



STA At-a-Glance

**Week 14: November 25
- December 2, 2025**

STA GIVING & GRATITUDE ANNUAL FUND

Priorities for **2025-26**

Indoor/Outdoor Furnishings



New Chromebooks



Additional TV Monitors



Hudl Camera



From mild-mannered parents to superheroes, your gift to the STA Giving & Gratitude Annual Fund has an immediate impact on STA students, and helps to bridge the gap between tuition and government funding. All gifts are received with gratitude and are tax-receiptable.

As enrollment continues to increase, the school's requirements for students also changes. This year, we are focused on providing enhancements to meet those growing needs.

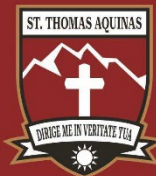
Thank you for being part of Mission Possible. Click [here](#) to make your donation today.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Do you have friends or neighbours who are considering a new school for September 2026? STA will be hosting its Open House on **Tuesday, December 2**.

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.

- 5:30 pm - Doors open
- 6:00 pm - Principal's Remarks by Mr. Krol
- 6:15 - 8:00 pm - School tours/meet the teachers.



JOIN US – OPEN HOUSE
December 2 | 6:00 pm

Applications now open
until December 5, 2025
aquinas.org



A SEASON TO CELEBRATE!



The **Juvenile Girls Volleyball** team had another very successful season! Each player brought their individual talents and strengths and grew exponentially throughout the season. After winning all their regular season and playoff games, the girls went on to win their second consecutive title as winners of the North Shore district. This also earned

coach **Tamara Spence** her fifth consecutive banner for this grade.

Special appreciation goes to our incredible **coach Tamara Spence** and **assistant coaches Ericka Reyes** and **Chris Spence**, for their leadership and dedication.

Last weekend, the team travelled to Surrey to compete in Provincials. The girls finished strong in **7th place** after a hard-fought battle in their second day in playoffs. **Making top 10 in British Columbia** is an incredible feat! Congratulations on a wonderful season, girls.

OFFICE UPDATES

Attention Gr. 8 and 9 students only- Trimester 2 Starts on November 25 and 26

Trimester 1 for Grade 8 and 9 students has now concluded: on Friday, November 20 for Day 1 electives and Monday, November 24 for Day 2 electives.

Students will begin their **new elective** (Career Education, Art, Drama, or ADST) on:

- Tuesday, November 25 for Day 1 classes
- Wednesday, November 26 for Day 2 classes

Please note that these dates do not apply to those students in Band, which is a full year course. Student schedules are available on MyEd. A printed copy showing their previous T1 course and their new T2 course elective has been given to each student.

Final marks and comments for these courses will be published on myEd BC parent and student portal on Friday, December 5.

School Photos

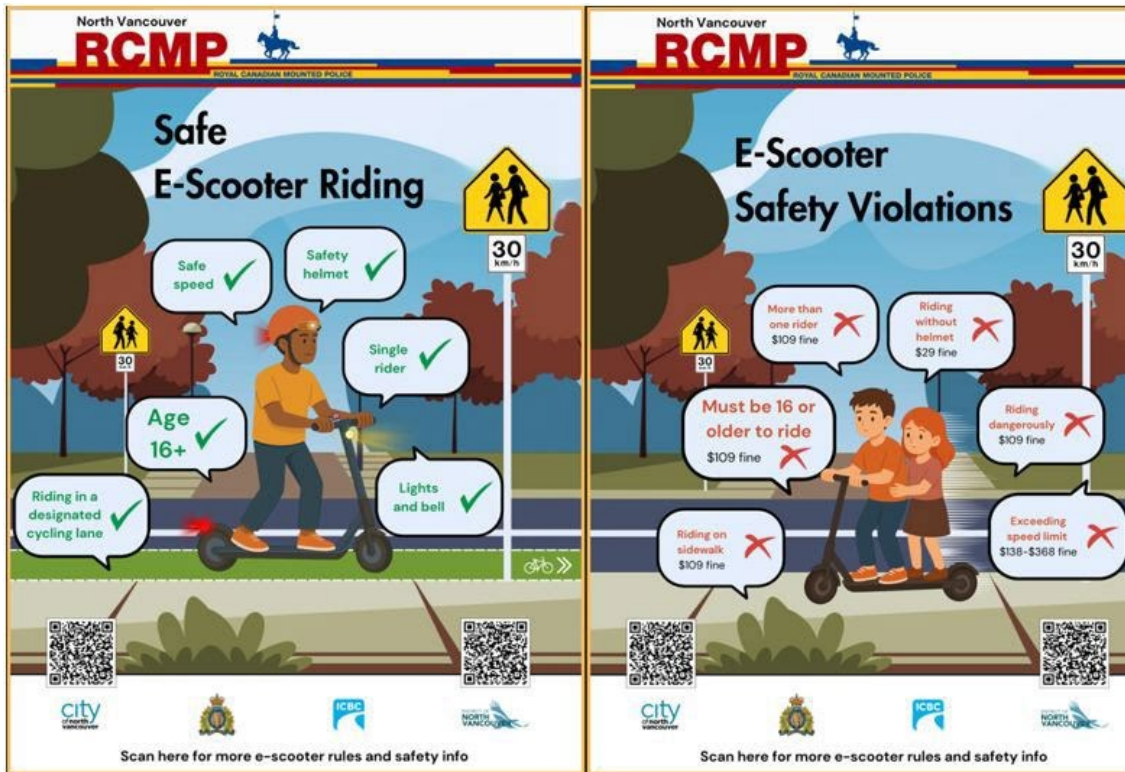
For those parents who ordered school photos from **Custodio Photographers**, the students received their photo packages during H block yesterday.

