

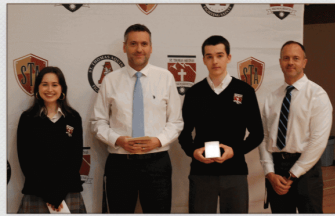


STA At-a-Glance

Week 30: April 15 -

April 22, 2025

KUDOS



STAFF APPRECIATION ASSEMBLY 2025



Staff Appreciation Assembly 2025

5 Years Service - Bianca Rojo - speakers (left to right) Marielle V, Sienna B and Ephraim C

5 Years Service - Sonya Essex - speakers (left to right) Hannah M, Mika V, Erynne H

5 Years Service - Thomas Slivinski - speakers (left to right) Sarah C and Bianca G

15 Years Service - Gary Landicho - speakers (left to right) Sebastian C, Jedrich L, Ramy S

15 Years Service - Mike Field - speakers (left to right) Burke H, Savannah K

20 Years Service - Felipe Grossling - speakers (left to right) Elanor K, Christian B

25 Years Service - John Mendoza - speakers (left to right) Yunjae K, Thomas R, Antonina H, Oshanya W

25 Years Service - Loui Salituro - speakers (left to right) Matteo S, Blake D, Marco F, Kegan F

Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair

This past weekend, Grade 8 students Benjamin F, Zion H and Declan O represented STA at the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair at UBC. Special congratulations are extended to Benjamin F and Zion H who both placed silver in their respective categories. Thank you to all three students for representing us so well!



SHAD - Summer 2025

SHAD is a prestigious month-long STEAM and entrepreneurship summer program that is recognized around the world for its hands-on learning, emphasis on collaboration, access to scientific and entrepreneurial mentors, and focus on changing the world for the better. Our

Science Department is delighted to share that Grade 11 students John H and Jonathan W have been accepted to SHAD for July 2025. John will attend SHAD at York University, while Jonathan will participate in this program at the University of Regina. Congratulations!



California Dreamin' Band Trip 2025

The senior band students had an exhilarating field trip in southern California on April 8-12. They performed at the Hollywood Backlot Stage in California Adventure Park. The students displayed their musical set with vigor and energy. They also had an exciting professional recording session in one of Disney's studios, where they recorded music to authentic Disney animation film scenes. There was an educational workshop with a professor at BIOLA (Biblical Institute of Los Angeles) University. There was plenty of time for enjoying the sights and parks.



2024-25 NSSSAA Senior Basketball League All-Stars

North Shore Secondary Schools Athletic Association selected Senior Basketball League All-Star teams. From STA girls' team represent Lilly D and boys' team - Gabe B. Congratulations to our two STA All - Stars!

Congratulation to the Junior Girls Soccer team

The Jr. Girls soccer team participated in the Argyle tournament last week and gained valuable experience playing as a team and having fun. Despite some losses, the team finished with an impressive 4-0 victory in their final game with a number of players away due to illness or helping out the senior team who were short handed. The girls played fantastic. Go Saints!



The STA Mountain Biking team

The team kicked off their season with a strong showing at their first race on April 9. Fifteen dedicated racers from Grades 8 -11 gave it their all on the trails.

The Grade 8 boys delivered an outstanding performance, propelling the Bantam Boys team to an impressive second place overall. Notable finishes included John S in 5th, Xavier Z in 6th, Landon B in 8th, and Elliot O in 10th. Teammates Luke B, Lucas R, and Maksimas V also finished in the top half of the field, contributing valuable points to the team's success.

In the Juvenile Girls category, Genevieve J secured a solid 8th-place finish. Junior Girls rider Sophia E had a strong race, earning 7th place and adding to the team's impressive results.

For the Junior Boys, Charles S placed 12th, followed closely by Jack W in 13th. William E and Shae O crossed the line in 21st and 24th, respectively.

In the highly competitive Senior Boys race, Miles F and Finn B placed 40th and 54th out of a field of more than 60 riders.

Congratulations to all our riders on a fantastic start to the season!

