



# STA At-a-Glance

**Week 25: February 25 -  
March 4, 2025**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### STA Drama at Kay Meek Theatre

These nine cast members are mild-mannered students by day, but superhero actors at night! We hope you and your family will join us for a night to remember as STA Drama presents, **The Butler Did It!** Treat yourself to an immersive artistic experience as you support this year's cast and crew.

#### Details

- March 12 – 1:00pm and 7:00pm
- March 13, 14 – 7:00pm
- Kay Meek Theatre – 1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver
- \$5 – elementary school students / \$10 – high school and university students / \$15 – adults

Don't forget to purchase tickets [here](#). There is no assigned seating. Doors open 30 minutes before performance time. See you there!



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### Course Selection Information Night - at 7:00pm Gymnasium

- For current Grade 10 (going into Grade 11 - September 2025) Monday, March 3
- For current Grade 11 (going into Grade 12 - September 2025) Thursday, March 6

The purpose of the parent sessions is to review the process for students to request their courses for the 2025-2026 school year and to provide an overview to parents/guardians on factors to consider when assisting your student(s) with their course request decisions.

The course programming process is multi-faceted and requires careful consideration and planning. After we have provided initial information to parents and students, we request that you continue to discuss various course options, consider student strengths and interest, talk to STA teachers about their courses offerings (content, topics, etc.), and review post-secondary institutions for admission requirements if necessary, prior to completing student course request forms.

**Please NOTE:** if a student has not re-registered for the upcoming year, the course selection options will not be available to them until re-registration is complete.

We look forward to working with you and your child(ren) to plan for a successful 2025-2026 school year.

## KUDOS



### Surrey Schools International Jazz Festival 2025

The STA Jr. & Sr. Jazz Bands were at the Bell Centre in Surrey for western Canada's premiere jazz festival on February 21. Both groups performed with swing and groove!

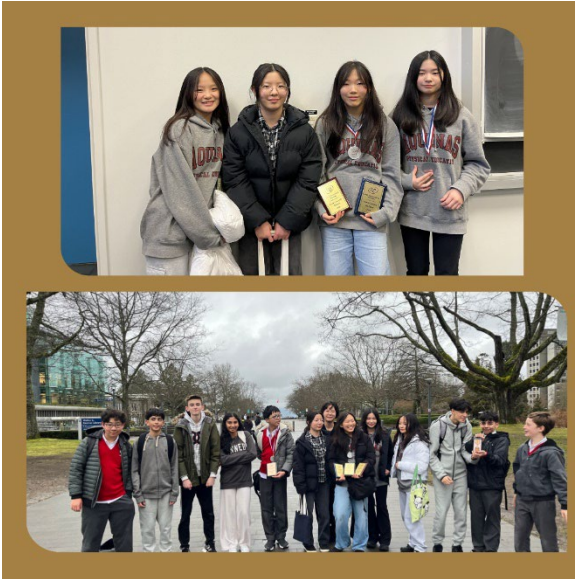
John H and Sydney P were fortunate enough to play in the rep bands for the evening concert.

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### VEX Robot Competition Winners

Students in Robotics 10 worked hard to build & test their VEX robots. They competed in an in class competition and the finalists competed in the gym with the whole school as their audience. Students had a lot of fun and they also aquired skills in problem solving and team work as they built and tested their robots. Click [here](#) to watch the competition. Congrats to the winners - Bryan K, Annabelle S, Ivan M & Amir M.





### Math Challengers Competition at UBC

Congratulations to the Grade 8 and 9 students who participated in the Math Challengers event at UBC last Saturday. Eleven Grade 8 and three Grade 9 students competed. Sienna H from Grade 8 won first place in the individual event and was the face-off winner; Nicholas X took third place, and Claire Y ranked among the top 10 finalists. Our Grade 8 girls' team also secured first place in the team competition. Well done! The top five scoring Grade 8 students will advance to the Provincial Final on May 3. Best of luck!

### North Vancouver MP and Cabinet Minister Visit

For the last four years, at the invitation of Mr. O'Flynn, North Vancouver MP and Cabinet Minister Jonathan Wilkinson has set aside time to interact with our students and staff. STA has been appreciative of his willingness to engage students about the roles and responsibilities of Federal parliamentarians and his willingness to answer topical and timely questions. His visit last Friday, February 21 in the Alumni Room was most welcomed, once more, and we thank him for his presence in our community.



