



STA At-a-Glance

**Week 20: January 21 -
January 28, 2025**

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Trivia Night, feat. the STA Alumni Band -
Saturday, February 22**

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

Whether you know a lot of little things, or a few things in depth, you'll enjoy an evening with STA parents, alumni, alumni parents and our parish communities. Between trivia questions, you'll be entertained by the STA Alumni Band with special vocal performances by STA counsellor Tashya De Silva, STA Science teacher JP Flores '12, STA EA Matt Purkiss

'17 and Sam Watson '16. Click [here](#) to register.

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

We look forward to seeing you and friends there.

Pro-life Mass at St. Stephen's Parish - Saturday, February 1 at 9:00am

Join us for a monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, it will take place at **St. Stephen's Parish** (1360 24th St, North Vancouver). It begins with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. Reception to follow at the parish.



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

KUDOS



Congrats!

The **STA Senior Boys and Girls Basketball** teams had an outstanding showing at the 36th edition of the **BC Catholic Basketball Championships** over the weekend at Holy Cross Secondary school. Congratulations to Gabriel B and Kiki L who were named tournament All-Stars for their stellar performances. Special appreciation for our parent drivers, coaches, teacher-sponsors and talented players for their noted efforts throughout.



Last week the **STA Bantam Girls Basketball** team went head to head with Sutherland Secondary. The team worked together to win the game and introduced new point guards into rotation: Gabriella M, Rylen C, and Isabella L. Big thanks to our youth coach, Corli H, for her assistance! In their loss against Argyle last Thursday, the girls focused on their little wins against an unstoppable opponent. They are currently ranked 3rd in the NSSSAA. Go Saints!

VEX Robotics Competition - January 18

Congrats to Grade 10 students, Adrian P, Shae O and Keaton O who beat four other robotic teams during an in-school competition last week.

The objective of the competition was to pop the other team's balloon without having their own balloon popped. Five teams competed in total. The event was well-attended during lunch with lots of enthusiasm from the teams and spectators.

Thank you to Mr. Mendonca for the class and organizing the competition.



OFFICE UPDATE

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

January

24 - CANCELLED due to Exam week - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off

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

28 - 31 - Lost and Found collection displays

31 - Ski and Snowboard Club at 3:15pm

February

5 - Early Dismissal at 1:00pm

7 - Ski and Snowboard Club at 3:15pm

Term 2 Starts - January 27: Blocks reversed

Effective Monday January 27, 2025 the school's block schedule will be reversed.

Day 1 classes – D/C/B/A

Day 2 classes – H/G/F/E

Grade 8 and 9 Student Electives will also be changed*. Grade 8 and 9 students enrolled in Art or Drama will now be enrolled in ADST. Those Grade 8 & 9 students who were enrolled in ADST will now be enrolled in Art or Drama.

*All Band 8 & 9 Students are not impacted by this elective change.

Please check your student's schedule to confirm class assignment.

Term 2 starts on Monday January 27 with Late Start Day 2 schedule.

Pastor Authorization Forms 2025-2026 School Year

All Category 1 and 2 families should have received an email on Thursday, January 9 and 16 with the Pastor Authorization forms 2025-2026 academic year. If you did not receive this email, please contact [Christina Donovan](#).

Parking/Speed on W Keith and Forbes Ave

In light of a recent car accident within the school area last week, we remind parents and students to follow all road rules within the school boundaries:

- maximum speed 30 km/ hour on West Keith Rd, Forbes Ave, and 6th St
- do not block our neighbour's driveway or garage access
- do not double park - do not stop traffic on West Keith; Forbes or 6th St
- keep speed to a minimum with laneways in the neighbourhood.

Thank you for your continued cooperation to keep STA students, staff and the surrounding neighbourhood safe.



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!

STA CAMPUS MINISTRY

STA Chapel Icons #5 of 12 - Nicholas Black Elk (1863 – 1950)

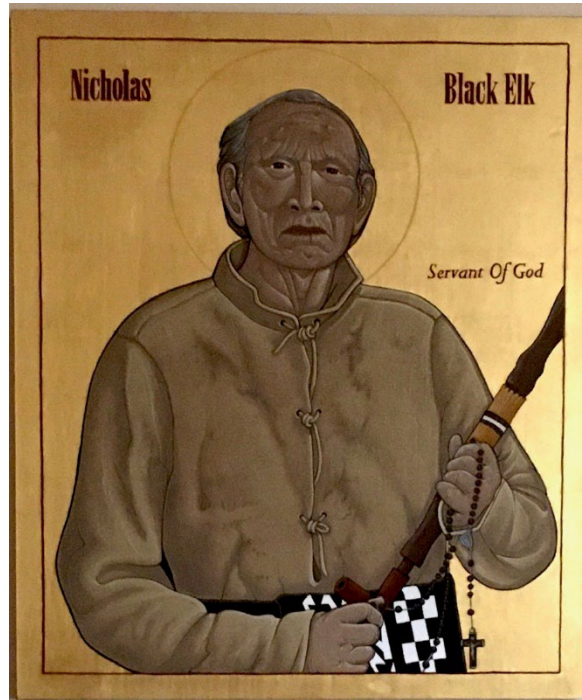
Black Elk was a *wicháša wakǵán* (medicine man, holy man) of the Oglala Lakota people. He was born in December 1863 along the Little Powder River (at a site thought to be in the present-day state of Wyoming). According to the Lakota way of measuring time (referred to as Winter counts), Black Elk was born in 'the Winter When the Four Crows Were Killed on Tonque River'. Black Elk came from a long lineage of medicine men and healers in his family. His father was a medicine man, as were his paternal uncles.

Black Elk converted to Catholicism in 1904. He was christened with the name of Nicholas and later served as a catechist in the church, teaching others about Christianity, but he also continued to practice Lakota ceremonies. This icon was written (painted) honouring his age, wisdom, and holiness. He is depicted

wearing his familiar buckskin shirt, with no ornamentation and with the front leather lacing. Wearing a Lakota blanket around his waist, he holds one of his pipes in his left hand, while in the act of reciting the rosary with his right.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rapid City opened an official cause for his beatification within the Roman Catholic Church in 2016. His grandson, George Looks Twice said, 'He was comfortable praying with this pipe and his rosary, and participated in Mass and Lakota ceremonies on a regular basis'.

All icons are found in the STA School Chapel.



The Door Is Open - Sunday, February 2

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 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!