

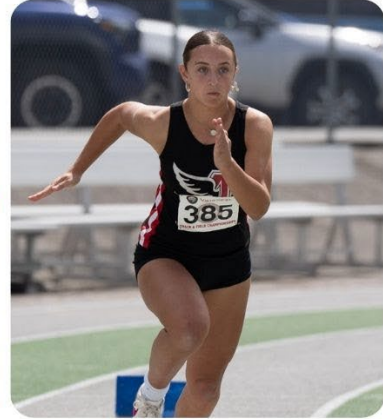
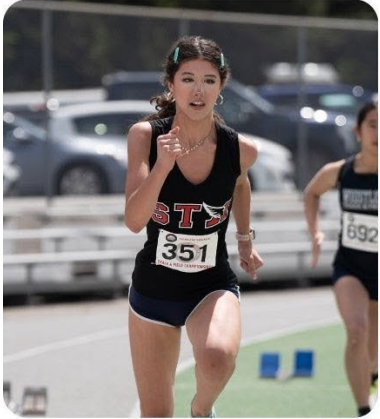


STA At-a-Glance

Week 34: May 12 -

May 19, 2026

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Photos by Jackson F

Congratulations to our Track and Field Fighting Saints!

After battling through the runs, jumps, throws, and even a few injuries, our athletes finished a successful Day 1 of the North Shore Championships. The Saints emerged as the **top AA school** and are currently **tied for first place overall!**

Well done, SAINTS! Keep the momentum going.

Congratulations to our **Senior Girls Soccer** team who have qualified for the **Provincial Championships** in Kamloops and have advanced to the **Vancouver Sea to Sky Zone Championship** finals with a convincing 5-1 victory over Windsor last week.

The Fighting Saints will play Collingwood in the **Zone** finals today, May 12. Good luck ladies!



2025-26 NSSSAA Senior Basketball League All-Stars

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

Grandparents Tea

Over 70 grandparents joined us on May 6 for our biennial Grandparents Tea. Grandparents were served tea and scrumptious finger sandwiches and desserts by a talented team of student volunteers, and were treated to the melodic voices of our STA choir, led by Mrs. Rebane. A special thanks to Kerri Amat and Sylvia Olson of the Parent Association for all of their hardwork to organize and facilitate the event.



Congratulation to Martin R

Martin was selected by Waterpolo Canada to the U17 National Team Development Group. He is going to Greece in June for training.

He also just got back from this weekend's 2026 Waterpolo Canada National Championship League finals and their team, Surrey Waterpolo Club, won the Bronze medal for the U18 Men's Division.

Green, in the upcoming Junior Olympics Waterpolo Qualifiers at the end of May. Then will be off to the Junior Olympics in California in July.

He is also playing for New York Team, Asphalt

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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 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.

OFFICE UPDATES

Professional Development & Victoria Day - Friday, May 15 & Monday, May 18

School will be closed for teachers professional development followed by Victoria Day and Classes will resume Tuesday, **May 19** on a Day 1 regular schedule.

Athletic Foundations Collection

To showcase our brand and school spirit in a consistent and polished manner, STA is pleased to announce our **Athletic Foundations Collection**. All students who are planning to participate on an athletic team for 2026-27 are asked to purchase a kit from the collection to wear to and from all games/meets. Click [here](#) to view the site.

The kit is not sport-specific so students can wear the items across all team participation, and tops for Spirit Days.

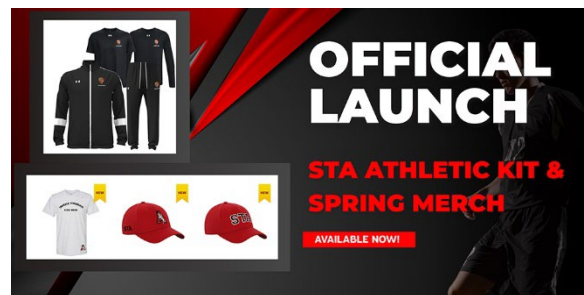
The kit consists of:

- Warm-up jacket
- Warm-up pants
- Choice of a short- or long-sleeved warm up shirt (with an option for personalization)
- The cost for the kit is \$122.50

The window for ordering these supplies online is May to July, with a pickup at the end of August. Incoming Grade 8 students will also be informed of this process.

