



# STA At-a-Glance

Week 33: May 6-

May 13, 2025

## STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS



While Canadians voted for their next prime minister, STA students voted for their next Student Council. Congratulations to next year's Student Council for their election win.

### STA's Student Council 2025-26 school year

Presidents: Clair U and Cameron L

Vice Presidents: Gabriela M and Giovanni P

Secretary: Irene K and Lia P

Communications: Amaya A and Minjae L

Finance: Kristian R and Maddy O

Sports Representatives: Georgia K and Yahyaa N

International Representatives: Sophie C and Harry C

Thank you to all candidates for running!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Check out the vibrant companies managed by our parents and alumni in this week's 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the [\*\*STA Community Directory\*\*](#).

### **Karen Woodfield - [Pink Elephant Hypnotherapy](#)**

Ready to reset your mind and take control of your wellness journey?

Karen is a current STA parent and local Clinical Hypnotherapist with a MSc and BSc in Psychology from the UK. Hypnotherapy is one of the best preventative healthcare approaches. It can help with eliminating stress, anxiety, depression, chronic pain, weight management, fears and phobias, academic and sports performance, public speaking and any persistent feelings or emotions that do not serve you well such as low self confidence/esteem/worth.





### Sylvia Olson - **PREC**

Buying or selling? Current STA Parent Sylvia Olson PREC\* is here to simplify your journey. Known for her integrity, expertise, and community roots, Sylvia is your go-to realtor for results and peace of mind. Let her make your next move the right one.

### Gabriel Ip' 08 - **Team Vince Chan**

When it comes to real estate, you want someone who gets it. Enter Gabriel Ip of Team Vince Chan - RE/MAX Crest Realty. Gabriel is not only a savvy STA grad with deep roots in the community and unmatched knowledge of Metro Vancouver's housing market, but he's also the current co-coach of STA's badminton team. Gabriel has been helping STA grads for years in finding their dream homes throughout the North Shore and Lower Mainland. Let Gabriel plan your property goals with you, transforming your property goals into reality!



## KUDOS



### Grad Legacy Project donation to the OMI Oblates

Co-Presidents, Sarah C and Ramy S were joined by staff today as they presented their Grad Legacy Project donation to Father Ken Forster of the OMI Oblates. The cheque for \$6,481.35 was the accumulation of five years of Walkathon donations set aside for their Grade 12 year.

Grade 12s voted and selected **MAMI** as their charity of choice, which the Oblates manage in Kenya. Their gift will help fund enrollment for 12 students to attend St. Thomas Aquinas High School in rural Kenya.

For more information about the Grad Legacy Project, click [here](#).

## Whistler Con Brio 2025

The **Junior Jazz band** students of grades 8-10 participated in the 26th annual **Con Brio Music Festival** in Whistler where 2300+ music students occupied the village for three days. STA students performed, attended workshops and concerts. Congratulations to the **Concert bands** earning Silver and to the **Junior Jazz band** earning **GOLD!**



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Congratulations to the four Grade 8 students who participated in the **Math Challengers Provincial Final** at SFU this weekend!

Special recognition to Claire Y and Sienna H for placing among the top ten finalists. Well done!

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## The Door Is Open

Kudos to the 20 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.







## Kudos to the Junior Girls Soccer team

The team had a season where they represented the school in such a positive way. Composed of a squad with a large number of grade 8's, the girls showed exemplary sportsmanship, support, encouragement, hard work, and joy playing together. They played as a team and took on AAA schools with players older and bigger. Their efforts have borne much fruit as they had some key victories in their tournament and played better as a team as the season went on. They look forward to future years in soccer at STA. Coached by Mr. Grossling and Ms. Cune, the girls are paving the way for future successes in the years to come.

In making contact with the Library of Parliament in Ottawa, Mr. O'Flynn was able to reserve a **Virtual Reality kit** called **Parliament**.

The Classroom Experience for the Grade 10 Social Studies classes.

Great enjoyment and learning ensued!





