



STA At-a-Glance

Week 19: January 14 -
January 21, 2025

KUDOS



Congrats!

Well done to our **Senior Boys Basketball** team with their home game win over Kitsilano in front of a loud lunchtime crowd and, to our **Gr. 8 Boys Basketball** team with their win over Sutherland Monday afternoon. Great displays of teamwork and effort by both teams.

In addition, the **Gr. 8 Boys Basketball** team played at the St. Patrick's Shamrock tournament this past weekend. They came away with a big win versus MacNiell Secondary and two nail biting losses to South Delta and St. Patrick's teams. The boys remain undefeated in league play with a big away game versus Argyle at **5:30pm on Wednesday, January 15**.

The **Senior Girls Basketball** team finished in fourth place at the Notre Dame tournament this past weekend. Lilly D., Kiki L., Alyssa E., and Tresha S. had played brilliantly. Special congratulations to Zoe W. who was selected as a tournament All-Star.

The girls are excited about their upcoming home games against Collingwood and Rockridge teams. They are particularly pumped to be representing STA at the BC Catholic Championship tournament this coming weekend.





Photo by Tonya Hartz

The **Gr. 9 Boys Basketball** teams played in the Gleneagle tournament last weekend, highlighted by a double digit win over Notre Dame. The team had another chance to beat the provincial champions from Holy Cross, and the game was virtually tied in the second half before Holy Cross eventually pulled away. The team is back in action tomorrow, **January 15 at 4:00pm** for a home game vs Mulgrave B team, so come out and support your Fighting Saints!

OFFICE UPDATE

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.

Please click [here](#) for special message from Administration in regards to exam expectations.

Exam Week: January 17-24

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

Donation Tax Receipts Mailed

Donation tax receipts have now been mailed. If you are expecting a donation tax receipt and do not receive it in the next two weeks, please email [Sandie Atkinson](#) for follow up.

More information regarding **tuition tax receipts** will be communicated in the next few weeks.



Physical Geography 12 Grand / Antelope Canyon Trip Briefing - today 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](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

January

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

27 - Term 2 Starts: Day 2 Late Start - Reverse Blocks (H, G, F and E)

31 - Ski and Snowboard Club at 3:15pm



Grade 8 Science Fair - Friday, January 24

A few reminders as we approach our big day:

- Projects need to be set up in the gym no later than 8:30am
- 9:00 - 11:00am - students will be interviewed by at least two judges (bring a book to read while waiting - no phones!)
- 11:00 - 1:30pm - leave school for lunch
- 1:30 - 2:30pm - return to school for the final round of interviews
- 2:30 - 5:00pm - leave school. Relax! The hard part is over!
- 5:00pm - return to the school for the awards ceremony

All students must be in full uniform for the entire science fair.

Students will be responsible for putting away

their own tables and chairs when the awards presentation is over.

Thank you to our many parent judges!!!

Trivia Night, feat. the STA Alumni Band - Parents only! - Saturday, February 22

Chase away those winter blues and join us for a fun and low-key night of community and trivia.

Register [here](#) (before February 17) for this adults-only event featuring the STA Alumni Band and special vocal performances by Tashya De Silva, JP Flores '12, Matt Purkiss '17 and Sam Watson '16.

Details

- Doors open: 6:30 pm
- Fun begins: 7:00 - 9:30 pm
- Appetizers and cash bar
- Cost: \$30 per person + credit card transaction fee
- If you wish to pay by cheque, please drop your cheque at the STA Office and indicate the names of all guests. An email confirmation will be sent to you.

How does it work?

- You'll work in a team of six (6) people. You can organize your own team in advance, or put together a team the night of



- Hosts will read questions to eight (8) categories and then provide the answers at the end of each category. Teams will self-mark; honour systems will be in place!
- After every second category, there will be an intermission to enjoy music from our STA Alumni Band and special guests, and to mix and mingle
- Prizes will be given to the top three (3) teams

Questions? Please contact [Sandie Atkinson](#). We look forward to seeing you and friends there.



Join the STA Sun Run Team for 2025!

Exciting news, STA Parents, Guardians, 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 #4 of 12 - Antonio Cuipa (166? - 1704)

Antonio Cuipa was a leader (Inija) of the Apalachee First Nation in South Florida. He was born and raised in the Franciscan mission of San Luis de Talimali in what is now Tallahassee. He was very devoted to his faith and proclaimed the Gospel to First Nation communities throughout the Florida panhandle. In 1704, he and 40 others were taken captive by hostile forces and martyred. In 2015, the Bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee started the process for the canonization of Antonio Cuipa and his fellow martyrs (Martyrs of La Florida Missions). The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has endorsed this canonization cause.

All icons are found in the STA School Chapel.

STA Men's Hostel Ministry - Thursday, January 16 and Friday, January 24 at 8:00 - 9:00am

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





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, February 2 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 ASSOCIATION / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

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** for more details.

2. Cafeteria

- Part time opportunities available for January.

- (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** for more details.



Thank you for your involvement!