



STA At-a-Glance

Week 23: February 10 -
February 17, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Sheriff Krol is looking for STA parents and alumni who can still party like outlaws for this fun community event. Saddle up with your favorite cowboy, cowgirl or posse and [register](#) by April 1.

Details

- Friday, April 17: Doors open @ 6:30 pm / Welcome remarks & dinner @ 7:00 pm
- Early bird **before March 16: \$50** per person, including one complimentary drink
- Pricing **after March 16: \$55** per person, including one complimentary drink

What to Expect

- Dinner: chicken, pulled pork, veggie skewers, salads (green, coleslaw and potato), baked mac and cheese, biscuits, dessert
- Music: live band and DJ Kyprios (aka David Coles '95)
- Mechanical bull competition
- Texas Hold'em
- Whiskey martini ice luge
- Silent auction
- Lucky Horseshoe Wine Draw

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- Don't forget to bring one (1) unwrapped bottle of wine valued at \$20.
- Upon arrival, drop off your bottle with one of our volunteers who'll package your bottle for the Wine Wall.
- You can buy any bottle for \$15 to enjoy during the evening or at home.

KUDOS



Congratulations to Sr. Boys Basketball Team

The senior boys basketball team won the **Osoyoos Desert Classic** tournament last weekend with a strong showing heading into playoffs this week. Game MVPs were: Gabe B, Nathan T and Elye S. The team worked hard to battle against some tough and aggressive Interior teams. Come show your support this week.

Kudos to STA Wrestling Team

On Friday, February 6, STA wrestlers competed at the Zone Qualifiers. Oscar B, Ramtin F, Amir M, Kate F, and Matteo D all put in their best efforts on the mat. Kate, Matteo, Amir, and Ramtin have all qualified for Provincials on February 19-20 in Vancouver.

In addition, Kate and Matteo both placed third, bringing home bronze medals. Congratulations to all of the wrestlers and their success this season, and best of luck at Provincials! Thank you to coaches Ian McDonald, Sandy Milne, Walter Taylor, Mike Miller and teacher sponsor Sonya Essex.



Jane C - Gold Medals at 2026 Taekwondo Canada National Championships

On **February 5-6**, Jane competed in the **2026 Taekwondo Canada National Championships** and achieved an incredible result, winning **gold medals in all three categories**:

- Cadet Female Individual
- Cadet Pair
- Cadet Female Team

As a result, Jane has been selected to represent **Canada as a National Team member** in the Cadet Female division throughout 2026. She is also scheduled to compete as a national representative in **Cadet Female Individual** and **Cadet Pair** events at the **World Championships**, held every two years, this coming **September**, where she will compete against national team athletes from around the world.

OFFICE UPDATES

Re-Registration 2026-2027 School Year

At this time, all families should have received an email from Christina Donovan in regards to re-registration.

Category 1 & 2 families: the Pastor Authorization forms are now overdue. If you have not already done so, please submit them to your parish immediately. Catholic families will be advised of confirmed categories once received from parishes.

Category 3 families: complete re-registration paperwork emailed to you on February 2.

To receive the \$100 reduction in the registration, all re-registration papers need to be submitted to the office by **Friday, February 13**.

Please note: St. Edmunds, Holy Trinity and Christ the Redeemer parishioners who have yet to receive category approval will receive an extension.

Student Interim Learning Update available on-line - Wednesday, February 11

All parents will receive an email by end of day, Wednesday, February 11 advising that learning updates can be found in the Parent Portal of myEd BC.

In order to access this information, please ensure your myEducation BC parent account is active. Please click on this [link](#) and complete the login information with your Login ID and password. Step by step instructions are [here](#).

Any questions, please send an email to the [office](#).

Parent Teacher Interview Sign Up

The parent-teacher interview booking site will be open tomorrow afternoon (February 11). Instructions will be provided with the learning update published tomorrow. Please be sure to have your user name (student's last name) and password (PEN number found at the top of the learning update) in order to log in to the program.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be:

- Thursday, February 26: 3:30pm – 5:00pm and 5:40pm - 7:30pm
- Friday, February 27: 10:30am – 4:30pm

Students are encouraged to attend interviews with their parents. There will be no classes for students on Friday, February 27.

Disney Spirit Day - Wednesday, February 11

All students are encouraged to wear Disney spirit wear in exchange of a canned good or \$2. Collections will take place in the first block and all proceeds go to the STA Campus Ministry. For those students who do not participate, a full school uniform is required. Please remember to dress modestly as students who are not in compliance with the dress code may be asked to return home to change.





Message from Cambridge Uniforms

To show our appreciation, we are pleased to announce that we are offering a 5% discount week that will run from February 9 to February 16, 2026.

Families attending St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary School will automatically receive this discount at the checkout stage when placing their orders online.