VISITOR EXTRAVAGANZA

Visit of North Vancouver School Trustee Kulvir Mann

Mr. O'Flynn's Social Studies class had the opportunity to welcome North Vancouver School Trustee Kulvir Mann and learn more about this elected position of public service. Ms. Mann is a school liaison to Windsor (Blueridge, Lynnmour, Seymour Heights) and among many other responsibilities, she serves on the District of North Vancouver North Shore Standing Committee on Substance Use and the North Shore Table Matters Network. There were many questions presented and submitted by Grade 10's which were thoughtfully answered.



OFFICE UPDATE

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

April

- 18 - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
- 21 - Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL
- 23 - Spring School Dance - 6:30pm - 9:00pm
- 24 - Grade 9 Retreat
- 25 - Spirit Day - Dress Like 'Adam Sandler' Day
- 30 - **May 2** - Grade 12 Retreat

May

- 4 - The Door Is Open
 - 7 - Grade 10 Retreat
 - 12 - Grade 8 Retreat
 - 16 - Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL
 - 19 - Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL
 - 26 - Spring Choir Night
 - 27 - Spring Band Concert
 - 30 - International Night
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The Youth Support Team (YST)

YST is a dedicated group of North Vancouver RCMP officers who work closely with schools, students, and families throughout the school year. Our goal is to build positive, trusting relationships with youth while offering support on topics like substance use, online safety, harassment, driving, and other safety or criminal concerns.

We take a supportive, community-focused approach - showing up not just when something goes wrong, but as consistent, approachable adults students can feel comfortable talking to. You'll often see us in schools, at events, and out in the community, building connections and supporting students in making safe, positive choices.

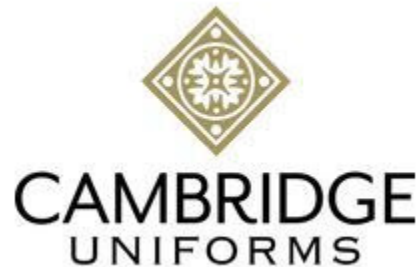
We also work alongside a network of partner agencies that focus on youth wellness. Together, we believe in the idea that it takes a village to support young people - and we're proud to be part of that village.

If you'd like to connect with us, ask questions, or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out (604 985-1311). We're here to help.

Message from Cambridge Uniforms

This letter provides families with the following important information:

- Our website address is [here](#)
- Your online school code is: **QUI567**
- Uniforms for St. Thomas Aquinas are only purchased at our WELCH LOCATION.
- Please place all back to school orders by June 15, 2025.
- Orders placed in August and September are likely to incur delays.



We wish you and your staff a successful end of year term and we look forward to serving you and your families for the 2025/26 school year.



STA Drama Production

If you didn't get a chance to see the play "The Butler Did It" and wanted to watch the film - here is the [link](#)!

Huge thanks to Steve Grout for creating the video!

STA CAMPUS MINISTRY

Christ the Redeemer Youth Ministry (CYC) - Saturday, May 3

CYC is taking a group to the Archdiocese of Vancouver's Catholic Youth Conference for all students in Grades 8-12. All students are welcome to join their group to register for the conference! Register through this [link](#). The deadline to register is **April 23**.



STA Men's Hostel Ministry - Thursday, April 17 and Friday, April 25 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.

Lenten Collection for the Harvest Project!

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 now until 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 by considering a donation [here](#).

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



STA Campus Ministry's Annual International Night - Friday, May 30

We are looking for countries to represent our diverse community and we need your help! We rely entirely on parent/family involvement. As in previous years, we are hoping to host 12 - 15 national tables decorated with cultural artifacts and serving national food. Come together with families from your nation and share your culture with us!

The entire event is a fundraiser, allowing us to support several local and global charities. Please email [Ms. E. Hughes](#) if you are interested or would like more information. If you are not able to help, we hope to see you on May 30 to enjoy the food, and entertainment!

LentFast - April 17-18

LentFast participants are reminded to check in and drop off their overnight gear on the first floor Thursday morning before school begins. Students will receive their T-shirt, which they will wear during the school day with their uniform bottoms. Their 24 hour fast begins after their breakfast at home Thursday morning. At lunch students will meet in the



auxiliary gym and will spend last block in LentFast activities. Reminder to bring 10 juice boxes and everything you need for overnight.

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 uniforms, but please dress modestly.

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 at 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.**

