



STA At-a-Glance

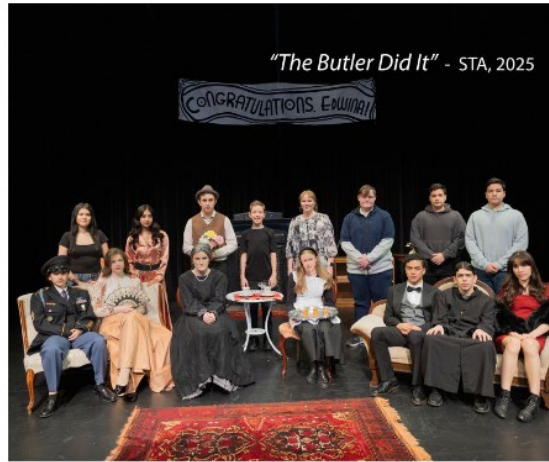
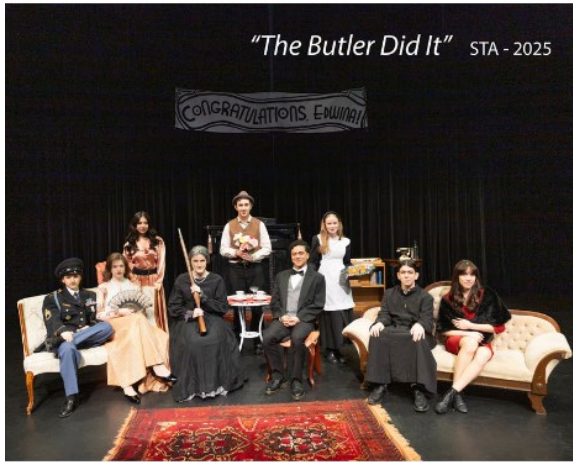
Week 28: April 1 - April 8, 2025

KUDOS



STA Concert Choir and Ambleside Orchestra

Kudos to Ms. Rebane and her Concert Choir for their beautiful performance at Highlands Church on Sunday, March 30, where they masterfully accompanied the Ambleside Orchestra. The performance was truly impressive, showcasing outstanding musical selections and the exceptional skill of the students.



STA Drama - "The Butler Did It"

The drama production was an absolute delight! The cast captivated the audience with their comedic antics, while the mystery of "whodunit" kept everyone guessing until the very end. Congratulations to Ms. Kostamo and the talented students, both on stage and behind the scenes, for their hard work and dedication. A heartfelt thank you as well to all the parent volunteers—your support made this production possible!



Student Trip to Paris, Provence, and Barcelona – A Huge Success!

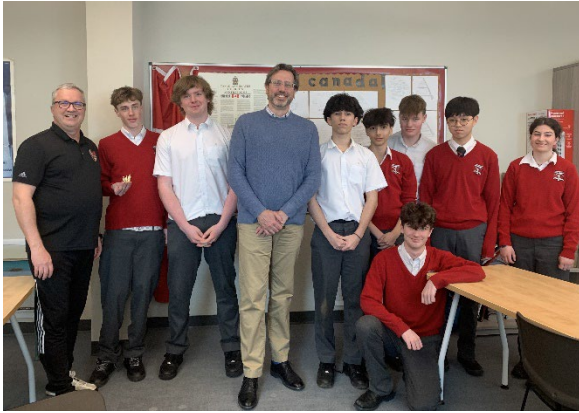
We are excited to share that our Spring 2025 student trip to **Paris, Provence, and Barcelona** was a tremendous success!

Our Grade 11 and 12 students had the incredible opportunity to explore France and Spain's rich culture, history, and beauty. Highlights included visits to the **Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum, the Palace of the Popes in Avignon, the Pont du Gard, and La Sagrada Família** in Barcelona. Students also enjoyed hands-on cultural experiences, practiced French and Spanish, and immersed themselves in the vibrant local life.

Beyond the breathtaking sights and delicious food, the trip was a powerful learning experience—helping students grow in confidence, independence, and global awareness. Thank you to the students, families, chaperones, and travel partners (EF) who helped make this unforgettable journey possible!

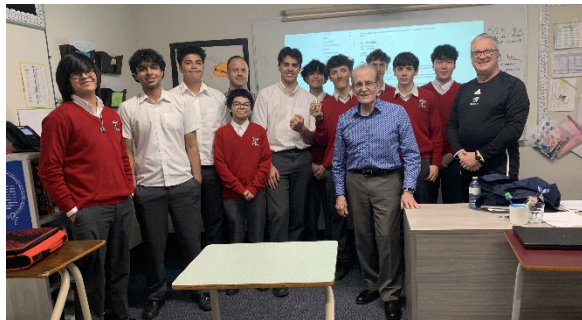
We are proud of our students for representing our school so well abroad and look forward to more global learning adventures in the future!

