



STA At-a-Glance

**Week 9: October 22 -
October 29, 2024**

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



VSO: Symphonic Encounters

The Grade 10 Concert Band students went to the VSO Symphonic Encounters educational program on Thursday Oct 17, 2024 at the Orpheum Theatre. There the students were able to explore musical contexts and influences of musical works, including the time period of the 20th century. They were also able to reflect on rehearsal and performance techniques which will enhance their musical growth. The students were able to experience the lush orchestrations of Igor Stravinsky and Maurice Ravel who employed and dispatched every orchestral instrument one would want to hear and experience. It was an entertaining kaleidoscope for the senses! Special thanks to Mr. Voitowitsch and Ms. Krajicek for organizing.

OFFICE UPDATES

Professional Development Day - Friday, October 25

School will be closed for teachers professional development. Classes will resume Monday, October 28 on a Day 2 late start schedule.

The Saint Achievement award

We are pleased to announce the creation of two new STA awards. These will be:

- the top 25% of qualifying students in each grade
- the Subject Recognition awards to be awarded to the top academic students of each subject from Grades 8 -12.

In addition, we are keeping the athletic awards from previous years. Please click on the [link](#) to watch a short video on the new STA awards.



Gradwear 2025 is now available for ordering!

Choose either a hoodie or crewneck, black or grey, AQUINAS or STA. Sample sizes are available to try on in the library. We would like

to place the order soon so get your order form and payment in ASAP. Click here for order [form](#).

myEducation BC Parent Portal Login

Term 1 Learning updates (ie report cards) will be released on-line on **Thursday, 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](#).

Career Networking Night - Calling all Parents: November 20

Our annual Career Day is now a Career Networking Night! We're looking for parents to share their educational and career journeys with our students. An invitation and more information about the event will be shared with **Grade 11 & 12** students at school.

- 5:45pm - Arrival.
- 6:00 - 6:30pm - Led by a sales professional, students will have a chance to understand the importance of LinkedIn and learn how to create a LinkedIn page as they get ready for life after STA.
- 6:30 - 8:00pm - Professionals from all careers will host a table and have a chance to share their educational and career journey, and answer questions from our students.

If you'd like to volunteer your time, please complete the google form [here](#). Questions? Contact us at satkinson@aquinas.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



STA Christmas Craft Fair & Market Sunday, November 3 10 am - 4 pm

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The STA Christmas Craft Fair & Market is being held on Sunday, November 3 and we are looking for parent and student volunteers. Parents can click on the Parent Participation Portal [here](#) to see the variety of roles including: cafeteria, book sale, raffle baskets, guest arrival and decor. Students can sign up at the front office to volunteer throughout the

weekend.

Thank you for helping to make this a successful event.

Halloween Spirit Day & Haunted House - Thursday, October, 31

A Spooky Spirit Day!

As we approach Halloween's fun and excitement, we want to ensure that the celebration remains respectful and in line with the values we hold as a school community. With that in mind, we have established a few guidelines to help students choose appropriate costumes:

- Modesty first: Costumes should be appropriate for a school environment. This means covering shoulders, midriff, and legs to a respectful length (i.e., no short skirts, shorts, or revealing tops). If you're unsure, it's best to err on the side of caution.
- Avoid offensive themes: Costumes should not include violent, gory, or inappropriate content, including weapons, blood, or anything disrespectful of others' cultures, religions, or beliefs.
- No masks or full face paint: Students' faces should be clearly visible for safety and identification. Light make up is fine, but full masks or extensive face paint that obscures identity are not allowed.
- School-appropriate accessories: Avoid props or accessories that could be disruptive or dangerous, such as toy weapons or overly large items.
- Respect for all: Costumes should reflect the values of our school community, avoiding themes that mock, belittle, or stereotype others.

If Administration deems a student's costume inappropriate, the student will be advised to go home, change and return to school.

For those participating in spirit day, students are required to donate a canned good or a minimum of \$2. Collections will be taken during first period. All proceeds from this day go to the STA Campus Ministry to supply food to the [Door is Open](#) and to St. Vincent de Paul society. For those students who do not participate, full school uniform is required.

Students can enjoy the Haunted House organized by the Student Council, on the first floor. Participation warning: there will be flashing lights, a fog machine, smoke, and fake blood. Cost: \$2 (cash only).

Grade 9 (only) Parents/Guardians: Take Your Kid to Work Day - Wednesday, November 6

An email to Grade 9 Parents was sent on October 17. Please register your child on the [link](#) by November 1, 2024. Any questions, please send an email to the [office](#).



Misa en Español

Please join us at **Holy Trinity Parish** (2725 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver) for our 1st mass in SPANISH on **October 27** and on the 4th Sunday of every month at

5:30pm. Followed by a reception in the church hall.