



STA At-a-Glance

**Week 27: March 11 -
March 18, 2025**

UPCOMING EVENTS



Introducing: STA's Community Directory

Learn more on how to share your business, or look for businesses to support



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Are you looking for an opportunity to share your business and services with a warm STA community? Or, are you looking for a business with services you can consider? We are pleased to announce STA's Community Directory page! This central hub features STA businesses and organizations you can connect with and support. No business is too big or too small to be part of the directory. The Directory offers information about products and services in an easily accessible location.

We hope to connect alumni, alumni parents, current parents, families and friends to find businesses and organizations with ties to STA.

There is no cost to feature your business in the Directory. Click [here](#) to complete your information. We'll send you a link for your approval once the information has been entered. Questions? Please contact [us](#).

STA Drama at Kay Meek Theatre - March 12-14

It's Drama Week! Tickets are still available for the Wednesday and Thursday evening performances at 7:00pm at The Kay Meek Centre in West Vancouver. Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets today.

Doors open 30 minutes before performance time. There is no assigned seating. See you there!



AMBLESIDE ORCHESTRA
under Maestro Bujar Ulapaj
presents


3 pm, Sunday
March 30, 2025

Echoes of the Soul

featuring:

- Renowned cellist Joseph Elworthy
- The St Thomas Aquinas Choir
under the direction of Siiri Rebane

Program includes the music of Beethoven, Fauré, Kreek, Mozart, Verdi, and more.



Tickets at the door \$25
Includes tea/coffee and
sweet/savoury delicacies

Highlands United Church
3255 Edgemont Boulevard
North Vancouver

Or watch from home via livestream at
amblesideorchestra.anywhere.seat.com

WYSOTA PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT GROUP Sprout vam VANCOUVER ACADEMY OF MUSIC

STA Concert Choir - March 30 at 3:00pm

The STA Concert Choir will be accompanied by the Ambleside Orchestra on **Sunday, March 30 at 3:00pm** at the Highlands United Church (3255 Edgemont Blvd, North Vancouver).

Tickets are available at the door.

See you there.

Join the STA Sun Run Team for 2025 - 50 Days Until Race Day!

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! Click on **Register Today** and then choose Join/Register for a Team Name (under SunRype Youth Team Challenge 10K) - STA (Tony Domina) and Access Code: BSUWFG



KUDOS



North Shore Choral Festival

The choir attended the North Shore Choral Festival last week at the Gordon Smith Art Gallery. Thank you to the parents who supported our students during their performance.

Congratulations to Ms. Rebane and the students!



On March 11, STA welcomed present-day, two-term City of North Vancouver Councillor, **Tony Valente '99**, to Mr. O'Flynn's Social Studies 10 class. Mr. Valente discussed the role and responsibilities of municipal government. The students were very appreciative of his time in answering their questions around sports fields and earthquake preparedness on the North Shore.

Congratulations to UN Club Members

Five members of the STA Model UN club participated at the JHMUN in Surrey over the weekend. Congratulations to Isabel J, Gleb G, and Jonathan W, who all took home awards from their respective committees.



United Nations

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OFFICE UPDATE

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

March

12 - 14 - STA Drama at Kay Meek Theatre

13 - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off

14 - Last day of classes for students

15 - 30 Spring Break
31 - School Starts with Day 1 Late Start

April

6 - The Door Is Open
10, 17 and 25 - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off
18 - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
21 - Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL
23 - Spring school dance
25 - Spirit Day
30 - **May 2** - Grade 12 Retreat

Student-Athlete Player Package Hand In

The competitive season for JV Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Badminton, Mountain Biking and Track & Field begins immediately upon your return from Spring Break on Monday, March 31. It will be imperative that the playing fee, medical, informed consent and academic eligibility forms have been handed in to your respective teacher sponsor or coach. If there are any questions, feel free to connect with Mr. O'Flynn.



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

Grade 12 students received their Purdys Easter Chocolate Fundraising brochures. Instructions for ordering and an order form are [here](#). Grads earn 25% of their individual sales once the full group has sold at least \$1000 worth of chocolates. 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. Pick up date is **April 3**.

