



# STA At-a-Glance

Week 8: October 14  
- October 21, 2025

## KUDOS



Congratulations to **Jane C** (Grade 8) who competed at the 2025 Korean Consul Cup Taekwondo Poomsae Competition, held at the Richmond Olympic Oval last week. She earned 1st place in the Cadet Female Individual category and 2nd place in the Cadet Pair category.

This competition served as an important step in her preparation for next year's National Championships in Halifax.

Kudos to **Adrian P** (Grade 11) and his U17 NVFC team who earned a Bronze medal National championship in Kamloops last weekend.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

This year marks the 36th anniversary of the **STA Craft Fair & Market**. Information about parent volunteer opportunities can be found [here](#). If you are interested in helping to organize the event, please contact [here](#). Student volunteers can sign up on the volunteer board on the 3rd floor near the office. If you can help to advertise the Craft Fair, please pick up a lawn sign (available from the office).

The poster features a central crest with a cross and the text 'ST. THOMAS AQUINAS' and '1864-2024'. The main title is 'STA 36th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & MARKET' in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, the date and location are listed: 'Sunday, November 2, 2025', '541 West Keith Road', 'North Vancouver, BC', and '10 am - 4 pm'. A list of activities includes '150+ Artisans/Vendors', 'Hot Meals & Refreshments', 'Raffle Prizes', and 'Visit with Santa'. Admission prices are listed as 'Adults - \$5, Seniors & Students - \$2' and 'Children 12 & under - Free'. The vendor contact is 'stacraftfair@aquinas.org'. The poster is decorated with festive illustrations of red lilies, white lilies, pine branches, and berries.

## OFFICE UPDATES

### STA Class Photos and Re-takes - Friday, October 17

Class photos will be taken for each grade. Please come to school in full uniform. Students who missed having their individual photo taken or wish to have their photo re-taken will also have the opportunity to do so.

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### myEducation BC Parent Portal Login

Term 1 Learning updates (ie report cards) will be released on-line on **Friday, November 7**. STA parents will be able to access their child's Learning updates through myEducation BC's parent portal.

In order to access this information, please ensure your myEducation BC parent account is active. Please click on this [link](#) and complete the login information with your Login ID and password. Step by step instructions are [here](#).

Any questions, please send an email to the [office](#).

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## Calling all Parents!

Parents are encouraged to participate in our upcoming Career Day on **Monday, November 24**. This is a mandatory event for Grade 12s to help them explore learning and career pathways. Based on student feedback, we are particularly looking for: tradespeople, first responders, marketing professionals, health and paramedical services. Click [here](#) to complete the google form to confirm your participation.

Parent participation hours are provided.



Career Exploration Day  
November 24  
8:00 - 9:15 am

Speakers  
Invited



## 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 for more [information](#).

## 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 between **October 7 - November 5**. Book early to get your preferred time!

Click here to book your [appointment](#).

## Have you purchased your STA Spirit & Grad 2026 Wear?

Don't forget to order your family's school spirit wear by **Friday, October 24**. Click [here](#) to discover ideas for school, a birthday or Christmas gift, grad wear or the upcoming basketball and wrestling seasons. The STA school scarf goes with everything! Pickup is the week of December 10.



NEW STA  
ONLINE STORE  
OPEN!

ORDER  
WINDOW: OCT  
3-24



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October:

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

**17** - Photo Re-takes and Grade class photos

**24** - SCHOOL CLOSED - Provincial Pro-D Day

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

**29** - EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:00pm

**31** - Spirit Day, Haunted House

### November:

**2** - Door is Open

**10** - SCHOOL CLOSED - Pro-D Day

**11** - SCHOOL CLOSED - Remembrance Day

## MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Fighting Saints Continue to Shine in Fall Sports

The Fighting Saints keep battling hard on the court and on the pitch, showing outstanding effort and results across all teams!

The **Senior Boys Soccer** team had an impressive showing at the **BC Catholics** Tournament, finishing 2nd overall. The team earned big wins over Vancouver College and Notre Dame to secure a spot in the final, where they once again faced Vancouver College and narrowly fell in a penalty shootout. The boys are back in action this week with two important league matches, today vs. Mulgrave and **Thursday** vs. Collingwood, both at **Fenn Burdett (3:30pm)**.

The **Junior Boys Soccer** team continues their season with matches against **Windsor (Wednesday)** and **Argyle (Friday)**, both also at **Fenn Burdett**.

The **Senior Girls Volleyball** team travelled to the Valley for the **Thanksgiving Cascade Classic** Tournament, where they showed incredible resilience. After hard-fought comeback wins in both the **quarterfinals** (2–1 over LCS) and **semifinals** (2–1 over AAAA Walnut Grove), the Saints finished as tournament runners-up, falling just short in the final against Unity Christian School (AA) from Chilliwack. The team continues their road to the BCs this week with matches against Sutherland and Seycove.

Both the **Junior** and **Juvenile Girls Volleyball** teams represented STA proudly at the **BC Catholics** Tournament last week. The Juvenile Girls faced tough competition against older Junior teams and narrowly missed advancing to the championship bracket on Day 1, but bounced back impressively by winning all their matches on Day 2. The Junior Girls had a strong start, advancing to the championship bracket after a successful Day 1. They battled hard on Day 2, **finishing 4th overall** after a heartbreaking semifinal loss to Notre Dame, 17–15 in the third set.

It's a busy week for all our volleyball teams as league play heats up and playoff seeding is on the line. **Both Bantam Girls** squads travel to **Argyle on Wednesday** after school, while the **Junior Girls** take on **Handsworth today (5:30pm)** and **Rockridge on Thursday (4:00pm)**.

The **Cross Country** team continues to put in strong performances on the trails, competing this week at the **Richard Juryn race at Rice Lake**. Next week, they'll race in their **Zone Championships** for a chance to qualify for **Provincials in Nanaimo**.

Meanwhile, the **Swim team** is training hard in the early mornings as they prepare for their upcoming meets this **Sunday, October 19** at Harry Jerome and **Friday, October 24** at the **Sea to Sky Zones** in Richmond.

A special thank-you goes out to all the parents who generously drive our athletes to and from practices and games. Your ongoing support makes all of this possible, and we truly appreciate your commitment to STA Athletics.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY**



**STA Men's Hostel Ministry - Thursday, October 16 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, November 2**  
**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, November 2 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 30.



Spots are limited!

**PARENT ASSOCIATION / PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM**



**Help Needed:**

- Christmas Craft Fair & Market - Oct 31 - Nov 2.
- Cafeteria - full time shifts available: Tue, Wed 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.

