



STA At-a-Glance

**Week 5: September 23 -
September 30, 2025**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Dear Parents and Guardians,
Our Walkathon on **Wednesday, October 1** is just around the corner. Below are important details about the event.

Arrival Times

- Racers: 8:00am
- Grade 8s and 11s: 8:30am
- Grade 9s and 10s: 9:00am
- Grade 12: 9:30am

School Spirit Attire

- Grade 8: purple
- Grade 9: red

- Grade 10: green
- Grade 11: blue
- Grade 12: neon

Students will report to their homeroom classes for attendance, and to hand in cash or cheque donations.

Following the Walkathon, students will enjoy a **complimentary lunch at the school and are dismissed at 12 noon.**

Volunteers: Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help with the day. We are still looking for seven (7) parents to volunteer as crossing guards. If you are willing and able to help out, please click [here](#).

Raffle Prizes & Spirit Week

Tier 1: \$25 – \$49.99	One new STA merchandise + 1 day for Spirit Week
Tier 2: \$50 – \$99.99	\$100 Amazon gift card + 2 days for Spirit Week
Tier 3: \$100 – \$149.99	Four (4) Cineplex movie tickets + 3 days for Spirit Week
Tier 4: \$150 – \$199.99	Four (4) complimentary passes to Fright Night @ PNE + 4 days for Spirit Week
Tier 5: \$200 – \$249.99	Four (4) Whitecaps tickets in Section 244 (or equivalent) + 5 days for Spirit Week

Pizza lunches by grade for classes with the highest donations per student



Walkathon Update – 9 Day Countdown

With only 9 days left before our Walkathon on October 1, students have been working hard to ask for support from their friends and family. The Walkathon is a way for students to understand philanthropy and the impact of giving. This year, we are raising funds for

- Increased indoor/outdoor seating
- New chromebooks
- Additional TV monitors for student announcements and events

Results to date

- 93 donations
- \$9,695
- 19% of the goal of \$50,000

Please continue to work with your students to help them reach their Tier goal. Thank you for your support.



STA 36th ANNUAL
**CHRISTMAS
CRAFT FAIR &
MARKET**

Sunday, November 2, 2025
541 West Keith Road
North Vancouver, BC
10 am - 4 pm

150+ Artisans/Vendors
Hot Meals & Refreshments
Raffle Prizes
Bake Sale

Admission: Adults - \$5, Seniors & Students - \$2
Children 12 & under - Free

Vendor contact: stacraftfair@aquinas.org

This year marks the 36th anniversary of the **STA Craft Fair & Market**. We are currently looking for parents and students vendors who would like to participate. The fee for student vendors is \$30.

If you're interested in participating, please complete the **application form**.

Information about student and parent volunteer opportunities will be available shortly.

If you are interested in helping to organize the event, please contact [here](#).

KUDOS



Homecoming 2025 - Thank you STA!

The STA community showed its school spirit at Homecoming last Friday by cheering on the Senior Boys Soccer team and relaxing at the After Party. Specials thanks to the Parent Association and Grade 12/10 Parent, Jennifer Harper Uncao for their event expertise and brainstorming ideas. And kudos to Grade 12/10 parent, Patrick Kam for sharing his idea of a Show & Shine Car Display.

OFFICE UPDATES

Grade 12 Parents - Graduation Information Night

Please join us **this evening at 7:00pm** for our very important Grade 12 parent information meeting. We look forward to seeing you and providing you with details about the year. Mr. Salituro will also be presenting important grade 12 post-secondary information.

Grade 9 - Immunization Clinic

The clinic will be administered by a team of nurses from Vancouver Coastal Health in the school's auxiliary gym on **tomorrow, September 24** at 9:00am. The students will be called down by class through the morning.

Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation Assembly

In recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on **Monday, September 29** students are welcome to wear **Orange Shirts** with their uniform kilt or trousers.

A **Truth and Reconciliation Assembly** will take place at **11:00am** in the school gym.

Families are welcome to attend.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

School is closed for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on **Tuesday, September 30**. School will reopen on Wednesday, October 1 for Walkathon.



Attention Grade 9 Parents and Guardians:

Wednesday, November 5 is the provincial **"Take Our Kids to Work Day."** On this day, Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to join their parents or other family members at work. Following the day, students will complete a reflection on their experiences as part of the Career Education Nine curriculum.