STA CAMPUS MINISTRY

STA Chapel Icons #11 of 12 - Rose Prince (1915-1949)

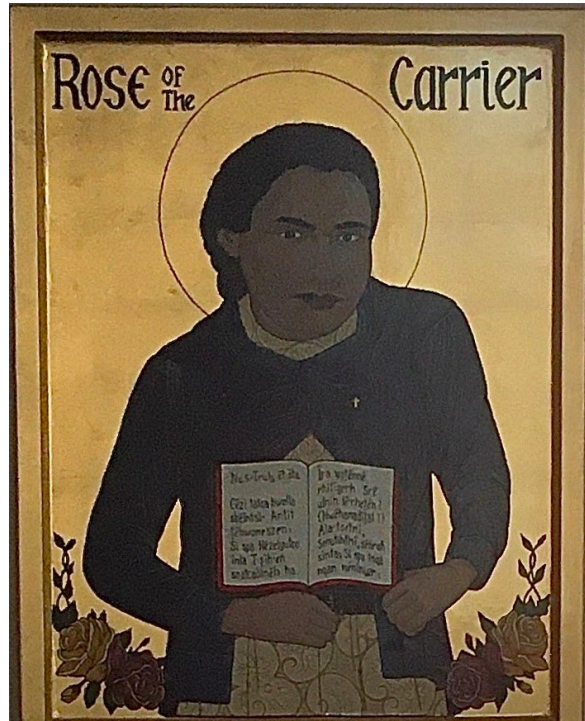
Rose Prince, a former student of the Sisters of the Child Jesus, was born in Fort St. James in 1915. She was a member of the Nak'azdli Carrier First Nation. She is often referred to as 'Rose of the Carrier'. In 1922, when she was seven, she was sent to the Lejac Residential School (Fraser Lake, BC). When Rose was 16, she opted not to return home for the summers, but to stay at the school. Rose had suffered a chronic back injury, and with the news of the death of her mother and two younger sisters, she felt she would have been too great a burden on her family. She said "I've got my parents here. Our blessed Mother and her son Jesus, they are my parents. I feel so close to them here".

After graduation, she stayed on at the school because it was a place where she could realize her wish to live in prayer. Rose helped out at the school by mending, cleaning, embroidering and sewing. English was the only language allowed at the school, but Rose, with the help of a hymnal and a prayer book in the Dakelh language of the Carrier First Nation, taught the students to sing and pray in their own language. Rose was known for her devout faith, compassion, humility and self-sacrifice. One of the Sisters of the Child Jesus, Bridie Dollard, who taught Rose said she 'was good natured and had a quiet, dignified manner. She was a hard worker and a brilliant student'. Rose died in 1949 at the age of 34 from tuberculosis.

Two years later, the graveyard where she was interred was relocated and her coffin was moved. Her final resting place is on the grounds of the former Lejac Residential School. When her coffin was opened, her body was found to be incorrupt. This is seen as a special sign that the deceased person lived a life of great holiness. Each July there is a pilgrimage to her gravesite. Over the years, this pilgrimage has attracted thousands of people from across Canada and different parts of the world.

This icon was written (painted) by Andre Prevost in 2018. Funds to purchase the icon came from Campus Ministry, the STA Religion Department and the Parent Gaming Committee.

All icons are found in the STA School Chapel.



Ash Wednesday School Mass

Last week, we celebrated our Ash Wednesday school Mass. Thank you to Fr. Tap, Fr. Cannio, and Fr. Tepoorten for celebrating with us. The ashes symbolize our humility, our need for God's grace, and the call to turn our hearts towards Him during the Lenten season. As we begin our 40-day journey of Lent, we are encouraged to embrace the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This is a time to grow closer to God through acts of kindness, self-discipline, and prayerful reflection.



Photos by Steve Grout

You're invited to celebrate

LENT FAST

THURSDAY APRIL 17

SLEEP OVER AT THE SCHOOL

GAMES

GLOW IN THE DARK MAN HUNT
ESCAPE ROOM
CANDLE MAKING

MASS

MASS AT SAINT EDMUNDS PARISH

MAKE SURE TO GET PERMISSION FORM FROM CAMPUS MIN

AT SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS SECONDARY SCHOOL

LentFast – April 17-18

All students are invited to sign up for LentFast, STA's Lenten fast and charity event! It is an overnight retreat where we will fast from food in order to grow closer to Jesus, explore the issues of hunger and poverty, and find effective ways to show charity and promote justice, all while growing as a community and having fun! All money raised goes to Development and Peace, a charity helping people across the world in developing countries.

LentFast is from **April 17-18**, pick up a permission form from the Campus Ministry office and return it as soon as possible to guarantee a T-shirt!

STA Men's Hostel Ministry - Thursday, March 13 at 8:00 - 9:00am

Earn Service Hours and provide for those in need by preparing food donations to the RCAV Men's Shelter. Drop off 12 sandwiches or 12 baked goods (individually wrapped) to the STA Campus and log your hours.



PARENT ASSOCIATION

Parent Association Monthly Meeting - Thursday, March 13 at 9:00am

The STA PA welcomes new and returning parents at the Alumni Room.