



STA At-a-Glance

Week 31: April 22 -

April 29, 2025

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

In loving memory of Pope Francis

Lord Jesus, you have called Pope Francis to yourself. Thank you for the gift of his papacy. When he was with us, he tirelessly showed the Church your constant mercy toward sinners. Grant him now your mercy and let him rest eternally with you in your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



UPCOMING EVENT



The STA Annual Spring Plant Sale is here - until tonight (midnight)

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.

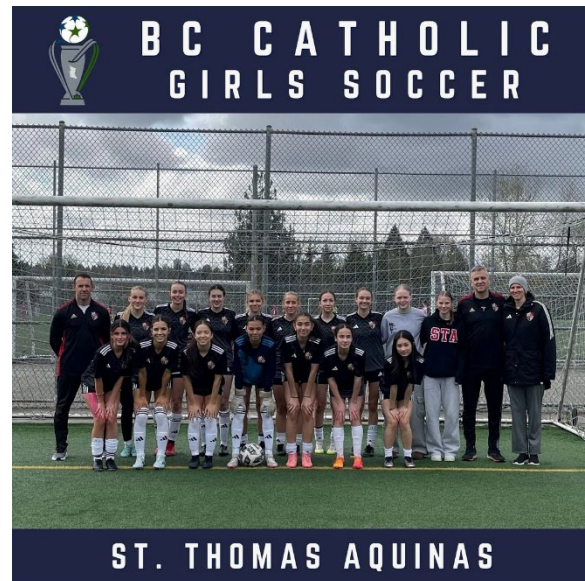
Pick-ups will take place on **Thursday, May 8 & Friday, May 9.**

KUDOS

Congratulation to the Senior Girls Soccer team

After a fourth place finish at the BC Catholic Championships, the STA Senior Girls Soccer team currently sit tied for first place in the North Shore league with a record of three wins and no losses. The Fighting Saints put their perfect record on the line today when they play the Collingwood Cavaliers in a battle for first place on the North Shore. Another game on Thursday vs Sutherland.

Games start at 3:30 pm at Fen Burdett Field and come cheer them on! Go Saints!



Kudos!

Juvenile Boys Volleyball team members will be preparing for their Thursday 5:30 pm show down with Sutherland Secondary school.

Congratulations!

Senior boys and girls won their **badminton** games last week against Windsor!

We wish them all the best as they play Seycove this Wednesday, April 23.



Canyon Trip

The Physical Geography 12 class trip adventure began with a 6:00 am arrival time at the Vancouver airport. After clearing US customs without a hitch and landing in Phoenix, Arizona at 1PM, a quick lunch stop at In and Out Burger set us up for our travel to Sedona. In Sedona we hiked Airport Mesa and watched the sunset before checking in at our hotel for a quiet evening in anticipation of our big travels the next day.

Friday morning, shortly into our drive to see the Grand Canyon, we stopped to visit local Navajo Artists and see Oak Creek Canyon. At 11am we arrived at the Grand Canyon and boarded the bus to South Kaibab Trailhead. It was a beautiful hot day and the class hiked to Ooh Aah Point to enjoy some of the most spectacular vistas of the Grand Canyon. The shuttle then brought the group to the Village where some enjoyed Ice cream, souvenirs and new appreciation for Celsius Energy Drinks. We spent the night in Page Arizona where we restocked our supplies and prepped for the next day.

Saturday we were off to Utah and Zion National Park. We were not able to see Weeping Rock due to rock falls but water levels did allow for us to hike "The Narrows" slot canyons at the Temple

of Sinawava. Back to Page that night and dinner at Big John's Texas BarBQ where Burke got the whole restaurant clapping along to "R – O – C – K in the U – S – A". Taxes / Tip and the exchange rate incited some sticker shock but it was a fun time and great way to end a long day.

Sunday, as we said "good bye" to Page, we stopped at the world famous "Horseshoe Bend" and then on to our guided tour of Antelope Canyon - truly a marvel of nature. Students were efficient with their time as we changed, freshened up and arrived on time for 5:00pm Palm Sunday Mass in Scottsdale. We were welcomed and when questioned outside the church as to what part of Canada we were from, our answer "North Vancouver," led to "What school?" then "STA" and then a happy surprise of "our children went to STA too!" Finding alumni parents now living in Arizona was just one of the many highlights of this incredible trip.

The next morning students had the option of sleeping in or getting up at 5:00am to climb Camelback Mountain. 12 brave hikers took on the challenge of a grueling hike to the top that overlooks Scottsdale and Phoenix. Students saw incredible sights on this 5 day adventure which we hope continues to foster their love and appreciation for the natural wonders of God's world. Thank you to our chaperones Mr. Krol, Mrs Pilar and Ms Mattia for their driving, energy and enthusiasm.

OFFICE UPDATE

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

April

23 - Spring school dance - CANCELLED

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

8, 15 and 23 - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off

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 at 6:00-9:00pm

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 - 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.

The Door Is Open - Sunday, May 4

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, May 4 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, May 1.

Spots are limited!



STA Campus Ministry's Annual International Night - Friday, May 30 at 6:00-9:00pm

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!

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 the truck in the back parking lot before 8:00am on Wednesday, April 30.

PARENT PARTICIPATION / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Click on the **Parent Participation Portal** to register for the opportunities below.

1. Cafeteria

We are in great need of **Full Time** Volunteers for the Cafeteria, this is an amazing opportunity to build community and be part of your Child's school life. Please contact **Claudia Montagut** if interested. The shifts available are:

- **Tuesday:** 11:30am-2:00pm, 12:30pm-3:00pm
- **Wednesday:** 11:30am-2:00pm, 12:30pm-3:00pm
- **Thursday:** 11:30am-2:00pm

A **Part Time** shift on Wednesdays from 11:30am-2:00pm has been posted in the portal for sign up.

2. Crossing Guards Needed

We are seeking for crossing guards for before and after school shifts. Contact **Karen Lo** for more details. Thank you for your involvement!