VISITOR'S EXTRAVAGANZA



As part of the **CIVIX Student Vote programme** in Mr. O'Flynn's Social Studies 10 classes, candidates from the North Vancouver Capilano riding have been invited to address students about their candidacies. On March 31, **Green Party candidate Andrew Robinson** spoke on matters of importance to himself and his party. Students were interested in learning more about other sources of energy, proportional representation vs first past the post and taxation laws.

Shervin Shahriari has lived in North Vancouver for over 42 years. In 2022, he made history as the first Iranian-born Canadian elected to public office in British Columbia as a Councillor for the City of North Vancouver. On March 31, Mr. O'Flynn's Social Studies 10 students learned more about the types of services provided by local government and the attractive careers that are available when one works at City Hall as an employee.



City of North Vancouver Councillor Don Bell visited Mr. O'Flynn's Social Studies 10 on April 1. Mr. Bell has previously served in elected office as a Member of Parliament, North Vancouver District Mayor and Councillor, North Vancouver School Board Chair and Trustee, and Metro Vancouver (GVRD) Vice-Chair and Director. A wealth of information was shared by our guest and the student engagement around the construction of the soon to be completed Harry Jerome complex up at 23rd Street and Lonsdale was notable.

OFFICE UPDATE

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

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



STA Grad 2025 Purdys - Pickup Time on Friday, April 4 after school

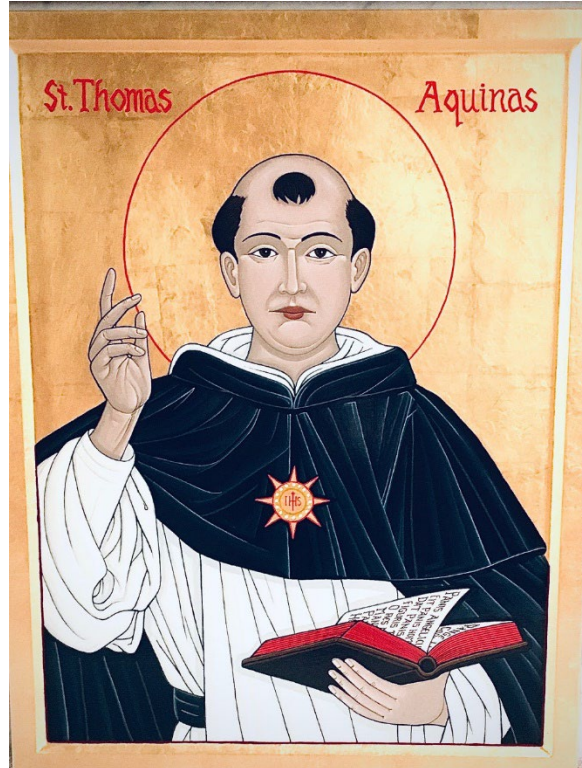
The grade 12 Grad 2025 Purdys Easter chocolate fundraiser was a success. Grads earn 25% of their total sales which will be put towards their Dinner and Dance in June. Order pick up will be at the library Alumni Room.

STA CAMPUS MINISTRY

STA Chapel Icons #12 of 12 - St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 -1274)

St. Thomas was born near Aquino in Italy in 1225. In 1243, at the age of 18, he joined an order of Dominican monks. After he was ordained, in 1450, he went on to teach at the University of Paris where he earned his doctorate in theology. Upon completing his education, Thomas devoted himself to a life of travelling, teaching, public speaking and preaching. He wrote several books, his most famous being the 'Summa Theologica'. It has proven to be so important to Catholic philosophy and theology that many Popes and Church councils have explicitly recommended its study. In 1273, he established a theological studies program at the University of Naples. Thomas died in 1274 and was canonized in 1323. He has since been referred as the Angelic Doctor. His feast day is celebrated on January 28, and he is the patron saint of students and universities.

This icon was written (painted) by Andre Prevost. It can be found in the school chapel and is the last icon to be featured. All icons are found in the STA School Chapel.



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!

The Door Is Open - Sunday, April 6

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, April 6 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, April 4. Spots are limited!



Host Homes

NET missionaries - faithful men and women between the ages of 18-30 who have chosen to devote a year of their lives to serving and ministering to Catholic youth across Canada - will be running a retreat for our Grade 9 students later this month. During this time, they will need a place to stay. Are you able to host 2 women, 4 women, or 3 men at your home from April 23 - 25? If this is an opportunity you are interested in, please reach out to **Ms. Hughes** for more information!

PARENT ASSOCIATION

The STA Annual Spring Plant Sale is here

The STA Parent Association is once again selling a beautiful selection of spring plants, hanging flower baskets, herbs, veggies, succulents and more. Proceeds from the sale will be used to improve and enhance STA student extra-curricular activities.

Click [here](#) to make your purchase today.

The order deadline is **April 22, 2025** and pick-ups will take place on **Thursday, May 8 & Friday, May 9**.



Parent Association Monthly Meeting - Thursday, April 10 at 9:00am

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

