



# STA At-a-Glance

**Week 4: September 17 -  
September 24, 2024**

## OFFICE UPDATES

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### STA Spirit Day - September 19

Students can come dressed in **STA school colours (red, black or gold)** in exchange for a canned good or \$2+. Collections will take place in first block and all proceeds go to the STA Campus Ministry. For those students who do not participate, full school uniform is required.

Please remember to dress modestly as students who are not in compliance with the dress code may be asked to return home to change.

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### STA Men's Hostel Ministry

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 Ministry office **8:00-9:00am** and log your hours **on September 19 and 27**.

## EVENTS

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

### September

**24** - Grade 12 Parents - **Graduation Information Night: 7:00 - 8:00pm**

**25** - Grade 9 - **Immunization Clinic** hosted by VCH (**during school**)

**27** - Men's Hostel Ministry - **Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off: 8:00 - 9:00am**

**30** - School Closed - **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

### October

**2** - **Walkathon:** early dismissal at 12:00pm

**2 - 4** - Grade 11 **Retreat Trip**

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Ft. David Coles '95 aka @kyprios12  
Register today!

**SEPTEMBER 19**  
**HOMECOMING**

4:00 PM - SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GAME  
5:00 PM - PARTY IN THE PARKING LOT!  
STA GYM & PARKING LOT

FOOD TRUCKS | DUNK TANK | ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL | DESSERT CONTEST

## Homecoming - September 19

We look forward to seeing you at Homecoming in the STA Parking Lot on Thursday. Food trucks are available from 4:30 pm onwards.

Don't forget to bring your favourite homemade dessert to the Parent Association tent for our "STA's Next Great Baker" competition. Winners will be announced at 6:00 pm.

Register below. We look forward to seeing you there!

<https://aquinas.org/sta-event/sta-homecoming/>

## Walkathon Fundraiser - now until October 2

Have you and your child discussed their fundraising goal for this year's Walkathon? Our next Walkathon pledge check-in will be taking place in homeroom this **Thursday, September 19**. Click [here](#) to make your donation online.



A huge thank you to Grade 9 Parents, Matt & Helena Juhasz, owners of North Shore Bike Shop. Their gift, a 2024 Norco Fluid Carbon FS, SE Harlequin 29" trail bike is a one-of-a-kind custom-built, valued at \$6,500 and will be part of a raffle for the top student fundraising efforts.

Thank you Matt and Helena for your leadership giving to support STA Saints.



We also received a generous donation of an e-bike, valued at \$3,500 from OHM Bikes. And The Hive Climbing Centre donated four (4) climbing passes valued at \$150. Thank you to all of these business leaders for their generous gifts to the Walkathon.

## SHAD CANADA

SHAD is a month-long summer program for students currently in grades 10 and 11 who are interested in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics). Students live on one of 26 Canadian university campuses for the month of July and take on a wide variety of social and economic challenges with a STEAM lens. Working in teams and with mentors, participants

develop STEAM-based solutions. Products, pitches, presentations to panels, this is an entrepreneurial experience with a social impact twist. Students also get to tour the city that they are visiting and participate in a variety of social activities. Not ready to leave home for a month? An online version of SHAD is also available.

Last year a record-breaking 13 of our students were accepted into this elite program! Your child could be next!!!

Financial aid is available. **Deadline to apply:** Sunday, December 1. For more information, visit: <https://www.shad.ca/>

## PARENT PARTICIPATION

The **STA Participation Program** was developed for parents to assist in activities and to provide cost saving services for the school in return for a reduction of the participation fee.

Our **Walkathon fundraiser** will be taking place on **Wednesday, October 2**, and we are looking for volunteers in a variety of roles. If you are able to walk the route with our students, serve as a crossing guard, stamp hands at checkpoints, count money, check attendance, or help with our barbecue, please go to the Parent Participation Portal to register. You will be credited for your volunteer hours. To register, click [here](#).

Also, we urgently need your help to ensure the safety of our children by volunteering as **Traffic Crossing Guards**. We only have eight (8) volunteers, but there are 12 positions to be filled.

Please consider volunteering your time to support this important cause. Your involvement will make a significant difference in keeping our children safe. Contact **Karen**

**Lo** at [karenytlora@gmail.com](mailto:karenytlora@gmail.com) for more details or to confirm your participation.

Thank you for your involvement!

## STA CAFETERIA

Breakfast and lunch are available at the STA School Cafeteria every day!

The weekly specials for **September 18 - 24:**

**Wednesday (Sep 18)** ~ BBQ chicken & rice

**Thursday (Sep 19)** ~ Sir Thom burger; chicken Chow Mein

**Friday (Sep 20)** ~ perogies with grilled onions; grilled cheese sandwich; pasta & garlic bread

**Monday (Sep 23)** ~ pizza; chicken nuggets & fries

**Tuesday (Sep 24)** ~ chicken strips & fries; soft beef burrito

Cash, debit, credit card and STA gift cards accepted. Menu items subject to availability.