Special thanks to Mr. Salituro for providing this enriched experience for students.

## Congratulation

The Fraser Valley Waterpolo club with Martin R from Grade 10 won the gold medal in the finals of the **National Championship League of Waterpolo Canada 2025 Western conference**. The team had zero losses dominating the entire conference.





## OFFICE UPDATE

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

### May

**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 at 7:00pm

**27** - Spring Band Concert at 7:00pm

**30** - International Night at 6:00-9:00pm

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### STA Graduation Events

Graduation Mass: Friday, June 6, at 11:00 am in our school gym

Commencement Ceremony: Thursday, June 19 at Massey Theatre 7:00 pm

Dinner and Dance: Friday, June 20 at the Westin Bayshore at 6:00 pm

Graduation packages were distributed to grade 12s on Monday, May 5. The deadline for submitting Dinner Dance order forms (to Ms Mattia in the library) and Future Plans (online in Grad Google Classroom) is Tuesday, May 20.

## UPCOMING EVENT

### North Shore Track and Field Championships - May 8 and 15 at Swangard Stadium

With a joy of effort, giving their best, and bringing out the best in others, STA's Track and Field team has been running, jumping and throwing - higher, faster, and stronger, together - preparing for the upcoming North Shore Championships May 8 and 15. Athletes, team captains and coaches are excited about the display of commitment, talent, camaraderie and personal bests heralding performances to come. Special thanks for the mentorship and servant leadership of our: senior team captains - Georgia K, Rehan K, Aidan J, Jordan P, Maddy O, Sara M and Adrian P; up and coming junior captains; and team photographers - Maksimas V and Jackson F.

You can watch the event via this [link](#).

Photo by Maksimas V



## STA CAMPUS MINISTRY



### **STA Men's Hostel Ministry - Thursdays, May 8 and 15 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.

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

International Night is coming up on Friday, May 30! The evening will bring our whole school community together to celebrate and share our many cultures! If you and your family would like to make food for your country, let [Ms. E. Hughes](#) in the Campus Ministry office know!

So far we have: Chile, Italy, Czechia, Iran, Egypt, USA, Korea, Venezuela, Mexico, Armenia, Great Britain, and Brazil! If you want to help with one of these countries, or if your country is missing, we need you!



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

We hope to see you on May 30 to enjoy the food, and entertainment!

### **Grade 10 Retreat - tomorrow**

The Grade 10 retreat is tomorrow, Wednesday, May 7. 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. Students do not need to wear their uniforms, but please dress modestly.

### **Grade 8 Retreat - Monday, May 12 at 8:30 (not late start for Gr.8)**

Despite Monday's late start schedule, grade 8s will need to report to their D block class at **8:30am** for the retreat! Permission forms with all of the details have been sent home. Students do not need to wear their uniforms, but please dress modestly.

**PARENT PARTICIPATION / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



WOULD YOU  
MIND  
HELPING US?

50/50 Raffle tickets sales)

- **Graduation Mass** (it is a tradition Grade 11's parents helping for this event, but not limited; decoration on Thursday, June 5 at 3:30 - 8:30 pm; set up, serve and clean up lunch and refreshers on June 6 at 8:00 am - 8:00 pm and 10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Your help will be very appreciated.

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

#### **Volunteers Opportunities in May-June:**

- **Spring Plant Sale** (Delivery on Wednesday, May 7 at 3:00 - 5:00 pm; pick up on Thursday, May 8 at 11:00 am - 4:30 pm and Friday, May 9 at 2:30 - 4:30 pm)
- **BBQ Grade 12** (Friday, May 23 at 11:00 am - 3:00 pm)
- **Spring Choir and Band** (May 26 and 27 at 5:00 - 9:00 pm; also, baked goods students and parents can earn volunteer hours by providing homemade baked goods. One dozen baked goods = 1 hour volunteer time. Drop the baked goods to the school office during the day or to the cafeteria between 5:00 - 7:00pm. There is no limit to the volunteer hours the students can earn.
- **International Night** (Friday, May 30 -