STA At-a-Glance

Week 7: October 13 - October 20, 2026

KUDOS

BANNER ALERT! (BC Catholics)

Junior Girls Volleyball team won gold at last weekend's BC Catholics at LFA.

They played an excellent tournament, with the most exhilarating games against LFA in the semifinals and STMC in the gold medal match.

Thanks to coach Laura Pickard and assistant coaches Ericka Reyes and Ryan Samuelson.

What an incredible Walkathon Day! Students had unbelievable energy and enthusiasm as we laced up, hit the pavement, and had fun!

A massive **THANK YOU** to our dedicated staff and wonderful parent volunteers. From handing out donuts, keeping students safe on the road and organizing logistics behind the scenes, this event

simply couldn't happen without your hard work, time, and heart. You make our school community truly special!
Watch the school newsletter for fundraising results in a couple of weeks. Haven't had a chance to contribute yet? The last day to contribute is October 14.

Kudos

The Grade 11 class spent a beautiful three days at Camp Stillwood for their Grade 11 Retreat. They grew together as a community, leaving with a stronger sense of their value in and their identity in God. Kudos to all of the students for the way they came and kudos to all of the staff who gave of their time to be there.

OFFICE UPDATES

This year marks the 37th 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 as a vendor, please complete the **application form**.
Information about parent volunteer opportunities can be found **here**.
If you are interested in helping to organize the event, please contact **here.**

Christmas Fair – Donations Needed!

We are looking for books for our Book Sale. Please drop off your donations at the **School Store**. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Fair – Sign Placement Volunteers Needed!

Can you help us spread the word about our Christmas Fair? Please pick up promotional signs from the school office and display them at your workplace or another suitable location.

Thank you for helping us make our Christmas Fair a success!

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

Click **here** to access the site.

Purdys Christmas Chocolate Sale on now!

Grade 12 students are selling Purdys chocolates as fundraising towards their Dinner Dance event in June. Yummy chocolate, gift giving and supporting a grad - it doesn't get any sweeter than that!

Click **here** to link to the 2026 Purdys Christmas Chocolate Sale

Instructions for ordering Purdys Christmas Chocolates online

Graduation Photos by Custodio Photographers

Information about Graduation Photos has been emailed home. All **Grade 12s** need to book an appointment to have their photo taken. Click here for more **information**.
Appointment times are available until **November 4.** Book early to get your preferred time!
Click here to book your **appointment**.

Attention Grade 9 students and parents:
Take Our Kids to Work Day - Wednesday, November 4
Deadline to register is Thursday October 15

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. If you know your child is attending someone else's workplace, please still register so we have that information. **The deadline to complete this form is Thursday, Oct 15.** We will follow up with families who have not registered after this day.
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

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

20 - Photo Re-takes and Grade class photos - Students to wear school sweaters
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
12, **19** and **27** - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off at 8:00 - 9:00am
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

Attention STA families and HTS alumni and!

The Holy Trinity School Parent Standing Committee is thrilled to team up with **Wildflower Photography** again for our 3rd Annual Holy Trinity Christmas Photoshoot.
Here is the **link to register** for your photo session.

Sessions are $40 and include:

- 10-minute Christmas - themed photo shoot
- Up to 6 people (no pets please)
- **1 professionally edited digital image** included
- Option to purchase additional images if you just can't pick a favourite!
- And this year, we're making it even easier to join in!

There will be TWO dates available:

Friday, October 23, 2026 - evening sessions (5:30-8:00pm - HTS Atrium)
Saturday, October 24, 2026 - daytime sessions (9:00am-4:00pm - HTS Atrium)
Please note: Once you book a timeslot, please write down the time you book; you'll get a confirmation email from the photographer with your timeslot a couple of weeks ahead of the event. In the event a timeslot change is required, they will be subject to availability and changes can't be guaranteed (but we'll do our best to accommodate)
Kindly arrive a few minutes early/on time as these sessions run promptly – late starts will cut into your session time, and we want you to have your full 10 minutes!
So grab the family, put on your festive best, and come make a little Christmas magic while giving back at the same time!
Any questions please reach out to **Kelly MacKillop**
The HTS Parent Standing Committee Organizers thank you!

PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITES

Join the Cafeteria Team!

- **Full-Time** volunteer positions available for this school year (this will fulfill 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.

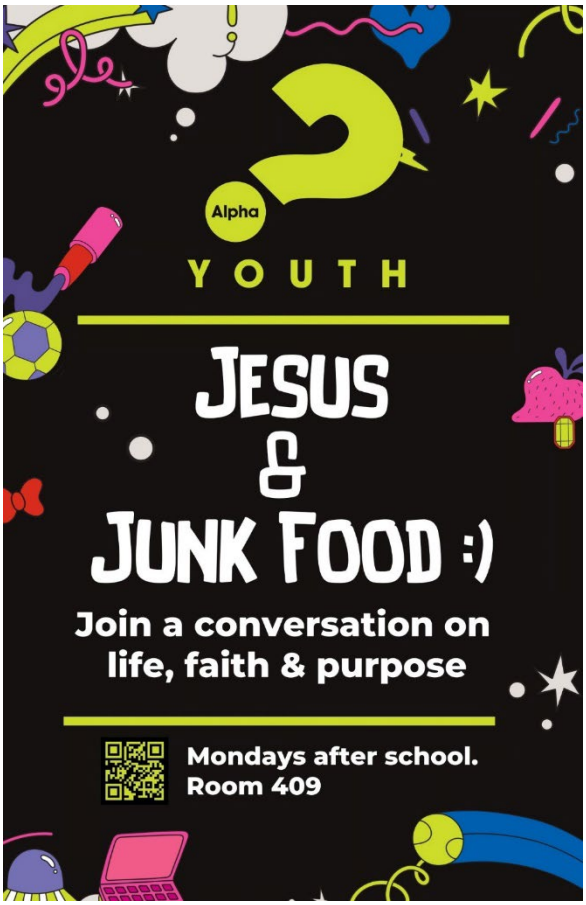
Thank you for supporting our students!

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

CAMPUS MINISTRY

STA Men's Hostel Ministry - Thursday, October 15 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**.