



STA At-a-Glance

**Week 6: September 30
- October 7, 2025**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Walkathon Update – October 1

Thank you to students for their hard work to solicit donations for the Walkathon, and to parents for their support. Students have been doing a wonderful job leading this initiative with the help of parents. School ends at 12 noon on October 1.

Here's an update on donations to date:

Goal Progress

CA\$20,095 of CA\$50,000 goal

216 donations

40%

Students should bring all gifts, whether in the form of cheques or cash, to school on **October 1**. The final deadline to receive all donations is **October 8**, in order to be considered for the fabulous raffle prizes.

Times and Attire for Wednesday, October 1

- Grade 8s - Purple
 - Grade 9s - Red
 - Grade 10s - Green
 - Grade 11s - Blue
 - Grade 12s – Neon
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- Grade 8s and 11s: 8:30
 - Grade 9s and 10s: 9:00
 - Grade 12: 9:30

Introducing...new STA Fighting Saints Spirit Wear

STA has partnered with Burnaby-based company, Martket Branding, to launch our new online school store. Thank you to the STA Parent Association for working with STA on this initiative.

The online store contains a variety of wearables, athletic and non-athletic bags and more for students and parents to show their school pride. Students are permitted to wear their team or spirit wear each Friday with their school uniform. Items are not available for purchase from STA directly.

The order period for the first launch is **October 3 - 24**. Orders will be delivered to STA (or your home at an extra cost) for pick-up between December 10-18. The next launch period will be sometime in Spring 2026. If you have any questions or feedback about the online store or merchandise, please [contact us](#).



**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 parent and student 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](#).

OFFICE UPDATES

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.



Final Reminder for 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.

Please complete the form to let us know if you are able to host one or more extra students, a

letter and Google form was emailed to all Grade 9 families on September 15. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September:

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

17 - Photo Re-takes and Grade class photos

24 - Provincial Pro-D Day - No classes in session

28 - BC Post-Secondary Mini-fair at 6:30pm

29 - Early Dismissal at 1:00pm

31 - Spirit Day, Haunted House

MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Athletics Update - Go Fighting Saints!

What a weekend it was for St. Thomas Aquinas Athletics! Our Saints were in action all over the province, showcasing skill, determination, and school spirit.

Senior Boys Soccer kicked off their season with a strong showing at the Kamloops tournament, advancing to the semifinals before falling to a talented Rutland side. An impressive start that sets the tone for an exciting season ahead!

Senior Girls Volleyball battled their way to a 5th place finish at the prestigious VIU Invitational in Nanaimo - an event featuring top AAA and AAAA schools from across B.C. A fantastic achievement against tough competition.

Juvenile and Junior Girls Volleyball both had an outstanding weekend at the Riverside Invitational, winning the majority of their matches and continuing to build confidence and momentum.

Field Hockey continues their return to action in years! The team made history this weekend, scoring their first goal of the season. Spirits are high, teamwork is growing, and the energy around the program is contagious.

This week, our **outdoor teams face the challenge of wet weather**, good luck to Soccer and Field Hockey as they take on their upcoming matches (fingers crossed the umbrellas can stay in the car!).

Looking ahead, **all of our Volleyball teams are hitting the court in tournaments this weekend.** We can't wait to see the hard work, teamwork, and Fighting Saints pride on display.

Don't forget to check the [school calendar](#) for game and tournament schedules - we'd love to see parents, families, and friends out supporting our teams!

Go Fighting Saints!

KUDOS

Our Science 8 students took part in activities to recognize Truth and Reconciliation Day. They reflected on the importance of learning from the past and worked together on projects to show respect and support for First Peoples and their communities.

We are proud of their thoughtful participation.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



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. Students need to bring their bags to the back parking lot before **8:15 am Wednesday, October 1.**

PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Help Needed:

- Walkathon - Oct 1: 5 volunteers
- Cafeteria - full time shifts available: Tue and Friday (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**.
- Parent Judges for the Grade 8 Science Fair - January 26, 2026 (your child doesn't need to be in grade 8 in order for you to volunteer)

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