STA Spring Collection

You and your child can also show your school pride by considering the purchase of an STA baseball hat (two styles) and the new t-shirt design contest winning tee by Grade 11 student,



Carden T. You'll find these and other year-round items [here](#). The order window for the Spring collection is **May 1-31**, with a pickup timeframe before the end of June.
Go Saints go!



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)*		

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

*Please note addition for PHE10

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.



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
- ✓ After Service
- ✓ 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/helping/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

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.

Grade 12 service hours are past due and must be completed before credit is granted for Capstone.

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!





Class of 2026 Grad Ring – Special Keepsake and grad gift!

St. Thomas Aquinas Grad Class of 2026 is excited to announce a custom-designed ring created exclusively for this year's graduating class in collaboration with renowned local jewelry designer, Pyrrha! Handcrafted in sterling silver, each ring features STA Grad 2026 detailing and includes the official Pyrrha 925 stamp. Optional custom engraving on the inside of the ring is also available.

Rings are available in sizes 3–14, including half and quarter sizes. Pricing starts at \$325. This one-of-a-kind ring will only be available for a limited period. **Orders are open now. Deadline: Monday, May 18.**

Please complete the [Google Form](#) to place an order. E-transfer payment to: kwgould@gmail.com Questions? Email Ginetta at gin1717@gmail.com

Paris, London and Barcelona - Spring Break 2027

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:

May

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

15 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Pro- D Day

18 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Victoria Day

25 - STA Choral Concert at 7:00pm

26 - Spring Band Concert and Art Exhibit at 6:00pm

27 - Grade 10 Retreat

28 - Talent Show

29 - International Night

June

4 - Last Day for Cafeteria Services

5 - Grad Mass

7 - The Door Is Open

9 - 16 Final Exams

18 - Grade 12 Commencement

19 - STA Grad 2026 Dinner and Dance

25 - Last day for Students and final learning updates published

CAMPUS MINISTRY



All STA students! You're invited to join the **Alpha Youth Series - every Wednesday at 3:15pm in Room 409**

Alpha is a place to share a meal, watch a short video, and talk honestly about life, faith, and meaning. It's relaxed, open, and a great space to explore big questions with friends. If you'd like to finish this school year in a meaningful way, come join us.

Bring a friend - we'd love to see you there!

St. Matthew's Father & Son event - June 13 at 6:00-9:00pm

RCAV's Knights of Columbus Man's Destiny Event Team is pleased to invite all graduating sons from our CISVA Secondary Schools, together with their fathers, to a special Son & Father Evening on June 13, 2026 from 6:00-9:00pm at St. Matthew's Parish.

[Here](#) is the website for more info.



PARENT ASSOCIATION / PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help needed:

- Spring choir concert on Monday, May 25 at 5:00-9:00pm
- Spring band and art event on Tuesday, May 26 at 5:00-9:00pm
- Grade 12 BBQ on Tuesday, May 26 at 11:00am-3:00pm
- International Night on Friday, May 29
- Grad Mass set up on Thursday, June 4 at 3:30pm-8:30pm and variety of shift between 8:00am - 5:00pm on Friday, June 5
- All of these opportunities have already been created in the portal.

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 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!

Parent Support Group

Our school's **Parent Support Group (PSG)** administers, reports, and applies for gaming grants from the BC Provincial

Government and uses the grants to fund extracurricular activities for our students. BC Gaming guidelines stipulate that parents of the school decide how these funds are disbursed. Our PSG uses guidance from staff and administration to best determine need. At STA, we have a PSG committee of three parents and will soon hold an election to fill three vacant roles.



Community Gaming Grants 2026 Program Grant Guidelines

Potential candidates who would like to join the PSG should understand their role and responsibilities prior to seeking election. All elected members of the PSG will need to familiarize themselves with the [Community Gaming Grants – 2026 Program Grant Guidelines](#).

For more information about the role of the PSG, click [here](#). If you are interested in a role on the PSG for the 2026-27 school year, please complete both of the forms below before **Monday, June 8**.

- To complete a nomination form, click [here](#).
- To complete an application, click [here](#).

For more information, contact psg@aquinas.org.

STA Parent Association Needs YOU!

Monthly Meeting - Thursday, May 14 at 9:30am Alumni Room

We warmly invite all parents to become part of our vibrant school community through the STA Parent Association. Our mission is simple: to bring students, parents, and families together through a variety of annual events and activities.

Visit our [website](#) to learn more, or [email](#) us today to get started.