Sea to Sky Zone Playoffs today and on Thursday **November 7** at Fen Burdett. Qualifying for the BC AA Soccer Provincials is the goal! Go Saints!

Good luck to the **Junior Girl Volleyball** team and coaching staff in their quarter final game **tonight at Argyle**. Match starts at **5:30pm**.

Go Saints!



North Shore **Senior Girl Volleyball Finals tonight!** Come cheer on our Senior Girl Volleyball at **4:00pm** vs Collingwood, and the final game at **5:30pm** vs Seycove or Chatelech.



Congratulations to Declan O. and Jordan P. who represented the school at the BC High School X-Country Provincial Championships held at Jericho Park in Vancouver on **November 2**. They raced against the best in the province and did very well.



Congratulations to the **Bantam Girls Red Volleyball Team!** These students are undefeated in league play and will be playing in the semifinals on **Wednesday, November 6** and hopefully the finals this week and next. Go Saints!

P.S. Valentina F. is missing in the photo.



STA Christmas Craft Fair

On behalf of the Parents Association, I would like to thank everyone involved with the 35th Annual STA Christmas Craft Fair and Market.

Our 2nd floor had lovely Christmas decorations and, along with our gyms, it was transformed into a shopping venue that featured a large selection of unique items for purchase from our 150 vendors. We would sincerely like to thank all the vendors and over 1400 community members

who came to support them. Despite the rainy weather, there was a steady flow of visitors, of all ages, all day long!

We appreciate all the generous used book donations from our school community. Our “Used Book Sale” went very well.

Once again, the famous “Raffle Basket” fundraiser was very popular with our guests. We are very grateful to everyone who donated prizes. Congratulations to all of our 72 raffle winners!

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and made this event a success by purchasing goods from vendors, enjoying delicious food from our cafeteria/school store, and buying raffle tickets! Thank you for all your support.

An event of this magnitude can only be successful when many people come together to do their part to help out. Thank you to all the parents, students, and staff volunteers who helped with everything from the advance planning, decorations/set-up, and everyone who volunteered for shifts Friday afternoon through Sunday night to make sure everything went smoothly, guests felt welcomed, and tasks were completed on time! (And, if you're one of many parents who stepped-up and signed up late Friday night for a volunteer shift – thank you so much! We appreciate you finding time to help!)

We wish to express our special thanks to the following individuals who offered their time and talent in exceptional ways:

Monica Barichello - Decoration

Teresa Moon, Romina and Daniel Villa Soto, Polly Samra, Phonix Liu - Cafeteria

Paola Plecko, Heather Patchell, Shen Li Bi - Raffle

Dorry Smith - Admissions

Patricia de Padua - PAC treasurer

Diana Larke - Bake-Book Sale

Hericka Piccinini - Permits

Leigh Oikawa - Finance

Gladys and Armanak Kashabashian , vendors

Mariannina Calabrese, flyer, advertising and communications

Chris Cristea, electricity and crafters helpers

Daniel Mosquera, Chris Cristea Signage

Catherine Cantas - vendors food orders and greetings

Daniel Villa, Mark Fatica - shuttle for vendors

Thomas Lam - clean up until the end and removed all the signs around school.

A special mention and thanks to:

School office staff and all staff members who supported us in various ways.

Ms. Atkinson - student volunteers

Custodians Allan and Gary who also helped vendors and assist us with a lot of different inquiries.

We appreciate your gifts of time, talent, and treasure in support of STA school.

We look forward to another successful event in 2025.

Sincerely, Paola La Pica (PA chair / Christmas Craft Fair Coordinator)

OFFICE UPDATES

Student Interim Learning Update available on-line - Thursday, November 7 in the MyEd BC Parent Portal

An email will be sent out to all parents on Thursday the end of the day. 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](#).

Parent Teacher Interview Sign Up

Parents are able to sign up for interviews online. Instructions will be provided with the report card published on Thursday, November 7. Please be sure to have your user name (student's last name) and password (PEN number found on the report card) in order to log in to the program.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be:

Thursday, November 14: 3:30pm – 5:00pm

5:40pm - 7:30pm

Friday, November 15: 10:00am – 5:00pm

Students are encouraged to attend interviews with their parents. There will be no classes for students on Friday, November 15.

Professional Development & Remembrance Day - Friday, November 8 & Monday, November 11

School will be closed for teachers professional development followed by Remembrance Day and Classes will resume Tuesday, **November 12** on a Day 1 schedule.



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](#).



Attention Parents of Graduating students to Yearbook message:

Would you like to leave an uplifting message for your graduating student in the 2024/2025 yearbook? Or be reminded of how cute they were as babies? The Media Arts class will soon be working on the grad section of the book. If you want to be included, we need the following by **12 November**, please:



1. A photo of the graduate as a baby. The resolution needs to be at least 300 dpi.
2. Your message, which should be no longer than 100 words.
3. Cash or a cheque made payable to STA.



The message and photo may be uploaded to the Grad 2024/2025 Google Classroom by your child or emailed

to okochan@aquinas.org, sawdon@aquinas.org or ctennyson@aquinas.org. Cash or cheques should be placed in an envelope marked Chantelle Oko, Carol Sawdon or Chloe Tennyson and left at the office.

Should you have any concerns, please feel free to email Carol Sawdon or Chloe Tennyson at the email addresses listed above.

Lost and Found Collection - now until Thursday, November 7

The Parent Association displays lost and found items on the second floor in front of the trophy cases.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

November

14, 21, 28 - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off: 8:00 - 9:00am

14 - Parent Teacher Interviews starting at 3:30pm

15 - School Closed - Parent Teacher Interviews starting at 10:00am

20 - Grade 11 and 12 - Career Networking Evening at 5:45pm

22 - School Closed - Professional Development Day

26 - STA Open House - 5:45pm doors open, 6:00pm Principal message

28 - Spirit Day - Twin 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, 2024** and pick-ups will take place on **December 4** and **December 5**.

We thank you in advance for your support.



Attention Grade 11/12 Students and Parents

Don't forget to register by **November 12** for the Career Networking Event on **November 20 at 5:45pm**. This is an opportunity for Grade 11 & 12 students to speak with over 40 professionals from a variety of industries about educational background and careers. Click on the link [here](#) to register.

Some of the people you'll meet include:

- a professional ballerina turned Brand

Ambassador for Aritizia

- a franchise owner who lived in Dubai and who is now the founder of a non-alcoholic wine business
- an architectural student turned kinesiologist turned illustrator/writer
- electrical engineer turned claims adjustor
- and more

We look forward to seeing you there.

ST. PIUS X
Elementary
School

Christmas Craft Fair

Join us for festive fun for the whole family!

Handmade crafts, unique gifts, baked goods, photos with Santa, school choir, hot brunch & refreshments, raffle, Scholastic book fair, and more!

Sunday, November 24

❄️ **10 AM - 2 PM** ❄️

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Month of Holy Souls - Praying for the souls of Loved Ones

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. During the entire month we pray for the souls of those who have died, especially those whom we have known and loved. Remembering them, praying for them, and giving thanks for them, pleases God, who makes use of our prayers to help purify these souls in Purgatory that He loves.

We invite you to include the names of your loved ones at this [link](#). We will pray for them at our Chapel and School Masses this month.

HALLOWEEN SPIRIT / HAVING FUN WITH BISCOTTI

