



# STA At-a-Glance

Week 37: June 2 -  
June 9, 2026

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



The Principal, Staff and Graduating Class  
of  
St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary School  
invite you to the Graduation Mass for the Class of 2026  
on  
**Friday, June 5, 2026 at 11:00 am**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary School Gymnasium  
2nd Floor Entrance

## KUDOS

Kudos to all of the students, parents, families, and friends who provided the delicious food at International Night, allowing us to enjoy a great evening celebrating together as a community!

Thank you for your incredible generosity! Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the food!  
Together we raised \$9,010.34 to donate to charities!



South Korea



Brazil



China



Egypt



Chile



France



Italy



Thailand



Philippines



Peru



Mexico



Junior Jazz Ensemble



**STA's Senior Girls** soccer team qualified for the AA provincial championships in Kamloops as the Vancouver Sea to Sky zone champions. The Fighting Saints won their first three games with victories over McNair Secondary (4-0), Westsyde Secondary (2-0) and Stelly's Secondary (2-1) to finish on top of their group and advance to the semifinals in the sixteen team tournament. The girls battled Windsor to a tough 1-0 loss in the semifinals before losing another 1-0 game to Sa-Hali Secondary in the bronze medal game. Despite the two close losses in their final games, the

girls represented STA with great spirit and pride and can be proud of their **4th place** finish at the BC provincial championships.

Thank you to coaches Mr. Salituro, Mr. Fernando Grossling and Ms. Savino for their time and commitment in coaching our senior girls soccer team this year.

## OFFICE UPDATES

### **Graduation Mass & Reception- Friday, June 5 at 11:00am – STA Gym**

The Grad Mass will be celebrated for graduates, parents and families in the school gym at 11:00am. **Grads (Grade 12 Students)** will arrive at the school no later than 9:45am. A formal group photo will be taken at 10:00am so please ensure you are here for the photo you have paid for! Grads will have already received their gowns – make sure they are ironed and ready to be worn at mass.

Dress code for grads: Dress for the Mass should be modest and fitting for the occasion, and include:

- Grad gowns (were distributed on Tuesday, May 26, if you haven't yet picked yours up from the library, please do so immediately) and:
- Boys - dress pants, collared shirt, tie and dress shoes
- Girls - simple dress clothing and shoes you can walk in

Light refreshments will be offered in the cafeteria following Mass.

All **Grade 11 students** must attend school on **Friday, June 5**, in full uniform, **including sweaters**. Grade 11 students are expected to be at school at **8:50am**, with their **laptops**, reporting to their homeroom class starting promptly at 9:00am. From 9:00-10:30am, students will be given information to help them with a positive start in September. The following will be provided to students:

- information on the online and school portion of the Ministry of Education graduation required courses: 2.0 credit CLC 12 and 2.0 credit Capstone Project
- login credentials for the Ascend CLC 12 course
- information on our school's grade 12 mentorship program
- information and criteria for community service and study blocks

Following homeroom, grade 11 students will attend our Grad Mass where they will be a part of the tradition of our candle exchange between our graduating students and our grade 11s. Students will be dismissed for the day following the Grad Mass, approximately 12:15pm. Attendance is mandatory.

Classes will not be held for **Grades 8 - 10** on June 5. However, students are welcome to attend the Graduation Mass at 11:00am in the school gym.

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## STA Graduation Events

- Commencement Ceremony: Thursday, **June 18** at Massey Theatre at 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. Thank you to those who have handed in their Dinner Dance order forms/payment (to Ms. Mattia in the library) and filled out their Future Plans writeup (online in Grad Google Classroom). If you have not yet done so, please do so by the end of the day today. Dinner & Dance ticket purchase due today.

Further information regarding the June 18 Commencement Ceremony (parking/arrival time/booking a school bus seat etc.) and June 19 Dinner Dance (parking/labelling the After Grad change of clothes bag etc.) will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your attention to these important deadlines!

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### **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.

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### **2026 Exam Schedule - June 8 - 16**

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

Classes will not be in session during exam week.

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

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### **Service Hours Submissions Are Past Due Now**

Students in **Grades 8 - 11** are required to complete their **16 service hours** and submit all forms to their Religion teacher by now. 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](#).

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### **STA Library Books Should Be Returned ASAP**

Any and all library materials the students have borrowed should be returned asap.

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### Did you rent an instrument for Band?

Band students who have rented school instruments please return the instruments to the band room ASAP! All band students with a Long & McQuade rental need to return it to them not the school. All music students need to take their personal instruments home this week.

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### Athletic Uniform Returns

Reminder to all team members to return their clean uniforms Mr. Allen this week.

If your track & field season is complete, please return your STA singlet to Mr. Savage or Mr. Vachon. Thank you!

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### Lost and Found Collection

Lost and found items are on display on the second floor. All labeled items were returned to individual students.

