



STA At-a-Glance

Week 13: November 19 - November 26, 2024

KUDOS

The **2024 Swim Team Provincial Qualifiers** competed in last weekend's BCSS Provincial Championship Swim Meet, where there were 82 teams from across the province. Ryan L. and Owen H. each set personal best times in both Preliminaries and Finals. Owen's top finish was 4th place in 50m Back Multi-Class Para, dropping his time by an incredible 24 seconds, and narrowly missing the podium. He finished 6th in 50m Free Multi-Class Para. Ryan's top finish was 5th place in both 50m Free and 50m Back Multi-Class Para. Their swims resulted in STA's highest Men's Team Score in recent history, with a 7th place finish out of all 'AA' schools, and 27th overall! Congratulations, swimmers!



Thank you to our senior swimmers, Grade 12 students Sofia A. and Gabriel G. for organizing team signatures on the congrats cards as Owen and Ryan headed to provincials, and for their presentation to the provincial reps.



Our Vancouver Sea to Sky Champions (**Senior Boys Soccer** team) are on the 'AA' Provincial Championships now at Burnaby Lakes Sports Complex. They had a win and a loss at Provincials yesterday. The Saints play Byrne Creek today at 11:00am. A play off match will take place later in the afternoon. Good luck boys!

The **Senior Girls Volleyball** team are going to the Provincials at Brentwood College on **November 27-30**. It is the final step for the team and coaches, as they qualified with a victory over Vancouver Christian School at the Vancouver Sea to Sky qualifiers. Congrats!



Congratulations to the **STA Juvenile Girls Volleyball** team. After four hard-fought sets against Argyle, the team won first place in the North Shore zone! This continues the streak of the team's zone banner for the fourth year in a row. The athletes continue their season this week with Provincials, starting with two matches in their pool on Thursday, **November 21** at Delta Secondary School.

Congratulations to the **Bantam Girls Red Volleyball** team who beat Carson Graham and won the North Shore banner. They're off to the Gr. 8 Girls BC Provincial Volleyball Tournament on **November 21-22**. Go Saints go!



OFFICE UPDATES

STA Men's Hostel Ministry

Earn Service Hours and provide for those in need by preparing food donations to the RCAF 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 21**.

Professional Development - Friday, November 22

School will be closed for teachers professional development and classes will resume Monday, **November 25** on a Day 2 Late start schedule.

GRADE 12 GRAD NEWS



Attention Grade 12: Grad wear 2025 available now and UNTIL Monday, November 25

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**.

STA Grad 2025 Purdys Christmas Sale - UNTIL Monday, November 25

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

November

29 - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off: 8:00 - 9:00am

29 - Spirit Day - Twin Day

December

1 - Door is Open

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.



JOIN US – OPEN HOUSE
November 26 | 6:00 pm
Applications now open
until November 29, 2024
aquinas.org



Do you have friends or neighbours who are considering a new school for September 2025? STA will be hosting its Open House on **Tuesday, November 26** and is accepting applications for new students up until November 29.

Visitors will have the chance to visit with teachers and interact with students to experience the STA Advantage. Highlights of the evening include: clubs tables in the gym, band performances, and opportunities to speak with our Academic Advisor, Athletics Director and PHE/Academies/Kaizen Department Head.

Registration is not required. Doors open at **5:45pm** with Opening Remarks by Mr. Krol at **6:00pm**.

PARENT ASSOCIATION / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

Click on the [Parent Participation Portal](#) to register for the opportunities below:

Winter Art Show

Friday, November 22 - Winter Art Show Set up, Concession: 2:00-5:00pm and 5:00-8:00pm.
Saturday, November 23 - Winter Art Show, Concession: 8:00-12pm, 12:00-3:00pm and 3:00-6:00pm.

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!

The poster features a background of vibrant red poinsettias. At the top left, the text "ST. THOMAS AQUINAS ANNUAL" is written in a dark red, sans-serif font. To the right of this text is the school's crest, which includes a cross and the motto "VERITAS LIBERABIT VOS". The main title "Poinsettia SALE" is prominently displayed in the center, with "Poinsettia" in a large, elegant cursive script and "SALE" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the title, the text "ORDER ONLINE BY NOVEMBER 19" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the website "aquinas.growingsmilesfundraising.com" is listed in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the poster, the text "PICK UP DECEMBER 4 AND DECEMBER 5" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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The STA Annual Poinsettia Sale is here -

Last Day to Order tonight!

The STA Parent Association is proudly selling beautiful Christmas poinsettias, wreaths and seasonal arrangements. Proceeds from the sale 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**.