### Guest Speaker - Paul Richards

Paul Richards spoke to four separate classes of Grade 10 - 12 students. He is a retired RCMP officer and veteran who provides personal experience and perspectives on genocide and crimes against humanity. Since retirement Paul has been ordained and served as an Anglican Priest and recently returned from a humanitarian and spiritual mission to Ukraine.

## OFFICE UPDATE

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

### February

26 - Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying: Pink shirts may be worn over the students' uniform)

27 - Parent Teacher Interviews at 3:30 – 7:30pm

28 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Parent Teacher Interviews at 10:00am - 5:00pm

### March

2 - The Door Is Open

3 - Grade 10 Course Information Night (going into Grade 11 - September 2025) at 7pm

6 - Grade 11 Course Information Night (going into Grade 12 - September 2025) at 7pm

7 - Spirit Day

12 - 14 - STA Drama at Kay Meek Theatre

13 - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off (only one time in March)

14 - Last day of classes for students

15 - 30 Spring Break

31 - School Starts with Day 1 Late Start

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### Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying) - Wednesday, February 26

Students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt over the uniform in support of anti-bullying. This is not a spirit day, students out of uniform may be asked to return home to change.

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### Re-Registration 2025-2026 School Year

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

Category 1, 2 & 3 families: should have received re-registration paperwork emailed to you over the last few weeks.

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### Student Term 2 Learning Update available on-line now

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](#).

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### Parent Teacher Interview Sign Up

The parent-teacher [interview booking site is open](#) now and until Wednesday, February 26 3:00pm. 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 27: 3:30pm – 5:00pm and 5:40pm - 7:30pm
- Friday, February 28: 10:00am – 5:00pm

Students are encouraged to attend interviews with their parents. There will be no classes for students on Friday, February 28.

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### Grade 12 Purdys Chocolates Easter Fundraising Campaign - now and until March 13

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 **Thursday, March 13**. Click [here](#) for Graduation Information on the school website and find the heading Grad Fundraising.

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### Cambridge Uniforms: CISVA 5% Discount Week (Online order) - now until Friday, February 28

Families attending STA will automatically receive this discount when they place an [order online](#). The discount will be automatically applied at the checkout stage of their online order.

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### Tuition Tax Receipts - emailed to each family last week

If you are expecting a tax receipt (January-June and September-December 2024) and didn't receive it by now please [email](#) us for follow up.

## STA CAMPUS MINISTRY



### The Door Is Open - Sunday, March 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 **Sunday, March 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 by Thursday, February 27. Spots are limited!

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**STA Chapel Icons #9 of 12 -  
Anne-Marie Martel (1644-1673)**

Born in the town of Le Puy-en-Velay in the heart of France, Anne-Marie Martel's life was one of devotion, compassion, and unwavering commitment to serving the less fortunate. At the tender age of 23, her path took an unexpected turn when her Bishop entrusted her with the task of teaching catechism to impoverished women at a hospital for the destitute and to homeless children wandering the streets. Little did she know that this act of kindness would ignite a spark that would illuminate the lives of countless individuals. Inspired by Anne-Marie's selfless dedication and her burning desire to serve God through loving the poor, other women soon flocked to her side, eager to join her in this sacred mission. Together, they formed a sisterhood bound by faith, compassion, and an unshakable resolve to uplift the downtrodden. Tragically, Anne-Marie died on January 15, 1673, when she passed away at the young age of 28. Yet, even in death, her legacy lived on, for unbeknownst to her, she had sown the seeds of a vibrant community of religious women. This congregation, which came to be known as the Sisters of the Child Jesus, carried Anne-Marie's torch of compassion forward, touching countless lives along the way. Decades later, from 1959 to 1976, it was this order of sisters who would largely staff St. Thomas Aquinas High School.



All icons are found in the STA School Chapel.

**PARENT ASSOCIATION / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES**



Click on the **Parent Participation Portal** to register for the opportunities below.

**1. Cafeteria**

We are in great need of **Full Time** Volunteers for the Cafeteria, this is an amazing opportunity to build community and be part of your Child's school life. Please contact **Claudia Montagut** if interested. The shifts available are:

- **Tuesday:** 11:30am-2:00pm, 12:30pm-3:00pm
- **Wednesday:** 11:30am-2:00pm, 12:30pm-3:00pm
- **Thursday:** 11:30am-2:00pm

A **Part Time** shift on Wednesdays from 11:30am-2:00pm has been posted in the

portal for sign up.

**2. Crossing Guards Needed**

We are seeking for crossing guards for before and after school shifts. Contact **Karen Lo** for more details.

Thank you for your involvement!