All unclaimed items will be donated to the Salvation Army the end of this week.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### June

**2** - STA Athletic Awards Evening at 5:30pm

**3** - Spirit day - Adam Sandler Day

**4** - Last Day for Cafeteria Services

**5** - NO CLASSES IN SESSION

**5** - **Grad Mass** at 11:00am at STA Gym. All Grade 11 & 12 students are expected to attend.

Families are welcome

**7** - The Door Is Open (last one for current school year)

**9** - **16** Final Exams

**18** - **Grade 12 Commencement Ceremony** at 7:00pm at Massey Theatre, New Westminster

**19** - STA Grad 2026 Dinner and Dance at 6:00pm at Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

**25** - Last day for Students and final learning updates published. Award Assembly and Yearbook Distribution

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

You're invited to join the **Alpha Youth Series - Last Meeting on 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!

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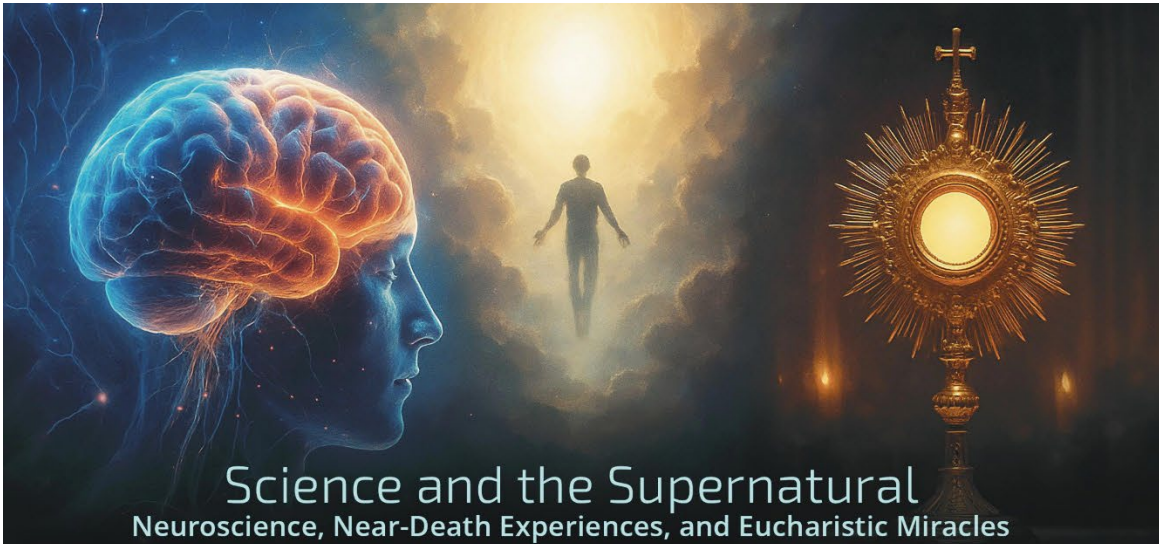


**St. Matthew's Father & Son event - June 13 at 6:00-9:00pm**

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.

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## Science and the Supernatural

Neuroscience, Near-Death Experiences, and Eucharistic Miracles

Join us for four fascinating talks given by Dr. David Neima, which will explore the remarkable intersection between faith and science, highlighting recent discoveries and emerging evidence that resonate with core theological teachings, offering thought-provoking insights into the nature of the soul, near death experiences and medical investigations into Eucharistic miracles.

### **Near Death Medical Data for Life After Death**

7pm - Thursday, February 26  
St. Thomas Aquinas High School  
541 West Keith Road, North Vancouver

### **Medical Examination of Eucharist Miracles**

7pm - Thu, March 12 (St. Thomas Aquinas High School)

### **Big Bang Theory and Cosmological Constants**

7pm - Thu, April 16 (St. Thomas Aquinas High School)

### **The Fossil Record and Intelligent Design**

7pm - Thu, June 4 (St. Thomas Aquinas High School)

**All are welcome. To register for attendance in person or online, please contact [adriana.landberg@gmail.com](mailto:adriana.landberg@gmail.com).**

**For more information, please contact [jessicachoo@mac.com](mailto:jessicachoo@mac.com).**



Dr. David Neima is a medical ophthalmologist who began his career in 1972. His background includes research in neurophysiology and several years as a general practitioner before specializing in ophthalmology. He continues to practice part-time and has participated in numerous medical mission trips. Married for 51 years, he and his wife have four children and four grandchildren. Raised in an atheist household, Dr. Neima became an evangelical Christian at university and entered the Catholic Church 32 years ago.

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*These talks and discussions aim to deepen our understanding of Catholic doctrine. They offer an opportunity to engage with others who are striving to live their faith well in everyday life. The goal is to build intellectual confidence in understanding and defending the faith, with sessions designed to provide instruction in theology and philosophy applicable to ordinary life.*

## PARENT ASSOCIATION / PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Help needed:

- Grad Mass set up on Thursday, June 4 at 3:30pm-8:30pm and variety of shifts between 8:00am - 5:00pm on Friday, June 5
- All of these opportunities have 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](mailto:psg@aquinas.org).

