



# STA At-a-Glance

**Week 12: November 12 - November 19, 2024**

## KUDOS



18 - 20 at Burnaby Lakes Sports Complex. Good luck boys!

The **STA Senior Boys Soccer** team won the Sea to Sky Zone Championship last Thursday with a 1-0 win over Windermere Secondary from Vancouver. A big thank you to all the fans who came out to cheer on the Fighting Saints to victory. The 'AA' Provincial Championships are scheduled for November

North Shore trophy game: **Thursday, November 14** vs. Handsworth Royals at Fen Burdett at 3:15pm.

The **STA Junior Boys Soccer** team had a very commendable year as they assembled a team of Grade 8s, 9s, and 10s. Led by their captain Elye S., key veterans such as Adrian P. and Euan H., and stellar performances by Donovan M. and Massimo L., the boys represented the school well. Taking on some tough teams and even AAA schools, the Fighting Saints fought hard to secure a strong position in the playoffs even though they were eliminated in the quarter finals. We thank coaches Sam Boppart '18 and Mr. Grossling '94 for leading the boys to a very successful season.





The **Senior Girls Volleyball** team took part in a semi final and final game double header for the North Shore banner on Tuesday, November 5. Their first game was against Collingwood and they won the best of 3 games, 2-0, taking them into the final to compete for the North Shore banner. They played the final against a strong Seycove team, and once again won the best of 3 games, 2-0, winning the **North Shore**

**banner** for the second time in a row. Winning the North Shore banner has put them in competition for the Sea2Sky banner in which they will be travelling to Notre Dame on Wednesday, November 13. If they make the final of this competition that has 8 of the best teams in the Lower Mainland, they will have the chance to compete in provincials at the end of the month at Brentwood College.

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Congratulation the **STA Juvenile Girls Volleyball** team. After their victory against Windsor in the quarter-finals, the Juvenile Girls Volleyball team are not done with their season as they continue to fight in the zone playoffs. The girls are hungry for a win to claim a spot in the North Shore AA playoff finals on Wednesday, November 13 to play for the banner.

Next game: Today at 3:15pm, they are facing the Carson Graham Eagles in the semi-playoffs at Carson Graham Secondary School.



**Congratulations to the Top 10 X-Country Runners** who placed in the top ten on the North Shore. Well done!

Declan O. - Bantam Boys (Grade 8) placed 3rd

Audrey S. - Bantam Girls (Grade 8) placed 6th

Josh W. - Juvenile Boys (Grade 9) placed 4th

Xavier Z. - Bantam Boys (Grade 8) placed 7th

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## OFFICE UPDATES

**Parent Teacher Interviews - Sign Up**

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for **Thursday, November 14** (after school) and all day **Friday, November 15**.

In order to book your 10 minute interview times, please access this [website](#). 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. The site will be closed at 9:00am on Wednesday, November 13. Students are encouraged to attend interviews with their parents.

**There will be no classes for students on Friday, November 15.**

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### **STA Men's Hostel Ministry**

Earn Service Hours and provide for those in need by preparing food donations to the RCAV Men's Shelter. Drop off 12 sandwiches or 12 baked goods (individually wrapped) to the STA Campus Ministry office **8:00-9:00am** and log your hours on **Thursday, November 14**.

## **GRADE 12 GRAD NEWS**



**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](#). **Deadline** for ordering is **Monday, November 25**.

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### **STA Grad 2025 Purdys Christmas Sale**

**The Grad Class of 2025** is fundraising with Purdy's chocolates just in time for the holidays. Grads earn 25% of their total individual sales - this goes directly towards the cost of the Dinner Dance in June. To obtain a hard copy of the Purdy's Christmas Chocolate order form, click [here](#) and to order online, click [here](#). If prompted to join a campaign, the number is **8228**. Deadline for ordering is **Monday, November 25**. Pickup date is December 5.

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## Grade 12 Parents - 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 **November 20**, 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](mailto:okochan@aquinas.org), [sawdon@aquinas.org](mailto:sawdon@aquinas.org) or [ctennyson@aquinas.org](mailto: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](mailto:Carol.Sawdon@aquinas.org) or [Chloe Tennyson](mailto:Chloe.Tennyson@aquinas.org) at the email addresses listed above.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### November

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

**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

## PARENT ASSOCIATION / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### STA Parent Association Monthly Meeting

The STA Parent Association welcomes new and returning parents. **Thursday, November 14** at 9:00am at Alumni Room on the 4th floor.

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**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.

**Wanted: 28 Parent Judges for the Grade 8 Science Fair**

**Friday, January 24 8:00am-4:00pm**

Training for judges will be provided on the day of the event, as will morning snacks and lunch! While you do not need to have a background in science to be a wonderful science fair judge, this is certainly an asset. In addition to signing up on the **Parent Participation Portal** (Eight (8) Volunteer Hours), parents are also asked to email Ms. Treacy at [treacy@aquinas.org](mailto:treacy@aquinas.org) so that in mid-December she can email you a preview of the judging booklet. In that email, please also indicate the name of your Grade 8 son or daughter (if you have a child in Grade 8) so that we can ensure you don't evaluate your own child's project. If possible, please bring a calculator and a clipboard. Thank you!



Your child doesn't need to be in grade 8 in order for you to volunteer!