



STA At-a-Glance

**Week 16: December 10 -
December 17, 2024**

OFFICE UPDATE



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

The student art exhibition will open at 6:00pm in the second floor foyer, followed at 7:00pm with the Christmas Band and Choral concert. The Art Exhibit showcases the learning and expression that has occurred in the art studio throughout the fall term in Art 8, 9 and Art Studio 10, 11 and 12. The Band and Choral performances will entertain as you listen to both the sounds of the Concert and Jazz Bands and the beautiful harmonies of the Concert Choir.

January 2025 Exam Schedule - January 17-24, 2025

The mid-term exam schedule, including expectations, has been posted on the [website](#). Grade 8 and 9 students are expected in their respective classes on Friday, January 17 and Monday, January 20. All other classes will not be in session during exam week. Students should contact Mr. Salituro at salituro@aquinas.org, or at the school office, in regards to any exam conflicts.

Spirit Day - Christmas Pajama Day - Wednesday, December 18

Students can come dressed in Christmas Pajamas in exchange for a canned good or \$2+. Collections will be taken during the first block and all proceeds go to the STA Campus Ministry. For those students who do not participate, full school uniform is required.

KUDOS



Big Ticket Tournament celebrates the start of the school season and showcases the best youth girls basketball that BC has to offer. Congrats to **STA Grade 9 Girls Basketball** team who made it to the Championship Final at West Vancouver Secondary School on Saturday, December 6. Thank you to our STA Coach Martin (pictured with Mr. O'Flynn) and Coach Verdargon.



Our **STA Senior Girls Basketball** team took their talents to Vancouver Island at the Duncan Christian Tournament this past weekend. The girls played well, and spent lots of quality time together. Highlights include the delicious treats from the local Chemainus bakery, and Christmas music on the long bus ride!

The **Bantam Girls Basketball** team had a great time at the Carson Graham Tournament on November 29-30 placing third overall. Their league games are off to a strong start, and are currently undefeated.



Congratulations to the **STA Senior Boys Basketball** team who played Howe Sound A and B and Sentinel basketball teams where they won Bronze on December 6-7.



Find our **STA Tree** in the Forest of Miracles at the **Dundarave Festival of Lights** as we work together to end homelessness beautifully. Each tree represents a donation to the Lookout Society's North Shore Shelter. Find our tree by the Beach House restaurant and you can join in our donations at this [link](#).

On Monday morning, the REC and Administration had the opportunity to thank the **Craft Fair Volunteers** with breakfast in their honour. We appreciate the endless time and energy that this talented team brought to the event. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



UPCOMING EVENTS

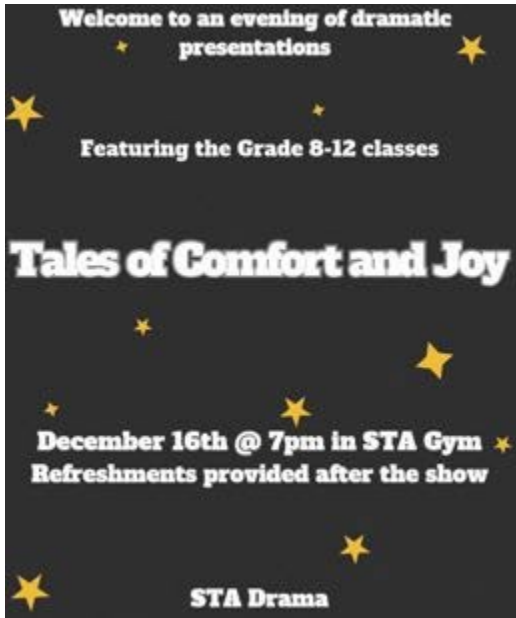
Check out the school [calendar](#) for these and other events

December

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

20 - School Closed - Professional Development Day

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



Christmas Drama Performance - Monday, December 16 at 7:00pm

Our vibrant Visual and Performing Arts Department will be presenting the Christmas Drama Evening in the gymnasium. Grades 8-12 drama students will be performing short plays that highlight their learning from the fall term. All are welcome and we hope you enjoy these entertaining and diverse performances.

