



STA At-a-Glance

Week 39: June 17 -
June 24, 2025

UPCOMING EVENT



Commencement Ceremony and Awards Presentation - June 19 at 7:00pm

The Principal, Staff and Graduating Class of St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary School invite you to the Commencement Ceremony and Awards Presentation on Thursday, **June 19 at Massey Theatre, 735 8th Ave, New Westminster**. The doors will open at 6:30pm with a start time of 7:00pm. Congratulations to **Justin C**, who is the **valedictorian for the Class of 2025**.

KUDOS

STA Athletic Achievements in 2024-25 school year

- STA Girls Bantam Volleyball team - NSSSAA Champions and 5th place finish at the BC Provincials
- STA Girls Juvenile Volleyball team - NSSSAA Champions and 11th place finish at the BC Provincials
- STA Girls "AA" Volleyball team - NSSSAA Champions and 10th place finish at the BC Provincials
- STA Boys Juvenile Volleyball team - NSSSAA Champions
- STA Track and Field team - NSSSAA "AA" Champions
- STA Boys Bantam Mountain Bike team - NSSSAA Racing Champions
- STA Boys Senior Soccer team - NSSSAA, Vancouver Sea to Sky "AA" Champions and 6th place in the Provincial tournament.
- STA Girls Senior Soccer team – Bronze medal in the Provincial tournament.

Congratulations and well done to all our athletes, coaches and parents on a great season.





2024-2025 Track & Field Girls' Top Performers

These two STA athletes were the Girls' top performers in each event from among the season's three major track and field meets: the North Shore (NS), The Vancouver Sea to Sky (VS2S), and British Columbia (BC) Championships.

- **Ally M** Gr.12 raced in the 100m - 12.96 (NS)
- **Isabel E** Gr.9 competed in the long jump - 5.10m (BC)

Your strong season and dedicated contributions have played a key role in the team's overall success - well done!



Mr. Grossling makes crepes for the final **Philosophy 12 class** as they enjoy fellowship while experiencing truth, goodness, and beauty with tasty food.

CBC's National Contest - Shortlisted as one of 10 Finalists

As part of a mini-unit on speculative fiction, **Ms. Mattia's Enriched English 8** students entered CBC's First Page National Student Writing Challenge. The task was to write the first page of a novel set 150 years in the future. Students imagined how current events and trends - from the ethics of artificial intelligence to climate change - have played out in the year 2175. From over a thousand entries, STA's **Jacob F Gr. 8** was shortlisted with "**The City of Numa**" as one of 10 finalists in **the 2025 First Page student writing challenge in the Grades 7 to 9 category.**

This is a fantastic accomplishment. Read about it [here](#).



OFFICE UPDATE

Student Final Learning Update available on-line - Thursday, June 26

All parents will receive an email by end of Thursday, June 26 advising of learning updates which can be found in the Parent Portal of myEd BC.

In order to access this information, please ensure your myEducation BC parent account is active. Please click on this [link](#) and complete the login information with your Login ID and password. Step by step instructions are [here](#).

Any questions, please send an email to the [office](#).

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

June

19 - Grade 12 Commencement at 7:00pm - 9:30pm (Massey Theatre, New Westminster)

20 - STA Grad 2025 Dinner and Dance at 6:00pm (The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver)

26 - Last day for students: award assembly and yearbook distribution at 9:00am

26 - Final learning update posted online

Now Due: STA Textbooks, Library Books and Sport Team Uniforms

All school textbooks/library materials and sport team uniforms need to be returned to the appropriate teachers immediately. If the items are lost, the replacement cost must be paid. Teachers have sent emails to students (and their parents) for items which have not been returned.

Due Day: Thursday, June 26 to return or pay the replacement cost.

If the item(s) is(are) not returned or replacement cost paid, students will not be able to collect their yearbooks.

The PSG elections have concluded as the two positions were filled by acclamation. The **PSG Gaming Grant Committee** for 2025-2026 will be:

- Director: Allison Crane-Codrington
- Treasurer: Kerri Amat

- Secretary: Giulia Chiesa-Ferguson

If anyone has questions or requires further information, please **contact**.

STA COMMUNITY DIRECTORY HIGHLIGHTS



Pablo Larrea, STA Parent - K & K Pet Foods

Pablo and his family know pets. K & K Pet Foods is a cherished fixture in the Dunbar - Kitsilano area of Vancouver. It's an independent family-run store that has served the community for over 40 years. They offer holistic and specialty pet foods, and a full-range of pet supplies (toys, bedding) and more

for your favourite furry friends.

Ryan Elm '97, STA Parent - DeRosa Automotive

DeRosa Automotive is first and foremost a family-oriented business. STA parents Annarita and Ryan Elm run the daily operations and are always available for face-to-face contact with their clients. The company treats its customers as friends and family.



"Big Enough to Know, Small Enough to Care"



Zaira Herrera, STA Parent - Don Chendo Products

Don Chendo Products imports and distribute Mexican food products for restaurants and stores. This STA family manages three (3) grocery stores in North Vancouver, Burnaby, and Vancouver with more than 2,000 products.

Dalton Green, STA Parent - Green Financial

With over two decades of CRA and court involvement, Dalton and his team are well - equipped to guide clients through audits and appeals. Green Financial's tagline, "It's not what you make – it's what you keep," emphasizes a tax savings approach by optimizing deductions and structures for smaller businesses.



PARENT PARTICIPATION / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES



Click on the **Parent Participation Portal** to register for the opportunities below. An early announcement for the **next school year 2025-26:**

1. We have many shifts available for **traffic duty volunteers**. Schedule:

- Morning: Mon (8:45-9:30am), Tue-Fri (8:00- 8:45am)
- Afternoon: Mon-Fri 2:45-3:30pm

If you are interested, please email **[Karen Lo](#)**.

2. There will be three open positions on the **gardening team** starting in July 2025.

- Position #1 & #2 are full-time positions. Duties include grass cutting, weeding, and general ground maintenance. Equipment is provided.

- Position #3 is a part-time position ensuring the equipment is in good working order, supplies are on-site and fuel for

equipment is always available.

If you are interested, please contact **[Kathleen Jessop](#)**.