STA At-a-Glance

Week 5: September 29 - October 6, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thank you, parents, for encouraging your sons and daughters in their Walkathon efforts and for your donations! If you are donating by cheque, please ask your son or daughter to bring their cheque to school on **October 1, 6** or **7**.

ALL students who participate with a donation – regardless of the Tier – will be entered to win four (4) tickets to an upcoming Vancouver Canucks game. Thank you to an STA family for making this prize possible.

And don't forget, this is a fun activity to consider for Parent Participation hours. A variety of opportunities are listed on the Parent Participation Portal **here** for your consideration.

Family and friends can make a donation **here**.

KUDOS

Kudos to Junior Girls Volleyball Team 🥇

Last weekend the Junior Girls Volleyball team travelled to Nanaimo for the Vancouver Island Tournament.

The girls carried their momentum from last week and won gold again 🥇 !

Congratulations to the amazing start of the season team! Thanks to coach Laura Pickard and assistant coach sponsor Ericka Reyes

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Kudos to Senior Girls Volleyball Team

The Senior Girls Volleyball team kicked off the season with a victorious win against West Vancouver Secondary at the STA Homecoming game!
It was their first game of the season, making it an exciting way to start.
The next day, they headed to UBC for a two-day tournament, where the team played some great games and gained valuable experience. It was also a great opportunity for them to continue building our team chemistry.
Over the past few weeks, they have really been bonding as a team, both on and off the court.
The team is so excited for the season ahead and everything they will accomplish together!

OFFICE UPDATES

Accessing STA Information: the school's yearly **calendar** is posted on the school's **website**. Please ensure the **office** is informed of any address changes during the summer.
PLEASE NOTE: Administration Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm.
Overdue Activity Fee
Student activity fees are past due. The forms were emailed to all families as part of the Welcome Back Package in August. The activity fee and form should be **returned to the office as soon as possible.**
If you have misplaced the form, please **email** the office and we will provide you a copy. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Grad sweaters and **hoodies** are now available for order from the online School Store until **Sunday, October 18.** Grade 12 students are permitted to wear these items on Fridays.

Click **here** to access the site.

Attention Grade 9 students and parents: Take Our Kids to Work Day - Wednesday, November 4

Wednesday, November 4 is the provincial Take Our Kids to Work Day (TOKTWD). As part of the Career Education 9 curriculum, all Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to spend the day with a parent, guardian, or family member at their workplace. This experience allows students to observe and participate in the workplace, ask questions, and gain valuable insight into different careers and working environments. Participation is a mandatory component of the Career Education 9 curriculum, and students will complete a summative assignment reflecting on their experience following the event.

Please complete the attached google link to let us know where your child will be placed on this day. If your child does not have a placement, please indicate on the google form so we can help to find a placement for them. We are also looking for parents and guardians who may be able to host additional Grade 9 students at their workplace. If you are able to welcome one or more students to your workplace, please complete the appropriate section on the form to let us know and we will be in contact with you. Thank you for supporting our Grade 9 students and helping make this a meaningful and valuable learning experience.

Grade 9 TOKTWD Registration

Sincerely,
Mrs. M. Purkiss and Ms. Price Career Education 9 Teachers

SHAD CANADA

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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 28 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. For more information, please visit **here**. Financial aid is available.

Early Application Deadline: **November 8** (Apply by this date to receive an early decision in the first week of December and, if admitted, secure guaranteed placement at one of your top 10 campus choices.)

Final Application Deadline: **January 6**

Attention for Grade 11 and 12 students: LONDON • PARIS • BARCELONA!
STA EUROPE TRIP Spring 2027- JOIN THE ADVENTURE!
The excitement is growing **- 25 STA students are already registered!**
Thinking of joining? Save $150 when you register by October 12, 2026!
Already registered? Bring a friend!
Refer **1 friend** → **$50** discount
Refer **2 friends** → **$100** discount
Experience London, Paris and Barcelona with your STA friends and create memories that will last a lifetime!