STA CAMPUS MINISTRY



The Chapel

Many parents have never seen the school's chapel. The chapel is located on the main floor in the school's convent wing and was originally the chapel for the Sisters of the Child Jesus from 1932 to 2000. Featured on the walls are beautiful icons which have been purchased over the last eight years. These icons have been written (painted) by Andre Prevost, a noted iconographer. Andre, a former STA teacher, is the artist responsible for the paintings in St. Edmund's Church. The chapel icons have been made possible over the years by grants from the Parent Gaming Committee, the Parent Association, Campus Ministry, the STA Giving and Gratitude Annual Fund, the STA Religion Department, and various grad classes. In the coming months, each of the chapel icons will be featured in the STA At-a-Glance

Newsletter. The first icon to be displayed is of St. Juan Diego, who Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to in 1531. He is the patron saint of all Indigenous peoples in the Americas, and his feast day is December 9.

On **Thursday, December 12** we are celebrating the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!** The cafeteria will be serving Mexican inspired dishes and each student will receive a prayer card to celebrate this feast day!



<p>DOOR IS OPEN RCAY MEN'S SHELTER HARVEST PROJECT COVENANT HOUSE</p>	<p>DAY 1 - DEC 2ND TOYS</p> <p>DAY 2 - DEC 3RD BACKPACKS & CROSSBODY BAGS</p> <p>DAY 3 - DEC 4TH HOODIES (TEENS & ADULTS)</p>	<p>SPECTRUM MOTHERS SOCIETY GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY NORTH SHORE FAMILY SERVICES QUEEN MARY HAMPERS</p>
<p>DAY 4 - DEC 5TH SWEAT PANTS (TEENS & ADULTS)</p> <p>DAY 5 - DEC 6TH BABY ITEMS (DIAPERS, WIPES, ETC)</p> <p>DAY 6 - DEC 9TH SOCKS, UNDERWEAR, & T-SHIRTS</p>	<p>12 DAYS OF GIVING</p> <p>HELP US CARE FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED BY BRINGING IN NEW ITEMS TO GIFT!</p>	<p>DAY 7 - DEC 10TH WINTER ACCESSORIES (TOQUES, GLOVES, SCARVES)</p> <p>DAY 8 - DEC 11TH HYGIENE ITEMS (FULL SIZE TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, ETC)</p> <p>DAY 9 - DEC 12TH COFFEE & TEA</p>
<p>DAYS 1 - 5 1 ITEM = 1 SERVICE HOUR</p> <p>DAYS 6 - 12 3 ITEMS = 1 SERVICE HOUR</p> <p>SUGGESTED VALUE PER SERVICE HOUR = \$10 - \$30</p>	<p>DAY 10 - DEC 13TH WRAPPED CHRISTMAS GOODIES (CHOCOLATES, COOKIES)</p> <p>DAY 11 - DEC 16TH BOX OF GRANOLA BARS</p> <p>DAY 12 - DEC 17TH BOX OF CEREAL</p>	<p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL DONATIONS OF NEW ITEMS!</p> <p>WITH EACH DONATION YOU ARE BRINGING GOD'S LOVE TO THOSE IN NEED!</p>

12 Days of Aquinas Christmas Giving

The 12 Days of Giving continues this week. Most of the items will be donated on Friday, December 13 so make sure to get your items in early! Prepare your hearts for Christmas by caring for our neighbours in need this advent. Bring in new socks, underwear, toques, gloves, hygiene items, coffee, tea, and treats. Drop your items off at the campus ministry office.

Thank you for your support!

Advent Candle Light Masses

Students and their families are invited to our school chapel to celebrate the season of Advent with morning Masses by candlelight on **Thursdays, December 12 and 19 at 7:30am**. Take a little bit of time this advent to encounter God's love and receive his peace in the quiet as we focus on how his light overcomes the darkness of our lives. The Mass is only lit by candles to turn our focus to Mary bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world.



PARENT ASSOCIATION / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

1. Crossing Guards Needed

We are seeking for crossing guards for before and after school shifts. Contact **Karen Lo** at karenytlor@gmail.com for more details or to confirm your participation.

2. Cafeteria

- Part time opportunities available for December.

- (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 to sign up.

3. Volunteers needed for December 16 (Christmas Drama Production)

Baked Goods

Students and parents can earn volunteer hours by providing **homemade** baked goods. One dozen baked goods = 1 hour volunteer time. Drop the baked goods to the school office during the day or to the cafeteria between 5:00 - 7:00pm. There is no limit to the volunteer hours the students can earn.

Refreshment Station Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to setup, serve and clean-up for the event from 5:30 - 9:30pm. Thank you for your involvement!