



# STA At-a-Glance

**Week 2: September 3 -  
September 10, 2024**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year at STA! As we begin this academic year together, remember the core values guiding us - faith, community, and a commitment to excellence. This year, we will continue to grow in knowledge and our relationships with one another and God. Let's embrace the opportunities ahead with open hearts and minds, knowing that through Christ, we can achieve great things. Remember, we are here to support and guide you. Here's to a year filled with learning, joy, and spiritual growth!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Krol

## OFFICE UPDATES

### Activity Fee

If you have not already done so, please send the activity fee payment with your child. We would prefer to minimize the number of homeroom blocks needed to collect this money by asking students to bring it during the first week of school.

### STA Photo Day

Tuesday, September 10 - All students are required to be in full uniform, including school sweaters.

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### School Attendance Policy and Procedures

We take our responsibility of knowing the whereabouts of students at all times during the school day very seriously and require your assistance to ensure that we are able to do so.

### Late Arrivals and Appointments

Parents/guardians should make every effort to have their child at school on time to avoid interruptions to both the classroom and the office. If a student arrives after the start of the first block, they must register their attendance at the office before proceeding to class. If excused by a parent/guardian, the student must have a note or phone call from a parent/guardian explaining the lateness. Please inform the office by email or phone, at the start of the day.

Unexcused lates will result in the student serving a lunchtime detention. Repeated tardiness will result in escalating consequences involving parents and administration.

### **Absence from School**

Parents/guardians please email the school at [office@aquinas.org](mailto:office@aquinas.org) before 8:45 am every day that their child will be absent from school. Parents/guardians may also contact the school by phone, but an email/written note will still be required to meet the Ministry requirements.

If a student will be away from school for an extended period of time, due to personal/family reasons, we require the student to complete an Extended Leave of Absence form. This can be collected from the office. The student must have all their teachers sign the form and submit it to the office before their leave of absence.

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### **The Saints STAtion**

The Saints STAtion School Store will be open for used uniform purchases and STA apparel.

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday** - 3:00 – 4:00pm.

**Payment:** Cash, Debit and Credit Card

## **EVENTS**

### **September:**

**4 - 8 Block Schedule**

**5 - Day 1 Regular Schedule**

**6 - Day 2 Regular Schedule**

**9 - Late Start** at 9:15am

**10 - School Photo Day**

**12 - Grade 8 Parents - Meet the Teacher** at 6:00 - 8:00pm

**19 - Homecoming 2024** at 4:00 - 7:30pm @ STA

**24 - Grade 12 Parents - Graduation Information Night** at 7:00pm

**25 - Grade 9 - Immunization Clinic** hosted by VCH (during school)

**30 - School Closed - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

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## Homecoming 2024 - Have you registered?

Start the year off right and join us for Homecoming 2024. You'll connect with friends and make new ones while enjoying food trucks and live music. New features this year include: a dunk tank and a pie-baking contest.

Register today and watch social media for more details throughout the week. We look forward to seeing you there!

<https://aquinas.org/sta-event/sta-homecoming/>

## PARENT ASSOCIATION / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### STA Parent Association Needs YOU!

**Welcome Meeting - Thursday, September 12 at 9:00am**

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](#). Please [email](#) if you are interested in becoming an active member of the Parent Association.

### STA Parent Participation Program

The [STA Participation Program](#) was developed for parents to assist in activities and to provide cost saving services for the school in return for a reduction of the Participation fee. There are a limited number of full time participation positions. However, seasonal and part time credits are available throughout the school year.

We are currently seeking the following volunteer roles: Cafeteria, Homecoming event and Traffic (ie Crossing Guard) Supervision. To register, click [here](#).

## STA CAFETERIA

Breakfast and lunch are available at the STA School Cafeteria every day!

All food is prepared daily, with a selection of daily menu items and daily specials. Students can purchase items with cash, debit or credit card. STA gift cards can also be purchased at the office and used in the cafeteria.

Breakfast items are bacon or sausage egg sandwiches, hash browns, tater tots and pastries.

Daily menu items include hamburgers, hotdogs, fries, poutine, salads, a variety of sandwiches and wraps, and veggies & dip. New additions to the daily menu are chicken Caesar salad, potato salad on a bed of lettuce and chef salad.