



STA At-a-Glance

**Week 3: September 9 -
September 16, 2025**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**HOMECOMING
FRI SEP 19**

3:30 pm - Senior Boys Soccer vs. ACRSS @ Fen Burdett

5:00 pm - Party in the Parking Lot @STA

Mark your calendars and plan to attend STA's most epic, family-oriented Homecoming yet. Festivities begin on **Friday, September 19 at 3:30pm** with the Senior Boys Soccer battling against Archbishop Carney Secondary at Fen Burdett Stadium. Join us back at **STA at 5:00pm** with live music, beer/wine garden, food trucks, free gelato and more. You'll also have a chance to preview our new school spirit wear, test your throwing arm at the dunk tank and scale a climbing wall.

OFFICE UPDATES

E-Scooter Safety Around STA (from the RCMP)

Police are aware of the growing e-scooter craze and the risks these devices pose - especially around schools. While e-scooters can reduce car trips, safety remains our top priority. Please review the attached RCMP summary of offences and restrictions under B.C.'s provincial [e-scooter pilot program](#), and share these reminders with your children:

- Ride only where permitted by local bylaws; follow all traffic rules and posted speed limits.
- Slow down, yield to pedestrians, and dismount on crowded sidewalks and on school grounds.
- Wear a helmet and make sure your scooter has working lights/reflectors - be visible at dawn/dusk.
- One rider per scooter; no passengers, towing, or stunt riding.
- No phones, earbuds, or distracted riding - eyes up, hands on, and be courteous at drop-off/pick-up.

We're working with the RCMP to provide more education for our community. Thank you for helping us keep students safe.

E-scooter information [page](#). E-bike information [page](#).

Accessing STA Information: the school's yearly [calendar](#) is posted on the school's [website](#). Please ensure the office is informed of any address changes during the summer. Emails may be sent to office@aquinas.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Administration Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Overdue Activity Fee

Student activity fees are past due. The forms were emailed to all families as part of the Welcome Back Package in August. The activity fee and form should be **returned to the office as soon as possible**.

If you have misplaced the form, please **email** the office and we will provide you a copy. Thank you for your prompt attention.

School Attendance Reminders

We require your help to ensure that we know the whereabouts of students at all times during the school day.

Email: office@aquinas.org

Absence from School

- Parents/guardians please email before 8:45 am every day to inform the office of your child's absence. Written notification is a Ministry requirement.
- If a student will be away from school for an extended period of time due to personal/family reasons, we require:
 - parent/guardian to email the office with the dates and reason for absence
 - student to complete an Extended Leave of Absence form. This can be collected from the office. The student must have all their teachers sign the form and submit it to the office before their leave of absence.
- If a student will be away from school for extracurricular activities (e.g. sports, dance, drama academies/clubs), please email the dates in advance.

Late Arrivals and Appointments

- If a student arrives late, they must sign in at the office before going to class.
 - We require a valid reason from parent/guardian for a student arriving late (please email the office; refer to school handbook for examples).
 - Unexcused lates will result in the student serving a lunchtime detention. Repeated tardiness will result in consequences involving administration.
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Grade 8 Parents - Meet the Teacher - Thursday, September 11

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Schedules will be handed out to parents, and light refreshments will be provided. The evening welcome begins at 6:00 pm in the gym and the eight-block class rotation will take place promptly between 6:10 - 8:00pm.



Attention Grade 9 Parents and Guardians:

Wednesday, November 5 is the provincial "Take Our Kids to Work Day." On this day, Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to join their parents or other family members at work. Following

the day, students will complete a reflection on their experiences as part of the Career Education Nine curriculum.

We are currently seeking parents who are able to host additional students at their workplace. Later this week, we will send a letter and a Google form to all Grade 9 families. Please complete the form to let us know if you are able to host one or more extra students.

Thank you for your support in making this a valuable learning experience for our Grade 9 students.

**STA Men's Hostel Ministry - Thursday, September 11
at 8:00 - 9:00am**

Thursday morning we will begin our food collections for the Archdiocese of Vancouver's shelter. This is your opportunity to feed the hungry and help those in need by making sandwiches or baked goods at home. Then bring the food you make at home to the **STA Campus Ministry office** before school starts on Thursday. You can make as many as you like, 12 sandwiches or 12 baked goods equals 1 service hour. Please individually wrap each sandwich or baked good, and they **MUST** be home made to receive service hours. Thank you for your generosity in feeding the hungry!



