STA At-a-Glance

Week 6: October 6 - October 13, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Tomorrow is the STA Walkathon. A BIG thank you to all parents for encouraging your student's participation through donations and making a donation yourself! Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who will be participating tomorrow to make the event a safe and fun experience.

Arrival times

- Grade 8s, 11s & runners: 8:30 am
- Grade 9s and 10s: 9:00 am
- Grade 12s: 9:30 am

Students will report to their homeroom classes for attendance.

Class colours

- Grade 8s: Purple
- Grade 9s: Red
- Grade 10s: Green
- Grade 11s: Blue
- Grade 12s: Neon

Please remind students to bring in their cash and cheque donations TOMORROW!!!

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

Details

- Donations will continue to be accepted on October 7, 13 in Homerooms.
- Online gifts will remain open until October 14. Family and friends can make a donation **here.**
- Prize winners will be announced on October 22.

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.

KUDOS

Kudos to Junior Boys Soccer Team

The Junior Boys season has started in fantastic fashion! Three friendly games, three wins, with plenty of goals scored and very few conceded. We also had a great performance at the Argyle Tournament, finishing with three wins and one loss against the eventual tournament winners. Great job, boys!

Congratulations to the Sr. Girls Volleyball team who travelled to Nanaimo to play in the VIU Invitational. The girls started off the tournament with a strong start winning the pool on Day 1. The girls showed their Fighting Saints spirit battling back in their playoff games before falling short to Carihi and Brookswood and **placing 7th in the tournament**. The girls are back at it tonight as they play West Van and this weekend in the Cascades Classic at UFV.

Congratulations to the **Bantam Girls Volleyball Red** team for their well fought victory over Handsworth Gold team, yesterday! Great communication and determination led them to their first league win 3:1.

Kudos to Gr. 8 Rugby Team

Grade 8 Rugby team had their North Shore league opening jamboree playing two exhibition matches against Windsor and Handsworth. They tied Windsor and defeated Handsworth. The team continues to improve in all areas of the game especially on their defensive structure by working together as unit. Most importantly they are proudly representing the Fighting Saints in the schools return to Gr. 8 Rugby in over 30 years.

PHE Solidarity with Terry Fox

In solidarity with Terry Fox's run to cure cancer, STA PHE classes re-familiarized themselves with the story and legacy of Terry Fox's heroic campaign. Students dedicated their PHE classes to improving their fitness to run one of three distances corresponding to a third of the country from Atlantic to Pacific coast - 800m, 1600m, or 2400m. Thank you to our PHE students and teachers for their efforts.

We would like to recognize **Jackson F** for his remarkable courage and quick thinking during a recent devastating house fire. Jackson acted immediately to wake the family, call 911, and help ensure everyone was able to get to safety. At only 15, his calm response and concern for others showed tremendous bravery, maturity, and selflessness. We are very proud of Jackson and grateful that everyone made it out safely.

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

St. Thomas Aquinas has a team for the **2027 Vancouver Sun Run**, presented by Herbaland Naturals!
All STA students, parents, staff, family members, and friends are invited to join us for this 10 km community event.
Whether you run, jog, or walk, come represent STA, get active, and enjoy the event together.
Help us make our 2027 team even bigger by inviting friends and family to join.

- **Race Day:** Sunday, April 18, 2027
- **Team Name:** STA (High School)
- **Team Access Code:** KQEAET

When registering, select STA (High School) and enter the team access code KQEAET.
Link to Team Registration: team member registration
For Pricing and Deadlines: click here
Please share these registration details with anyone who would like to join Team STA.
Go Saints!
Mr. Domina

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

October

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 - No classes in session
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
November
4 - Grade 9: Take Your Kids To Work Day
11 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Remembrance Day - No classes in session

20 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Pro-D Day - No classes in session
26 - Open House 5:45 - 8:45pm

PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITES

Join the Cafeteria Team! – Volunteers Needed

- **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) if interested or have any questions.

STA Parent Association Needs YOU!
Welcome Meeting - Thursday, October 8 at 9:30am at Boardroom

We welcome and encourage all parents to get involved and volunteer at our school. The primary focus of the STA Parent Association is to strengthen our school community by supporting annual events and activities at STA. We achieve this by involving ourselves with activities that connect students, parents and families. Monies raised by these activities are used for the improvement of our school or the enhancement of student extracurricular activities. Through these activities, the Parent Association also provides parents with opportunities to volunteer within our school community. Further details on the Parent Association can be found on the **website**.

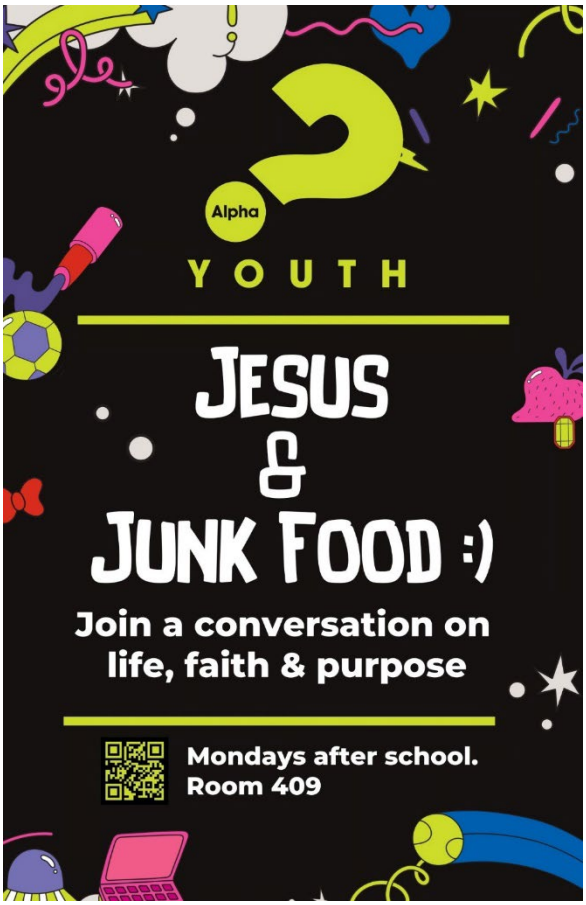
CAMPUS MINISTRY

Grade 11 Retreat to Camp Stillwood - October 7-9

All grade 11s are reminded to drop their bags in the gear truck in the parking lot before **8:15am** on **Wednesday, October 7**. Don't forget to pack your sleeping bag, pillow, towel, and water bottle!
Reminder that no outside food or drink is allowed and toiletries must be travel sized. Students will leave after the Walkathon on Wednesday and return Friday, October 9 by 3:00pm.

STA Men's Hostel Ministry - Thursday, October 8 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 (for students only). 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!



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**.