



STA At-a-Glance

Week 32: April 28 -

May 5, 2026

KUDOS



Aidan Morris



James Ferry



Leena Pandit



Gabby Young



Jessica Krajicek



Marianne Hughes



Niki Liang



John Prescott



Morgan Tapp



Carol Sawdon



Joanne Treacy



Joe Galat

Staff Appreciation Assembly 2026

- 5 Years Service - Aidan Morris - speakers (left to right) Sienna B and Amelia C
- 5 Years Service – James Ferry - speakers (left to right) Gui S and Marcus C

- 5 Years Service - Leena Pandit - speakers (left to right) Cam L and Natasha K
- 5 Years Service - Gabby Young - speaker Ava S
- 5 Years Service - Julia Chun – (no photo) speakers (left to right) Joshua C and Daniel J
- 5 Years Service - Jessica Krajicek - speakers (left to right) Anna H and Gianmarco C
- 15 Years Service - Marianne Hughes - speakers (left to right) Joseph K and Maddy O
- 15 Years Service – Niki Liang - speakers (left to right) Antonina H and Gaby M
- 15 Years Service - John Prescott - speakers (left to right) Lily C and Sofia C
- 20 Years Service – Morgan Tapp - speakers (left to right) Sophia M, Matteli P, Evangeline R, Sophie M, Cyprien Guss, Evey L and Sara U
- 25 Years Service – Carol Sawdon - speakers (left to right) Cindy L, Anamaria M and Anusha S
- 25 Years Service – Joanne Treacy - speakers (left to right) Evelyn S and Lia Prox
- 30 Years Service – Joe Galat - speakers (left to right) Georgia K, Mia W and Rehah K



Congratulation to Jonathan W

Jonathan is a recipient of the **Rideau Hall Foundation's Ingenious+ Pacific Division award**, is currently advancing to the national finals. He was invited by Lieutenant Governor Wendy Lisogar-Cocchia to attend the awards ceremony held on April 15 at Government House in Victoria, BC.

Ingenious+ is an annual innovation competition hosted by the Rideau Hall Foundation that recognizes and celebrates the next generation of Canadian innovators. Jonathan received the award for developing a solar-powered telemedicine device designed to support rural clinics - an innovation that has been featured on media outlets including Global News and CBC Radio One.

Pictured: Jonathan W with Amy Mifflin-Sills, Director of Innovation at the Rideau Hall Foundation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Grandparents / Grandfriends Tea - May 6

We are delighted to once again host our complimentary Grandparents / Grandfriends **Tea & Conversation** as we honor our beloved grandparents.

The **deadline** for the Grandparents Tea registration is Friday, **April 30**. Just a reminder that this is for **grandparents only**. Click [here](#) to register.



You're Invited
STA Grandparents Tea
Wednesday, May 6



STA Campus Ministry's Annual International Night - Friday, May 29

Join us as we celebrate and share our many cultures!

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!

So far we have tables for: Mexico, Italy, Korea, Great Britain, Philippines, Peru, Armenia, Chile, Thailand, Brazil, China, and Egypt. If you would like to help with any of those tables, let us know!

The entire event is a fundraiser, allowing us to support several local and global charities.

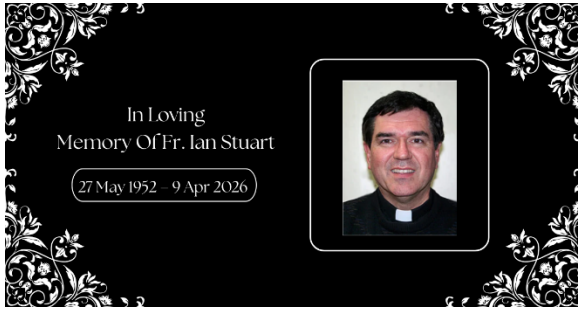
Please email [Ms. E. Hughes](mailto:Ms.E.Hughes) if you are interested or would like more information.

If you are not able to help, mark the date on the calendar! We hope to see you on May 29 to enjoy the community, culture, food, and entertainment from the STA Jazz Bands!

All STA student-athletes and their parents are invited to attend STA's **Athletic Celebration Night** on **June 2** at **6:00pm**. During this event, we will recognize all of our athletic teams with special acknowledgement to those athletes who made outstanding achievements in their respective fields.

More details and registration information can be found [here](#). Seats are \$40 per person. **Please register by May 26**. We look forward to seeing you there.





Please join us: Memorial Mass for Fr. Ian Stuart

Dear STA Alumni,

We invite you to join us for a memorial mass on **Thursday, May 7 at 11:00am** as we celebrate the life of Father Ian Stuart. The mass will take place in the **STA Chapel** within the convent at 524 West 6th Street, North

Vancouver.

