



STA At-a-Glance

Week 40: June 23 -
June 30, 2026

GRADUATION CLASS 2026



Graduation

With the wrap up of the official STA graduation events at the end of June, we would like to take time now to thank again the many people who helped in creating memorable moments for our graduates.

Thank you to Ms. Elizabeth Hughes for organizing the Graduation Mass, the celebrants Fr. Tepoorten, Fr. Cannio, and Fr. Hawkswell, and Mrs. Rebane for her work with the choir, and finally Mrs. Puelle and Mrs. Nichols for coordinating the reception after Mass. Thank you also to the many grade eleven parents who served, cleaned and decorated the cafeteria for the event and to Ms. M. Hughes and Ms. Rojo, Mrs. Arkilelian, and Mr. Weitowitsch who set up the risers and assisted with the procession. Special thanks to Mrs. Sawdon and Mrs. Price for their printing of the grad photos for our entrance board display.

The Commencement Ceremonies took place at Massey Theatre this year. Thank you to Custodio Photographers for their patience in taking the grad photos. Thank you Mrs. Purkiss for being MC, Mr. Krol, Mr. Galat, and Ms. Martins for presenting and assisting in the set up and smooth running of the event. Thank you to Ms. Stagnitta for her fine proofreading of the powerpoint and photos and diploma names over the course of the year! Thank you to Mr. Weitowitsch and Mr. Lemos for their tech work at the theatre and Mr. Savage, Mr. O'Toole, Mr. Cune, Mr. Mendoza and Mrs. Donovan for ushering and greeting and Mr. Ryan for helping backstage in corralling our enthusiastic gr.12s. Thank you to Mr. Sikich for speaking on behalf of the parents in their address to the students, and to Anusha S for her lovely Valedictory speech! Thank you to Ms. Elizabeth Hughes for the beautiful floral bouquets and Kenisha G for her lovely piano playing.

Grade twelves themselves are to be thanked and congratulated for the maturity, spirit and camaraderie they demonstrated at all Grad events. We enjoyed your enthusiasm, and appreciated the respect you demonstrated toward event times, and deadlines. Thank you parents for your cooperation in this regard!

Thank you to our office staff Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Pandit, Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Harlos who handled questions and requests so graciously, and Mrs. Sharp for handling the invitations and RSVPs. Thank you all again and Mrs. Atkinson for your work affixing the tricky tassels to our graduation caps - this saved us so much time!

A great many awards were presented at Commencement and we are very grateful to Mr. Salituro for coordinating the Scholarships/Bursaries and Senior Awards committee. It is a year-long process which requires much correspondence and organization. The graduates are the very fortunate recipients of his hard work.

The Dinner and Dance at the Westin Bayshore was a great success and we thank MCs Evelyn S and Irene K, Gabriela M for her prayer and Jordan P and Aidan J for their toast to the parents. Thanks also to Mrs. Smiley for her heartfelt toast to the grads. A special shout out to Sofi S in Gr.11 who worked diligently to ensure all edits for the Grad video were made on time! Friday evening continued on into the wee hours of the morning thanks to the Gr.12 parents who organized an After Grad. Thank you Mrs. Dorry Smith, Mrs. Jennifer Harper-Uncao, Mrs. Kerri Amat and Mrs. Allison Crane-Codrington for taking that on!

Finally, we look forward to working with next year's graduates in planning an equally fun and successful year!

Ms Mattia

SAVE THE DATE

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
VERITAS LIBERABIT VOS

THUR SEP 17

HOMECOMING

- ★ **Sr Girls Volleyball Game** — 4:00 PM
Bring the energy & cheer on the Saints in the STA Gym
- ★ **Party in the Parking Lot** — 5:00 PM
 - Free Gelato
 - Food trucks: Japadog, Mad Greek, Taco Tigre
 - Car display
 - Alumni Jazz Band

Homecoming 2026 - Thursday, September 17

Join us for Homecoming 2026 on Thursday, September 17 in the STA Gym and Parking Lot. Come and cheer on the Senior Girls Volleyball team and then join us for the party in the parking lot. If you have a collector or unique car you would like to display at the event, please email us [here](#) to be included.

OFFICE UPDATES

Student Final Learning Update available on-line - Thursday, June 25

All parents will receive an email by end of day, Thursday, June 25 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](#).

Last Day of School Award Assembly and Yearbook distribution - Thursday, June 25 at 9:00am

Students are expected at the year end assembly on Thursday June 25 at 9:00am. Students are to be in **full uniform**. Awards and yearbooks will be distributed. Students will not receive their yearbooks if they have not turned in their subject textbooks to their teachers or library books to the library. Fees for missing textbooks and library books will be collected at this time.

Please Note: Administration Office will remain open until 12:00pm on Friday, July 3

Office Hours: Monday to Friday - 8:00am to 4:00pm. The office will be closed on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 for Canada Day.



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 until July, with a pickup at the end of August.

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 25 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.

STA Used Uniform Donation

If you have a uniform you would like to donate, please drop it off at the STA office. This includes black Gr. 12 sweaters. Thank you for your consideration.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June

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

25 - Final learning update published

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES



Volunteers Needed at Keats Camps

Summer camp begins in less than a month, and Keats Camps urgently needs volunteers. Our greatest need is for the week of **June 29 – July 6**, when only one volunteer is currently registered. Additional volunteers are also needed throughout the summer for program support, counsellors, Mariners Inn (gift and sweets shop), maintenance, and other camp ministries.

Most volunteers are **17 years of age or older**, but we are happy to discuss opportunities for younger individuals who are willing to serve.

Volunteers can serve for a week, multiple weeks, or longer. While even a few days can help, a full week is especially valuable.

Volunteer Summer Staff fill a wide variety of important roles, including:

- Skippers and First Mates (counsellors who stay in cabins with campers)
- Program team (games, activities, crafts, special events, character roles, cabin support)
- Mariners Inn staff (gift and sweets shop)
- Maintenance and groundskeeping (experience is an asset)
- Painting and facility upkeep
- Boat driving (where qualified)

Please prayerfully consider serving or sharing this opportunity with someone who may be interested.

Register here: <https://keatscamps.com/staff-volunteers/>

Or contact Keats Camps at 604-925-6799

BE PREPARED. GET TRAINED

READY FOR A FUN, SAFE SUMMER?

CANADIAN RED CROSS
YOUTH LEADERSHIP & CPR/FA COURSES

WITH
DR. LAURA TIBERIO ND MSOM

DRLTIBERIO@GMAIL.COM

AT **CHRIST THE REDEEMER CHURCH, WVAN**
CLICK FOR MAP
ALL REGISTRATIONS DUE 1 WEEK BEFORE CLASS

Youth Leader Babysitting Course
FRIDAY, JUNE 26
SUMMER BREAK
8AM-3PM | \$95 | GR 5+

Teens/Adults Blended Online + In Person CPR, Emergency or Standard First Aid Courses*
FRIDAY, JUNE 26
CPR | 4-7PM | \$90 | GR 8+ IN SEPT
EMERG | 4-8:30PM | \$135 | AGE 15+
STAND | 4-9PM | \$200 | AGE 16+

*SELF-PACED ONLINE LEARNING BY JUNE 25 FOLLOWED BY IN PERSON SKILLS ON JUNE 26

3 YEAR CERTIFICATE UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

REGISTER TODAY!

PARENT ASSOCIATION / PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES



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!