Mr. Domina

UPCOMING EVENTS

September:

30 - SCHOOL CLOSED - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October

4 - The Door Is Open

7 - Walkathon - EARLY DISMISSAL at 12:00pm

7-9 - Grade 11 Retreat to Camp Stillwood

8 and **15** - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off at 8:00 - 9:00am

12 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Thanksgiving Day
20 - Photo Re-takes and Grade class photos
23 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Provincial Pro-D Day - No classes in session
26 - BC Post Secondary Mini-fair 5:30pm - 7:00pm
30 - Spirit Day - Hallowe'en Theme

PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITES

Join the Cafeteria Team! – Volunteers Needed

Dear Parents,

Our team provides an essential service to our staff and students. We rely on parent support to make this service. For parents with daytime availability looking to connect with the school community while getting a peek into their child's day, this is a great opportunity!

We are finalizing our schedule and still have a few spots available. We offer two types of positions:

- **Full-Time:** A regular weekly shift from September to June (2.0 to 2.5 hours, depending on the day and your family's PPP requirement). This completely fulfills your annual PPP requirement.
- **On-Call (Part-Time):** Flexible coverage for parents unable to commit weekly, stepping in when managers or full-time volunteers need extra support.

Thank you for supporting our students!

Please contact **Claudia Montagut** (Cafeteria Coordinator) at if interested or have any questions.

Also, we are looking for full-time **traffic duty volunteers** for this school year 2026-27. We have many shifts available (any adult family member can support the role so you can have some flexibility in your volunteering).
If you are interested, please email **Karen Lo**.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Grade 11 Retreat to Camp Stillwood - October 7-9

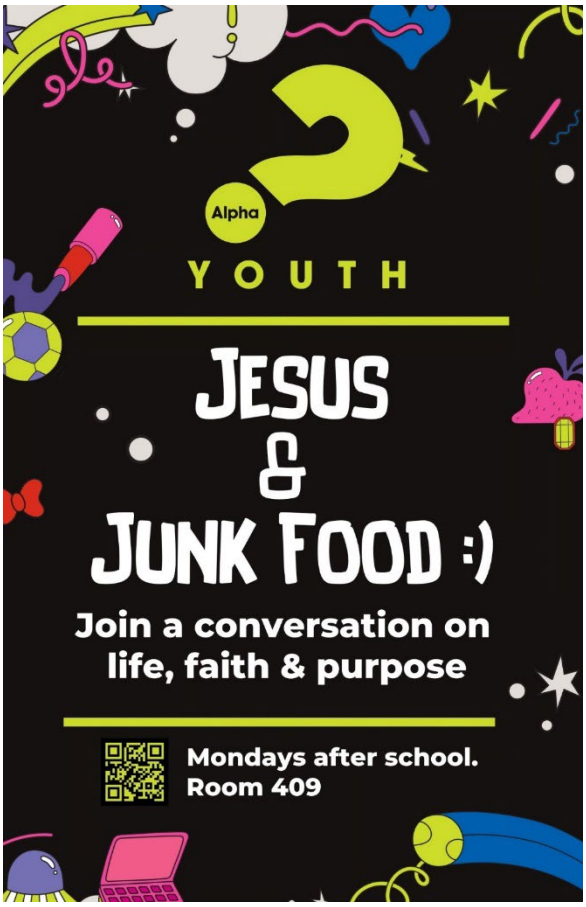
The grade 11 retreat is happening from October 7 - 9. This retreat is a vital component of our school's program. We look forward to all of the students enjoying a fantastic opportunity to connect, reflect, and grow together as a community. All students in Grade 11 are expected to attend as this is a graduation requirement.

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.
Students need to bring their bags to the back parking lot before **8:15 am Wednesday, October 7**.

The Door Is Open - Sunday, October 4
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 4** 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 **Friday, October 2**.

Spots are limited!

All students are invited to Alpha! Alpha is hosted by students in grade 11 and 12, with a desire to create a space for all students to explore their faith! Come for Jesus and junk food in room 409 every **Monday.**



STA CAFETERIA

Breakfast and lunch are available at the **STA School Cafeteria** every day!
All food is prepared daily, with a selection of daily menu items and daily specials. Students can purchase items with cash, debit or credit card. STA gift cards can also be purchased at the office and used in the cafeteria.
Breakfast items are bacon or sausage egg sandwiches, hash browns, tater tots and pastries.
Daily menu items include hamburgers, hotdogs, fries, poutine, a variety of salads, a variety of sandwiches and wraps, veggies & dip. Please click **here** for weekly updates.