Father Ian was the Principal at STA from 1976-1980. He attended high school at Vancouver College, and attended the University of Victoria where he earned a BA in German and a teaching diploma. After serving as Principal, he worked at the Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese. It was during his time at CISVA that he discerned his calling to the priesthood. In 1982, he began his seminary studies at The Pontifical Beda College in Rome. He had the privilege to be the deacon to Pope John Paul II on one occasion. Father Ian was ordained to the priesthood in 1987 for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver.

He was the Pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Vancouver, and St. Anthony's Parish in West Vancouver. He served as Assistant Pastor at Holy Rosary Cathedral and at St. Mary's Church in Chilliwack.

Registration is not required.

OFFICE UPDATES



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL
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June 2026 Exam Schedule

		Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Monday, June 8	8:25 AM		French Portfolio	Religion 10		Religion 12
	12:25 PM	English 8 Enriched English 8			Chemistry 11 French Portfolio	English 12
Tuesday, June 9	8:25 AM	French Portfolio	French Portfolio	Numeracy/Literacy 10 Assessment Makeup	English 11	Chemistry 12
	12:25 PM	French Portfolio	English 9 Enriched English 9	French Portfolio		Political Studies 12
Wednesday, June 10	8:25 AM	French Portfolio	Religion 9	French Portfolio	Physics 11	Physics 12
	12:25 PM	Science 8		Workplace Math 10 Foundations of Math 10 French Portfolio	French Portfolio	French Portfolio Philosophy 12
Thursday, June 11	8:25 AM	Math 8 Accelerated Math 8/9 Workplace Math 8		French Portfolio		Calculus 12 AP Calculus Comparative Cultures 12 French Portfolio
	12:25 PM		Math 9	Science 10		French Portfolio Economics 12
Friday, June 12	8:25 AM	French Portfolio			Pre Calc 11 Foundations of Math 11 Workplace Math 11 French Portfolio Spanish 11 Challenge	Pre Calc 12 Foundations of Math 12 French Portfolio
	12:25 PM	Religion 8		Socials 10	French Portfolio	Literature 12 Psychology 12
Monday, June 15	8:25 AM	French Portfolio			Intro/Spanish Orals Life Science 11	French Portfolio Anatomy & Physiology 12
	12:25 PM	French Portfolio	Socials 9	French Portfolio		20th Century World History 12 AP Computer Science
Tuesday, June 16	8:25 AM		French Portfolio	*PHE 10 (Mandatory CPR Training)		French Portfolio Human Geography 12
	12:25 PM		French Portfolio	*PHE 10 (Mandatory CPR Training)		Psychology 12

AM EXAMS: Students must be in the gym for morning exams at 8:25am

PM EXAMS: Students must be in the gym for afternoon exams at 12:25pm

2026 Exam Schedule - June 8 - 16

The final exam schedule, including expectations, has been posted on the [website](#).

All classes will not be in session during exam week.

Students should contact [Mr. Salituro](#) or the [school office](#), in regards to any exam conflicts.

Grade 12 Capstone Interviews - Monday, May 11 at 8:00 – 9:15am

Grade 12 Capstone interviews will take place on **Monday, May 11 from 8:00 – 9:15am**. Students will receive their scheduled interview time from their mentor teachers. Our Grade 12s have been working diligently to complete their Capstone assignments and reflections - well done on your efforts so far. Please note that students who have not completed all required assignments and their 16 service hours will not be eligible to participate in the interview. Capstone is a 2-credit graduation requirement, so it is important that all components are completed on time.



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SERVICE HOURS INFORMATION & VERIFICATION

The STA Service Program is an opportunity for students to be SAINTS within our community. This program is a requirement of our Career Education curricula. We want our students to give of their time and engage in opportunities that utilize their talents, interests and skills. It enables students to practice the values which are integrated into all aspects of learning and life at the school.

What does it mean to be a STA SAINT?

- RESPECT - Our actions demonstrate that we value, and care for our school and every individual.
- PERSEVERANCE - We always strive to work hard, do our best, and never give up.
- RESPONSIBILITY - We recognize that our actions affect ourselves and others, and that we all have a role in building a positive and safe school environment.
- COMMUNITY - We work together. We are Aquinas.
- FAITH - Our Catholic faith permeates all that we do and who we are.

Note: Administration will review all activities to ensure they reflect the philosophy of the Service Program.

