



# STA At-a-Glance

Week 29: April 8 - April 15, 2025

## KUDOS



**Royal Canadian Legion (North Vancouver City) Branch #118 Poster & Literary Contest:**  
Last November, STA students submitted 60 entries to the Royal Canadian Legion (North Vancouver City Branch) and each participating student received a Poppy Bracelet with "LEST WE FORGET" written on it from Mr. Derrick Fry and Ms. Lana Paulus. A special assembly was held today for the STA winners:

### Senior Black & White Poster

- 1st - Angelo A (Zone Entry)
- 2nd - Isabela B
- 3rd - Hannah A

### Senior Colour Poster

- 1st - Antonina H (Zone Entry)
- 2nd - Daniel S

- 3rd - Maya G

### Senior Poem

- 1st - Charles S (Zone Entry)
- 2nd - Lucas F
- 3rd - Ellie B

### Senior Essay

- 1st - Catherine B
- 2nd - Alyssa E
- 3rd - Matteo S

### Intermediate Essay

- 1st - Damien M (Zone Winner - 2nd in BC/Yukon \$200)
- 2nd - Sophia K
- 3rd - Benjamin F

### Intermediate Black & White Poster

- 1st Diana C
- 2nd Justin P

1st place entries were again judged against other Legions in the Howe Sound Zone (Pemberton, Squamish, Bowen Island, West Vancouver and the District of North Vancouver).

Zone winners were then judged against the other nineteen zones in BC with all 1st place winners being sent to Dominion Command in Ottawa for judging against other Provincial Commands to produce national winners.

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### The Door Is Open

Kudos to the 30 students who cooked and served a fresh meal of chili, salad, and fruit salad to 250 people living on the downtown Eastside this past Sunday!

Thank you to Ms. Elizabeth Hughes for organizing all of our Campus Ministry initiatives throughout the year.





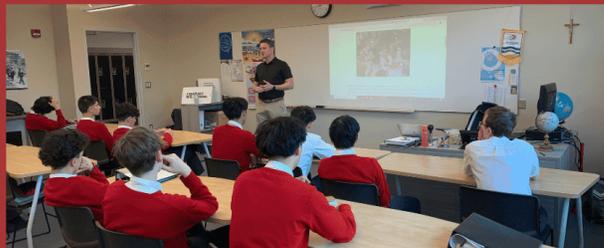
**Congratulations** to Audrey C, Rodeen T, and Adrian P for representing STA at the Poetry in Voice regional team competition on April 4. Each student selected, prepared, and recited one poem in front of student-presenters, judges, and an audience at Prince of Wales Secondary.

In the individual competition which wrapped up in March, Adrian P was one of eighteen students selected from over 10,000 entries from across Canada to move on to the semi-finals.

**Mr. Matt Purkiss '17** was a guest speaker in Ms. Kostamo's drama classes on Monday April 7. He shared his inspirational, courageous, and authentic journey of being a performer and an artist. Mr. Purkiss '17 is the leader of the rock band 'Black Pontiac'. He has also been an integral part of STA drama productions in the last few years. Thank you for sharing your story and encouragement with the students!



**VISITOR EXTRAVAGANZA**



As part of the **CIVIX Student Vote program** in Mr. O'Flynn's Social Studies 10 classes, North Shore candidates have been invited to address students over the past few weeks. These include:

- **People's Party of Canada candidate: Peyman Askari** spoke about his party's priorities and his perspectives on our country. The range of topics discussed by students were many and it was a notable session.
- **Independent candidate: Oliver King.** There is no doubt that Mr. King's "life as a Canadian is one of unusual contrasts; to build a business, to succeed at that business and to prosper living the Canadian Dream despite seemingly insurmountable odds and challenges."
- **Conservative Party candidate: Stephen Curran** was active in his engagement with students, many topics & questions centered around his Party's policies for the next four years and beyond.

- **Liberal Party candidate: Jonathan Wilkinson** presented about his respective bid to be re-elected the next Member of Parliament.
- **New Democratic Party candidate: Tammy Bentz** presented her party's policies and the reasons why the next Member of Parliament should be from the NDP.

## OFFICE UPDATE

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

### April

10, 17 and 25 - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off

18 - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

21 - Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL

23 - Spring School Dance

24 - Grade 9 Retreat

25 - Spirit Day

30 - May 2 - Grade 12 Retreat

### May

4 - The Door Is Open

## STA CAMPUS MINISTRY

### Host Homes

We are in need of one more home to host NET missionaries!

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 or 3 men at your home from April 23rd - 25th? If this is an opportunity you are interested in, please reach out to [Ms. Hughes](#) at for more information!





**STA Men's Hostel Ministry - Thursday, April 10 at 8:00 - 9:00am**

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

**We are now collecting the needed items at STA next week!**

As part of our Lenten Almsgiving, we are running a food drive for **Harvest Project**. Harvest Project is a local organization helping families in need on the North Shore. We have collected food from parishioners at Christ the Redeemer, Holy Trinity, St. Pius, and students at St. Edmund's elementary schools. Drop off your items from Monday April 14 - Thursday, April 17 at the STA Campus Ministry office. Students participating in LentFast will sort and prepare the donations for Harvest Project during the retreat. We also invite you to join our LentFast almsgiving in support of Development and Peace at the following [link](#).

HARVEST PROJECT

HELPING FAMILIES ON THE NORTH SHORE SINCE 1993



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



**MOST NEEDED ITEMS**

- CANNED FRUIT
- JAMS AND SPREADS (NO PEANUT BUTTER)
- COOKIES AND CRACKERS
- COFFEE
- SUGAR, SALT, PEPPER
- OIL, VINEGAR
- FLOUR
- RICE
- SHAMPOO
- CONDITIONER
- TOILET PAPER
- FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- DISH SOAP
- LAUNDRY SOAP
- DISHWASHER SOAP

DROP OFF INFORMATION

**APRIL 14 - 17**  
**CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE**

**Penitential Service - Thursday, April 10 at 9:00am - 11:30am**

Our Lenten Penitential Service is being held this Thursday, April 10 from 9am - 11:30am. All students will have the opportunity to go to Confession in preparation for Easter. Parents are also welcome to come for confession during this time. It will be held in the school gym.

## Grade 9 Retreat - April 24

The Grade 9 retreat is quickly approaching on Thursday, April 24. Permission forms have gone home with students containing all the details. Students go to first block as usual for attendance and then head to the buses. They do not need to wear their uniform.

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## Grade 12 Retreat - April 30 to May 2

We are looking forward to the Grade 12 Retreat at the end of this month, from April 30 - May 2 at Camp Stillwood. Permission forms have gone home with students containing all the details. Students are reminded to pack a sleeping bag, pillow, towel, and all that they need for 3 days at camp. Bags must be dropped off in the truck in the back parking lot before 8:00am on Wednesday, April 30.

## 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**.



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

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