



# STA At-a-Glance

Week 18: January 7 -  
January 14, 2025

## KUDOS



**Speech Arts 2024** was truly a remarkable event. The speeches showcased a wonderful diversity of topics, highlighting the breadth of talent and perspectives within the student body. The vulnerability of the speakers, who bravely shared personal stories and insights, was deeply admired by all. The student audience was incredibly respectful, creating a supportive and encouraging environment. A heartfelt thank you to all the English teachers, staff, and students who worked together to

make this memorable production possible. Your efforts truly made this event unforgettable!

The **Juvenile Boys Basketball team** finished off 2024 at the Rich Goulet Memorial Tournament in Pitt Meadows just before Christmas. In the opening game, the boys played a close game against the defending provincial champions, Holy Cross. They lost by 13 points, but it was Holy Cross' closest game at the tournament by far. The boys finished off Day Two of the tournament with convincing wins over Earl Marriot (Surrey) and North Surrey. The team's record stands at 7-4 heading into the back half of the season, which resumes on Wednesday with a home game vs Sutherland, followed by the Gleneagle Tournament in Coquitlam this weekend. Come out and support the boys as we march toward the playoffs. Go Saints go!



## OFFICE UPDATE



### **STA Men's Hostel Ministry - Thursday, January 9 at 8:00 - 9:00am**

Earn Service Hours and provide for those in need by preparing food donations to the Men's Shelter. Drop off 12 sandwiches or 12 baked goods (individually wrapped) to the STA Campus Ministry office and log your hours.

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### **STA Ski & Snowboard Club - Friday, January 10**

This Friday marks STA's first Ski and Snowboarding Club's session on Grouse Mountain. Parents of student participants are reminded to sign the mountain's waiver and students are encouraged to post photos on the Ski Club's Google Classroom.



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### **Spirit Day - Friday, January 10**

Students can come dressed in Camouflage Themed or green clothing 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.

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### **Exam Week: January 17-24**

1. Make a plan
2. Ask for help
3. Visit the Counselling Department to manage stress

### **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](mailto:salituro@aquinas.org), or at the school office, in regards to any exam conflicts.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

### **January**

**9, 16 and 24** - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off: 8:00 - 9:00am

**24** - Grade 8 Science Fair



**Physical Geography 12 Grand / Antelope Canyon Trip Briefing - Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 - 7:30pm**

With three months to go before the trip the organizers would like to provide an opportunity for parents and students to get an overview of the trip, an update and an opportunity to ask any questions. Mr. Galat will be hosting a

google meet. Video call [link](#).

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**Trivia Night, feat. the STA Alumni Band - Parents only!**

Think you know an endless amount of cool information? Come and join us in your team of (6) for STA's Trivia Night, with entertainment by the STA Alumni Band and special vocalists. Registration will be open next week so put your team together now for an evening of fun.

**Details**

- Saturday, February 22
- 6:30 pm - Doors open, drinks and appetizers
- 7:00 pm - Let the fun begin!
- 9:30 pm - Wrap up and prizes



**Join the STA Sun Run Team for 2025!**

Exciting news, STA students and teachers! We are gearing up for the 2025 Sun Run and YOU are invited to be part of our amazing STA Team! Here's your chance to get active, represent our school, and enjoy a fun challenge together. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just starting out, this is a great opportunity for everyone! **Team Name:** STA Team and **Access Code:** BSUWFG

**STA CAMPUS MINISTRY**



### **STA Chapel Icons #3 - Blessed Joseph Chiwatenhwa (1602 - 1640)**

Chiwatenhwa was a member of the Huron nation. He was deeply moved by the teachings of the Jesuit missionaries, and upon being baptized by St. Jean de Brébeuf, in 1637, was given the name of Joseph. In adopting his new faith, Joseph drew on many of the spiritual and cultural teachings of his people; he entered the Catholic Church as a Huron. He helped in translating hymns and prayers into the Huron language and is considered the first lay administrator in the Catholic Church in Canada. He was considered a great catechist amongst his own people. Joseph received the title 'blessed' due to his martyrdom for his faith in 1640 at the age of 38. To be made a saint, a miracle attributed to his intercession would have to be documented.

This Joseph Chiwatenhwa write-up is the third in a series of 12, on icons that can be found in the STA School Chapel.

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### **CTR Youth Ministry - Sunday, January 11**

All teens in grades 8 - 12 are invited to Christ the Redeemer's Youth Ministry event called Anchor this Sunday. It begins with dinner at 6pm and ends at 8:30pm. Invite your friends! Please RSVP, by 4pm on Friday, at this [link](#).



## **PARENT ASSOCIATION / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES**

### **STA Parent Association Monthly Meeting - Thursday, January 9 at 9:00am at Alumni Room**

We welcome and encourage all parents to get involved and volunteer at our school. The primary focus of the STA Parent Association is to strengthen our school community by supporting annual events and activities at STA. We achieve this by involving ourselves with activities that connect students, parents and families. Monies raised by these activities are used for the improvement of our school or the enhancement of student extracurricular activities. Through these activities, the Parent Association also provides parents with opportunities to volunteer within our school community. Further details on the Parent Association can be found on the [website](#).

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### **Wanted: One Parent judge 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](#), parents are also asked to email Ms. Treacy at [treacy@aquinas.org](mailto:treacy@aquinas.org) so that 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. Your child doesn't need to be in grade 8 in order for you to volunteer!