



STA At-a-Glance

Week 8: October 20 -
October 27, 2026

KUDOS



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The Sr. Girls Volleyball team battled hard in the **Brentwood Classic tournament** over the weekend in the toughest pool. At the end of pool play, the girls finished 2nd beating NDSS, Isfeld, and Stelly's in straight sets. On Day 2, the Sr. Girls played Dover Bay, GW Graham, and Brentwood and finished 6th in the tournament. A special shout out goes to captain Lily C who served 15 points in a row. Well done girls!

The girls are back in action tonight for Senior night against Rockridge at 7:30 pm before they play in the BC Catholics Wednesday and Thursday. Go Saints!

Thanks to coach Chris Spence, assistant coach Serafina Lioitti '13 and team sponsor Bianca Rojo.



Swim Team Announcement

Congratulations to our swim team which had an amazing second meet of the season on October 18, with so many great swims and impressive performances! Some standouts are:

Joshua W had an outstanding meet, placing 5th in the Boys' 50 metre freestyle, 4th in the 50 metre breaststroke, and an incredible 2nd in the 100 metre individual medley!

Luisa BB had another fantastic meet, placing 9th in the Girls' 50 metre freestyle and an impressive 6th in the 50 metre butterfly!

Ronan G had a great performance in the Boys' 50 metre backstroke, finishing 4th!

Matias G followed closely behind with an awesome 5th-place finish in the Boys' 50 metre backstroke!

Rayin B also had a strong swim, earning 10th place in the Boys' 50 metre backstroke!

A huge congratulations to all of our other STA swimmers who competed and gave it their all. We're so proud of the whole team and can't wait to see what they accomplish next!

Thanks to coach Jessica Krajcek for all her extra time.

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The Gr. 8 Boys Rugby team travelled to Shawnigan Lake School for a match last Thursday. It was a spirited match with lots of back and forth action. The final result was tie with both teams scoring six tries a piece.

Thank you coaches John McCormack and Nick Allen and John Prescott for driving the boys to the game.



OFFICE UPDATES



This year marks the 37th anniversary of the STA Craft Fair & Market

To ensure our Christmas Fair runs smoothly, we need the support and participation of our school families. This is a large community event that requires many volunteers to make it a success. We encourage all parents to sign up for one or more volunteer positions and help make this special event possible. Every helping hand makes a difference. Please consider participating with your son or daughter.

Parent participation opportunities can be found [here](#).

Student participation opportunities are listed on the volunteer board on the 3rd floor near the office.

If you are interested in helping to organize the event, please contact us [here](#)

Christmas Craft Fair - CONFERENCE CALL

We will be holding a conference call on **Thursday, October 22 at 7:00pm** to discuss the Christmas Fair, coordinate outstanding tasks, review what still needs to be done, and address any questions or needs as we prepare for the event.

All parents who are interested in helping or would like to learn more about the preparations are welcome to join.

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

Meeting ID: 378 611 9693; Passcode: 4Y3cjJ

Additional Participation Opportunities

- We are currently looking for parent and student vendors (NOT FOOD VENDORS) who would like to participate at the Fair. The fee for student vendors is \$30. Please complete the [application form](#).

- Book Sale – We are collecting gently used books of all kinds, including: children's books, novels, cookbooks, educational books and more. Any books in good condition that can be enjoyed by another reader are welcome.
- Sign placement – Please pick up a lawn sign from the school office and display it at your workplace or home to help promote the fair.

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



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. Pick up is **December, 9**.

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**.

BC Post-Secondary Mini-Fair - Monday, October 26 at 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Meet with recruitment officers from approximately 20 post-secondary institutions within BC. Grade 10, 11 and 12 students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

Reminder to all 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.

If you have not yet filled out the form or if your child does not have a placement please contact the office directly.



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



Barcelona with your STA friends.
Mr. Domina

STA Europe 2027- London • Paris • Barcelona!

Exciting adventures await! There is still time to join our STA Europe 2027 trip and create unforgettable memories with your classmates!

Important Registration Update: EF Tours has announced that trip prices will **increase by \$200 for new travellers starting November 1, 2026.**

Register by October 31 to secure the current price!

If you've been thinking about joining us, now is the perfect time! Don't miss this incredible opportunity to explore **London, Paris, and**

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

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

1 - The Door Is Open - 9:00am

4 - Grade 9: Take Your Kids To Work Day

8 - Christmas Craft Fair - 10:00am-4:00pm

11 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Remembrance Day - No classes in session

12, 19 and 27 - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off at 8:00 - 9:00am

20 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Pro-D Day - No classes in session

26 - Open House 5:45 - 8:45pm

STA Parents are invited to participate as panelists in our upcoming **Career Exploration Day**. This special event is designed to help our Grade 12 students explore a variety of educational paths and to gain inspiration for their future learning. We would be delighted to have you share your education and career journey with our students.

Format

- This event is for Grade 12 students, and their attendance is mandatory. They are expected to complete a short assignment post-event as part of their Capstone graduation portfolio.
- Students will work in small groups.
- Panelists will be paired with another professional in their field, or in a complementary field, so students are aware of the synergies between professionals. We will share this pairing with you in advance.
- Parent participation hours (1.5) will be provided for your participation.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the Google form [here](#) by November 6. Thank you for your continued support in helping our students learn, grow, and dream big!



Attention STA families and HTS alumni and STA!

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.



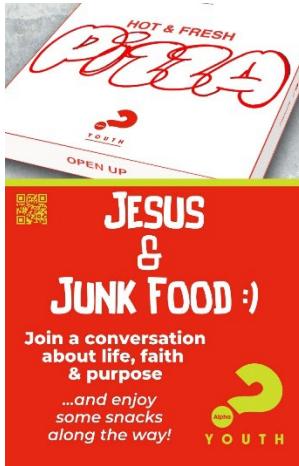
Our school's **Gaming Grant Parent Support Group (PSG)** administers, reports, and applies for gaming grants from the Government of BC. The grants are used to fund extracurricular activities for our students. BC gaming guidelines stipulate that parents of the school must decide how these funds are disbursed. Our PSG uses guidance from staff and administration to best determine need. The Gaming Grant PSG committee consists of 3 parents; however, we currently find ourselves searching for 1-2 parent(s) to join the committee for this school year to fill the roles of Treasurer (effective immediately), and Secretary (effective as of February 1, 2027).

Potential candidates who would like to join the Gaming Grant PSG committee should understand their role and responsibilities prior to seeking election. All elected members of the PSG will need to familiarize themselves with the **Community Gaming Grants - 2026 Program Grant Guidelines**.

If you are interested in joining the PSG, please complete **this application** and email application to the **Gaming Grant PSG committee** by **Monday, October 26**. All applications will be reviewed and an election will be held by **Friday, October 30**.

If you have any questions, please email psg@aquinas.org.

CAMPUS MINISTRY



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**.

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 1 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, November 30**. Spots are limited!

