



# STA At-a-Glance

**Week 14: November 26 -  
December 3, 2024**

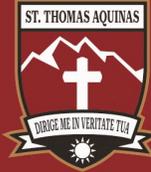
## STA OPEN HOUSE



Do you have friends or neighbours who are considering a new school for September 2025? STA will be hosting its Open House **today, November 26** and is accepting applications for new students 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 **5:30pm** with Opening Remarks by Mr. Krol at **6:00pm**.



**JOIN US – OPEN HOUSE**  
November 26 | 6:00 pm  
Applications now open  
until November 29, 2024  
[aquinas.org](http://aquinas.org)



## STA GIVING & GRATITUDE ANNUAL FUND

**STA's Annual Fund** is an opportunity for us to harness the participation of our entire community in order to provide students with the resources and tools they need to reach their potential. Please consider a donation to this year's fund and help us bridge the gap between government funding and tuition. Take a [listen](#) to what our students have to say. Click here to [donate](#).



## KUDOS



Congratulations to the **Bantam Girls Red Volleyball** team on their 5th place finish at the BC Provincials this past weekend. These students had a tremendous season finishing first in their league and then winning all but one match at the Provincials. Thanks to coach Mari Friend and Colleen Stevenson. Congrats to Bantam player Zoie S. who was selected as a Team All Star. Congratulations to the Bantam Volleyball Red team!



After winning the North Shore and Vancouver Sea to Sky Zone Championship, **STA's Senior Boys Soccer** team competed in the "AA" Provincial Championships at Burnaby Lakes Sports Complex on November 18 - 20. After dropping their first game to Brentwood College (0-3), the Fighting Saints bounced back with three impressive wins over South Kamloops (5-3), Byrne Creek (3-0) and L.V. Rogers (4-1). The final 5th/6th game against Langley Fundamental ended in a 1-1 draw, but a shootout loss meant a 6th place finish in the 16 teams provincial tournament (out of 81 schools). Special recognition goes out to Marco F. in Grade 12 in being recognized with the Commission's Super Sixteen All-Star award. Special thanks to Head Coach Fernando Grossling and Loui Salituro for their fine work with the team.





Congratulations to the **STA Juvenile Girls Volleyball** team - North Shore Schools Champions placed 11th in BC after two long days of volleyball in the South Surrey / South Delta area. Thank you Tamara and Chris Spence - coaches and Ericka Reyes - sponsor for the notable service given and for the fine representation of our school.

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The **Senior Girls Volleyball** team are going to the Provincials at Brentwood College on **November 27-30**.

We wish Head Coach Chris Spence, staff sponsor Mr. Christopher, parent-chaperones and our Sr Girls Volleyball team the very best at the Provincial "AA" Championships at Brentwood College School in Mill Bay this Wednesday through to Saturday. Go Saints go!



On Friday November 22, the Grade 9 band performed at the **Annual CISVA Jr. Concert Band Festival** at Holy Cross in Surrey. The students met up with other CISVA Grade 9 band students, performed for each other and collaborated in a massed band together. It was an engaging and fun time.

## 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 **Friday, November 29**.

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### School Photos - Coming Home today

For those parents who ordered school photos from **Custodio Photographers**, the students will receive their photo packages during D block today and bring them home. If you have any questions about the school photo please contact Custodio Photographers at [custodioschool@gmail.com](mailto:custodioschool@gmail.com)

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### 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, December 1 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 29. Spots are limited!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**November**

**29** - Spirit Day - Twin Day

## December

**10** - Christmas Concert (Choral and Band) and Art Exhibit at 6:00pm

**12, 19** - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off: 8:00 - 9:00am

**16** - Christmas Drama Performance at 7:00pm

**18** - Spirit Day - Xmas Pyjama Day

**20** - School Closed - Professional Development Day

**21** - Christmas Break. School Re-opens Monday, January 6

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## Grade 12 Parent Grad Committee Christmas Online Auction

The Grade 12 Parent Grad Committee is thrilled to announce our Christmas Online Auction Fundraiser! This event is the primary fundraiser for this year's graduates, with all proceeds going towards their much-anticipated grad celebrations.

Thank you for joining us in making this year's graduation celebrations unforgettable. Your support truly means the world to us.

The Auction will run from **November 28 at 5:00pm** until **December 5 at 11:00pm**. Auction Link is [here](#).

Merry Christmas to all the wonderful families at STA! Your 2025 Parent Grad Committee

## PARENT ASSOCIATION / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

Click on the **Parent Participation Portal** to register for the opportunities below:

### Crossing Guards Needed

We are seeking for crossing guards for before and after school shifts. Contact **Karen**

**Lo** at [karenytlora@gmail.com](mailto:karenytlora@gmail.com) for more details or to confirm your participation.

### Cafeteria

- Part time opportunities available for December. Please go to the **Parent Participation Portal** to sign up.

- (3) Full time volunteers are still required, shifts available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 11:30am to 2:00pm and Wednesday from 12:30 to 3:00pm. Contact **Claudia**

**Montagut** at [clamonmar@gmail.com](mailto:clamonmar@gmail.com) to sign up.

Thank you for your involvement!

## COOKING CLUB

The **STA Cooking Club** successfully made a delicious batch of Chili con Carne on Monday night, as well as a simple garlic bread to go along with it. Spices, onions, tomatoes and beef came together, and the many chefs made the warming dish a success!

Matias G. making garlic bread, and Mikael J. cleaning up a bit of a spill. Even experienced chefs have to fix some mistakes sometimes!