If you have any questions about the school photo, please contact Custodio Photographers at custodioschools@gmail.com

Message from the RCMP Youth Support Team

It's important for parents to speak with their children about safe and responsible e-riding.

Families should be aware that there is a **provincial age limit for riding e-scooters (16yrs+) and specific safety requirements** should be followed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

VANCOUVER
Orpheus
MALE CHOIR

with the
**St. Thomas Aquinas
Secondary School Choir**
the Work of Christmas
a Choral Concert

**Friday, Dec 12, 2025
at 7:30 pm**

Mount Seymour United Church
1200 Parkgate Ave, North Vancouver

**Tickets \$30 Students \$20
under 12 free**

available at the door or on line at
www.vancouverorpheus.org

BRITISH COLUMBIA
Supporting the Peace of British Columbia

- November:**
- 28** - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off at 8:00 - 9:00am
- December**
- 2** - STA Annual Open House
 - 7** - The Door Is Open
 - 9** - Christmas Concert - Art Exhibition
 - 12** - STA Concert Choir with Orpheus Men's Choir at Mount Seymour United Church
 - 19** - Pro - D Day - SCHOOL CLOSED



On Friday November 21, the Grade 9 band performed at the **Annual CISVA Jr. Concert Band Festival** at the new facility at Holy Cross in Surrey. The students met up with other CISVA Grade 9 band students, performed for each other and collaborated in a mass band together. It was an engaging and fun time.



Career Exploration Day

Over 40 professionals consisting of alumni, parents and community leaders shared their education and career journeys with Grade 12 students on Monday, November 24 as students consider their post-secondary options.

Special thanks to alumni Diego Grossling '13, Gabriel Ip '08, Jordan Schneider '17 and Aubrey Ventura '23 for their participation.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Youth Alpha - Wednesday, November 26 at 3:15pm

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.





Candy Drive - Thursday, November 27

Everyone is welcome to help make the candy bags for Good Shepherd ministry from our Halloween candy drive! We'll be working on them Thursday after school in the cafeteria! There is lots of candy to sort and lots of bags to put together for those in need!

STA Men's Hostel Ministry - Friday, November 28 at 8:00 - 9:00am

Thursday morning we will begin our food collections for the Archdiocese of Vancouver's shelter. This is your opportunity to feed the hungry and help those in need by making sandwiches or baked goods at home. Then bring the food you make at home to the **STA Campus Ministry office** before school starts on Thursday. You can make as many as you like, 12 sandwiches or 12 baked goods equals 1 service hour. Please individually wrap each sandwich or baked good, and they **MUST** be home made to receive service hours. Thank you for your generosity in feeding the hungry!



The Door Is Open - Sunday, December 7

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, December 7 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.



PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Help Needed

- **Open House** Parent Association Table and Food/Refresher Volunteers on Dec 2nd
- We are looking for a full time volunteer to help **wash/clean the school bus** a few times per month. There would be two of you, and we are preferably looking for a male helper. If interested in finding out more please contact [Carmen](#)
- The **landscaping team** is looking for a part-time volunteer (min 3hrs/month) to ensure that the gardening equipment, fuel and supplies are in good working order. Commitment is from February-November each year. All associated costs are reimbursed. Please contact [Kathleen Jessop](#) for more information
- **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.