Last week, a letter and Google form was emailed to all Grade 9 families. Please complete the form to let us know if you are able to host one or more extra students. We are currently seeking parents who are able to host additional students at their workplace. Thank you for your support in making this a valuable learning experience for our Grade 9 students.

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 30 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.



Financial aid is available. More information is [here](#).
Deadline to Apply: **Monday, January 5, 2026**

UPCOMING EVENTS

September:

- 26** - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off at 8:00 - 9:00am
- 23** - Grade 12 Parents Night at 7:00pm - 8:30pm. Grade 12 Students are encouraged to attend
- 24** - Grade 9 Immunization Clinic hosted by VCH starting at 9:00am
- 29** - Orange Shirt Day (orange shirts may be worn over the uniform kilt or trousers)
- 30** - SCHOOL CLOSED - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October:

- 1** - Walkathon - EARLY DISMISSAL at 12:00pm
- 1 - 3** - Grade 11 Retreat to Camp Stillwood
- 5** - Door is Open
- 9 and 16** - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off at 8:00 - 9:00am
- 13** - SCHOOL CLOSED - Thanksgiving Day

MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Athletics Update: The Fighting Saints Are Charging Ahead!

The Athletics program is moving full speed ahead, with nearly every team in action this week. The only exception is our Swim team, who continue to train hard as they prepare for their upcoming meets.

The **Senior Boys Soccer team** kicked off their season in style, earning a huge 2-0 win against the defending BC AA Champions, Windsor. Although they fell short the next day to Archbishop Carney at Homecoming, the atmosphere was electric - many saying it was the largest homecoming crowd in years! The squad now turns its focus to a tournament in Kamloops this weekend.

The **Junior Boys Soccer team** also got off to a strong start, edging out Sentinel with a 2-1 victory. They'll be testing their skills this week at the Windsor Soccer Tournament, with games at Fenn Burdett Field on Thursday and another match Friday (location TBD).

On the volleyball courts, it's been non-stop action. The **Senior Girls** are heading to Nanaimo for a tournament at Vancouver Island University, while our **Grade 8 Red** team showed resilience last weekend at the Fraser Valley tournament - sweeping all three of their Friday games before battling through a tough Saturday.

Meanwhile, our **Cross Country runners** will hit their stride at their first major meet of the season this Wednesday at Ambleside. With the forecast calling for sunshine, it's shaping up to be a beautiful day for a race by the water.

It's a busy and exciting week across the board. Best of luck to all our team. **Go Fighting Saints!**

CAMPUS MINISTRY



STA Men's Hostel Ministry - Friday, September 26 at 8:00 - 9:00am

Thursday morning we will begin our food collections for the Archdiocese of Vancouver's shelter. This is your opportunity to feed the hungry and help those in need by making sandwiches or baked goods at home. Then bring the food you make at home to the **STA Campus Ministry office** before school starts on Thursday. You can make as many as you like, 12 sandwiches or 12 baked goods equals 1 service hour. Please individually wrap each sandwich or baked good, and they **MUST** be home made to receive

service hours. Thank you for your generosity in feeding the hungry!

The Door Is Open - Sunday, October 5

The **Door Is Open** is a Catholic Charities outreach service that provides meals and services to residents and transients in the Vancouver's eastside. Students prepare and serve a meal to those living on the downtown eastside while earning service hours. The school bus will depart from STA on **Sunday, October 5 at 9:00am** and return at approximately 1:30pm. Uniforms are not required. Students must register and submit a permission form with the Campus Ministry office by Thursday, October 2.

Spots are limited!



Grade 11 Retreat to Camp Stillwood - October 1-3

The grade 11 retreat is happening from October 1 - 3. This retreat is a vital component of our school's program, we look forward to all of the students enjoying a fantastic opportunity to connect, reflect, and grow together as a community.

Students will leave after the Walkathon on Wednesday and return Friday by 3:00pm. Students are reminded to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and a towel.

PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Help Needed:

- Walkathon - Oct 1: 7 volunteers
- Cafeteria - full time shifts available: Tue (11:30pm - 2:00pm). Please contact **Claudia Montagut** if interested.

- Traffic duty volunteers - full time shifts: mornings: Mon (8:45am - 9:30am) and Tue-Fri (8:00am - 8:45am) and afternoons: Mon-Fri (2:45pm - 3:30pm). If you are interested please contact **Karen Lo**.

Click [here](#) to sign-up and review the current opportunities in the portal.