School Closure - February 12 - 16

School closed Thursday, February 12 and Friday, February 13 (Catholic Educators' Conference) to Monday, February 16 (BC Family Day).

Classes will resume on Tuesday, February 17: Day 1 Regular schedule.

Tuition Tax Receipts

Tuition tax receipts for 2025 (January - June and September - December) were emailed to each family last week. If you did not receive it or have any questions, please contact **office**.

Grade 12 Purdys Chocolates Easter Fundraising Campaign - now and until March 2

Grade 12 students received their Purdys Easter Chocolate Fundraising brochures this week. **Instructions** for ordering and an order form are included. Grads earn 25% of their individual sales once the full group has sold at least \$1000 worth of chocolates. Given the success of the Christmas fundraiser, students will likely be able to enjoy the same credit this time around. This is the final fundraising opportunity for grads to chip away at the year-end Dinner and Dance cost. All orders are to be completed online by **Monday, March 2**. Click [here](#) for the Graduation Information on the school website and find the heading Grad Fundraising.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out the school **calendar** for these and other events:

February

11 - POSTPONED - Ski and Snowboard Club, new date: February 23

11 - Disney Spirit Day

11 - Learning Updates Posted in myEd BC

12 - 13 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Catholic Educators Conference

16 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Family Day

19 - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off at 8:00 - 9:00am (only one day in February)

23 - AMENDED DAY for Ski and Snowboard Club

24 - Gr. 9 Retreat

25 - Pink Shirt Day

26 - Parent Teacher Interviews at 3:30pm - 7:30pm

27 - NO CLASSES IN SESSION - Parent Teacher Interviews at 10:30am - 4:30pm

March

2 - Course Overview for Grade 11 (students entering Grade 12) - 7:00pm

3 - Course Overview for Grade 10 (students entering Grade 11) - 7:00pm

14 - 29 Spring Break

2027 International Trip to London, Paris, and Barcelona with EF Educational for current Grade 10 and 11 students (Grades 11–12 next year).

Families are invited to a virtual info session to learn about trip highlights, student benefits, safety, and how to enroll.

Info Session Details:

- Tuesday, February 24
- 6:30pm (virtual)
- one parent/guardian must attend

Register [here](#) to receive meeting details and qualify for door prizes:

Can't attend? Register and select "No, but send info." Also, students can access the Google Classroom for future updates.

Mr. Domina





Science and the Supernatural

Neuroscience, Near-Death Experiences, and Eucharistic Miracles

Join us for four fascinating talks given by Dr. David Neima, which will explore the remarkable intersection between faith and science, highlighting recent discoveries and emerging evidence that resonate with core theological teachings, offering thought-provoking insights into the nature of the soul, near death experiences and medical investigations into Eucharistic miracles.

Near Death Medical Data for Life After Death

7pm - Thursday, February 26
St. Thomas Aquinas High School
541 West Keith Road, North Vancouver

Medical Examination of Eucharist Miracles

7pm - Thu, March 12 (St. Thomas Aquinas High School)

Big Bang Theory and Cosmological Constants

7pm - Thu, April 16 (St. Thomas Aquinas High School)

The Fossil Record and Intelligent Design

7pm - Thu, June 4 (St. Thomas Aquinas High School)

All are welcome. To register for attendance in person or online, please contact adriana.landberg@gmail.com.

For more information, please contact jessicachoo@mac.com.



Dr. David Neima is a medical ophthalmologist who began his career in 1972. His background includes research in neurophysiology and several years as a general practitioner before specializing in ophthalmology. He continues to practice part-time and has participated in numerous medical mission trips. Married for 51 years, he and his wife have four children and four grandchildren. Raised in an atheist household, Dr. Neima became an evangelical Christian at university and entered the Catholic Church 32 years ago.

These talks and discussions aim to deepen our understanding of Catholic doctrine. They offer an opportunity to engage with others who are striving to live their faith well in everyday life. The goal is to build intellectual confidence in understanding and defending the faith, with sessions designed to provide instruction in theology and philosophy applicable to ordinary life.

Grade 9 Retreat - Tuesday, February 24

The Grade 9 retreat is quickly approaching. Permission forms have gone home with students. They need to be signed and returned by Wednesday, February 11. Students report to their first block as usual for attendance and then head to the buses. Details:

- uniform not required
- pizza lunch, snacks, and drinks will be provided
- students are encouraged to bring a water bottle
- they will be spending time outside, rain or shine, please come prepared (warm clothing, rainwear, running shoes or rain boots)



PARENT 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:

Various Full time shifts available on Monday 8:30am-11:00am, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:30am-2:00pm and Wednesday 12:30pm-3:00pm.

Contact **Claudia Montagut** for more details.

Thank you for your involvement!