**Grade 11 Retreat to Camp Stillwood -
October 1-3**

The grade 11 retreat is happening from October 1 - 3. This retreat is a vital component of our school's program, we look forward to all of the students enjoying a fantastic opportunity to connect, reflect, and grow together as a community. Permission forms and more information will be given in religion classes this week.

The Saints STation

Our dedicated Parent Association is opening the school store for nearly new uniform sales.

- **Days:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- **Time:** 3:00pm - 4:00pm
- **Payment:** Cash, Debit and Credit Card



UPCOMING EVENTS

September:

11 - Meet the Teacher - Grade 8 Parents at 6:00pm - 8:00pm

11, 18 and 26 - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off at 8:00 - 9:00am

19 - Spirit Day and Homecoming 2025 at 3:30pm Fen Burdett and 5:00pm at STA Parking Lot

23 - Grade 12 Parents Night at 7:00pm - 8:30pm. Grade 12 Students are encouraged to attend

24 - Grade 9 Immunization Clinic hosted by VCH

29 - Orange Shirt Day

30 - SCHOOL CLOSED - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

STA Athletics Update: The Season is Underway!

It's been an action-packed start to the year, and things are only getting more exciting as competitions begin!

- **Senior Girls Volleyball:** The squad kicks off their season this weekend at the UBC Tournament on Friday and Saturday.
- **Senior Boys Soccer:** The team hits the pitch with exhibition matches at Argyle on **Tuesday, September 9** and against Bodwell on **Thursday, September 11** - perfect tune-ups for their highly anticipated Homecoming showdown vs. Archbishop Carney on **Friday, September 19**.

The energy and enthusiasm from our student-athletes have been incredible. Their commitment to the STA Fighting Saints spirit shines both on and off the court and field.

We are also thrilled to announce the return of **Girls Field Hockey** at STA, with a team representing Grades 8 - 12 for the first time in several years!

A huge thank you to our teachers, coaches, parents, and athletes - your dedication and support are the heartbeat of the Fighting Saints athletics program. None of this would be possible without you

Questions? Reach out to [Mr. Nick Allen](#).

PARENT ASSOCIATION / PARENT PARTICIPATION

STA Parent Association Needs YOU!

Welcome Meeting - Thursday, September 11 at 9:30am at Boardroom

We welcome and encourage all parents to get involved and volunteer at our school. The primary focus of the STA Parent Association is to strengthen our school community by supporting annual events and activities at STA. We achieve this by involving ourselves with activities that connect students, parents and families. Monies raised by these activities are used for the improvement of our school or the enhancement of student extracurricular activities. Through these activities, the Parent Association also provides parents with opportunities to volunteer within our school community. Further details on the Parent Association can be found on the [website](#). Please [email](#) if you are interested in becoming an active member of the Parent Association.

STA Parent Participation Program (PPP)

The [PPP](#) exists for parents to participate in activities and build community with other families. The program also provides a reduction of the monthly parent participation fee. Seasonal and part-time credits are available throughout the year.

Help Needed:

- Homecoming - Sep 19
- Walkathon - Oct 1: 15 volunteers
- Cafeteria - full time shifts available: Thu (12:30pm - 3:00pm). Please contact [Claudia Montagut](#) if interested.
- Traffic duty volunteers - full time shifts: mornings: Mon (8:45am - 9:30am) and Tue-Fri (8:00am - 8:45am) and afternoons: Mon-Fri (2:45pm - 3:30pm). If you are interested please contact [Karen Lo](#).

Click [here](#) to sign-up and review the current opportunities in the portal. Check back often as opportunities are regularly added.

STA CAFETERIA



Breakfast and lunch are available at the **STA School Cafeteria** every day!

All food is prepared daily, with a selection of daily menu items and daily specials. Students can purchase items with cash, debit or credit card. STA gift cards can also be purchased at the office and used in the cafeteria.

Breakfast items are bacon or sausage egg sandwiches, hash browns, tater tots and pastries.

Daily menu items include hamburgers, hotdogs, fries, poutine, a variety of salads, a variety of sandwiches and wraps, veggies & dip. Please click [here](#) for weekly updates.