ACTIVITIES APPROVED FOR SERVICE HOURS

School Events/Opportunities

- ✓ International Night
- ✓ Craft Fair
- ✓ Peer Tutoring through School programs such as LRC/Homework club
- ✓ Running a school club
- ✓ Event setup/take down
- ✓ Sound Crew Events
- ✓ Baking (school events)
- ✓ Door is Open
- ✓ Alumni Events
- ✓ Grounds crew

Parish Opportunities

- ✓ Parish Community Events
- ✓ Altar Serving
- ✓ Singing in Choir
- ✓ Prep Teaching
- ✓ Youth Ministry Leader

Community Opportunities

- ✓ Coaching/Assistant Coaching a team
- ✓ Festival & Community Events - e.g., Terry Fox Run, CoHo Run
- ✓ Summer Camp Volunteering
- ✓ Elementary School events
- ✓ Volunteering at library, seniors home, charities

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES NOT APPROVED FOR SERVICE HOURS

- Babysitting
- Dog walking
- Picking up garbage in the neighborhood
- Household Chores, Yard Work, and Maintenance
- Any paid work
- School required participation (No double dipping for other course requirements e.g., PHE)
- Volunteering to work for a business
- Working/teaching/coaching a family member or friend, neighbour, or specific individuals even if its unpaid
- Tutoring of friends, classmates, other individuals that is not through the school peer tutoring program

If an activity is NOT on the list of approved activities, students are asked to receive prior approval from their Religion teacher and/or administration or risk having the activity not count as community service.

Service Hours Reminder

Grade 12 service hours were due on **April 27** and must be fully completed prior to their Capstone interview on **May 11**.

Students in **Grades 8 - 11** are required to complete their **16 service hours** and submit all forms to their Religion teacher by **May 15**. Please be aware that students who do not meet this requirement will be assigned to complete service hours at the school during exam week.

Thank you for supporting this important endeavor. Community service is a key part of what defines us as a Catholic school.

More information about service hours, including the required form, can be found on the [school website](#).

STA Graduation Events - Deadline for submission is Tuesday, May 19

- Graduation Mass: Friday, **June 5**, at 11:00am in our school gym (Click [here](#) to watch highlights of the 2025 Grad Mass)
- Commencement Ceremony: Thursday, **June 18** at Massey Theatre 7:00pm
- Dinner and Dance: Friday, **June 19** at the Westin Bayshore at 6:00pm

Graduation packages were distributed to Grade 12s on Monday, April 27. Grade 12s are reminded that Tuesday, May 19 is the



deadline for their Dinner/Dance order forms/payment (to Ms. Mattia in the library) and their Future Plans writeup (online in Grad Google Classroom).
Thank you for your attention to these important deadlines!



Paris, London and Barcelona Spring Break 2027 - Don't Miss Out - Prices Are Going Up Soon!

Locking in your spot before May 1st means you'll save money AND secure your place on what is going to be an absolutely incredible experience. **Starting May 1:**

- Program prices will be increasing by approximately \$50 - \$100
- The \$100 Early Enrollment Discount expires
- That means signing up before May 1

could save you up to \$200 - so if you've been on the fence about joining us, now is the perfect time to make it official!

We would love to have you travel with us! Sign up [here](#) and feel free to contact [Mr. Domina](#) with questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

April

29 - May 1 Grade 12 Retreat

May

3 - Door Is Open

14, 21 and 29 (last one for current school year) - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off at 8:00 - 9:00am

June

4 - Last Day for Cafeteria Services

5 - Grad Mass

9 - 16 Final Exams

18 - Grade 12 Commencement

19 - STA Grad 2026 Dinner and Dance

25 - Last day for Students

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Grade 12 Retreat - April 29 - May 1

The grade 12 retreat is tomorrow! Students are reminded to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, towel, and everything else they need for three days at camp. No outside food or drinks are permitted. Bags must be dropped off in the back parking lot tomorrow morning **before 8:15am**.



PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

Help needed:

Volunteers are needed for:

- Grandparents Tea on May 5 and 6
- New Parent Night on May 12 at 5:00-9:00pm

Click on the [Parent Participation Portal](#) to register.



Volunteer Opportunity: Help Our School Bus Sparkle!

Are you looking for a rewarding and flexible way to contribute to our school community? We're expanding our friendly bus wash team and seeking one additional parent volunteer (preferably male) to help keep our school bus looking its best!

It's a straightforward, satisfying task – no experience necessary! You'll be working alongside another volunteer just 1-2 times per month, for only a few hours. This small time investment conveniently fulfills your **entire monthly volunteer requirement!** Enjoy

flexible scheduling to fit your availability.

Ready to roll up your sleeves and make a visible difference for our students every month? Please contact [Carmen](#) to learn more or sign up!