



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS  
REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
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## STA At-a-Glance

### Week 11: November 7 - November 14

For more details about our upcoming events, please click on our School Calendar [here](#)

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#### Term 1 Report Cards

**Term 1 report cards will be available online in the MyEd BC Parent Portal on Friday, November 10.** An email will be sent out to all parents on Friday.

In order to access this information, please ensure your *myEducation BC* parent account is active. Please click on this

link: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do> and complete the login information with your Login ID and password.

If you have forgotten your password, please click on '*forgot my password*' and follow the prompts. Any questions, please send an email to the [office](#).



#### Parent Teacher Interview Sign Up

Parents are able to sign up for interviews online. Students are encouraged to attend interviews with their parents.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will open on Friday, November 17 at 3:00 pm and will take place as follows:

Friday, November 17: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Monday, November 20: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

There will be no classes for students on Monday, November 20.

Please be sure to have your user name (student's last name) and password (PEN number found on the report card) at hand in order to log in to the program.

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### Remembrance Day & Professional Day

There will be **no school on Monday, November 13** to commemorate Remembrance Day, followed by a **Professional Day on Tuesday, November 14**. Classes will resume on *Wednesday, November 15, a Day 2 regular schedule.*

Thank you

to the STA Parent Association

### STA Christmas Craft Fair

The Administration and staff would like to give a HUGE thank you to the Parent Association for their hard work, expert organization and seamless execution of the 34th Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday.

The event featured 130 vendors and close to 2,000 attendees. The delicious food in the cafeteria was well-received and the over 50 quality raffle baskets were a hit.

Thank you, Parent Association, for all of your time and talents that you give to STA.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS ANNUAL  
**Poinsettia SALE**  
ORDER ONLINE BY NOVEMBER 15  
aquinas.growingsmilesfundraising.com  
PICK UP NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1

### STA's Annual Poinsettia Sale

STA's annual poinsettia and winter plant sale is back! Order online by clicking [here](#).

Deadline for ordering is **Wednesday, November 15** at 6pm with plant pick up times set for November 30 and December 1.

**Pub NIGHT**  
Thursday, November 30, 2023  
7:00 p.m.  
CLASS OF 2024 FUNDRAISER

Auction 50/50 Wine Draw

Tickets Price: \$45.00  
Entry & Cocktail only \$20

**YOUR TICKET INCLUDES**

- Your choice of a delicious entree, AND
- An alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage of your preference

Entree options:

- Classic Cheeseburger, Cajun Chicken Sandwich, or Spicy Fried Chicken Burger with fries or house salad, or
- Linguine Alfredo, or
- Vegetarian Thai Curry with rice, or
- Braised Short Rib Dinner

Beverage options:

- Draft beer, highballs, or cocktails (ex. margaritas)

Buy Ticket E-transfer: [stagradsclass2024@gmail.com](mailto:stagradsclass2024@gmail.com)

SEYMOUR PUB  
720 Old Lillooet Road, North Vancouver

## Grad 2024 Fundraiser

The Class of 2024 would like to extend an invitation to all our STA community for a memorable evening that will not only bring us together as a community but also support this year's graduation festivities.



### STA Men's Hostel Ministry

Students can earn Service Hours and provide for those in need by preparing food donations to the Vancouver Men's Shelter. Drop off 12 baked goods or 12 sandwiches (individually wrapped) to the [STA Campus Ministry office](#) and log your service hours. *The shelter is in need of small take-out packages of ketchup or hot sauce.*

#### November Details

Thursday, November 9 & 16  
8:00 - 9:00 am  
Campus Ministry Office



### Complete the STA survey for a chance to win a \$100 gift card

All STA families were emailed a survey earlier today to ask for your input on school engagement, pricing, and how we communicate information to you. Please complete the survey by November 14 for your chance to win a \$100 gift card to a retailer of your choice.

Thank you for your time.



### STA Grad 2024 Purdy's Christmas Sale

[The Grad class of 2024](#) is fundraising with Purdy's chocolates just in time for the holidays. Grads earn 25% of their total individual sales - this goes directly towards the cost of the Dinner Dance in June.

#### Details

Deadline for ordering is **Monday, November 20**  
Pickup date is **December**



### Landscaping Improvements

You may have noticed some digging close to the corner of Keith and Forbes. As part of our school's enhancement, we are installing a small retaining wall close that will allow the leveling of the ground around the picnic tables. This will give additional space for students to use

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**Instructions for Ordering:** If prompted to join a campaign, the number is 8228. To obtain a hard copy of the Purdy's Christmas Chocolate order form, click [here](#) and to order online, click [here](#).

during lunch, where they can sit and socialize. There is caution tape around the perimeter of the work area and on the back Convent doors to remind students and staff not to walk through the area because machinery is using the driveway by the Convent. The work is scheduled to be completed before Christmas break.

Thank you for your understanding while we complete this project.



### **Urgently Needed: Crossing Guards**

We are seeking crossing guards for before and after school shifts. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours. Sign up in the Parent Participation Portal by clicking [here](#).



### **STA Cafeteria**

Breakfast and lunch is available at the STA School Cafeteria every day! All food is prepared daily, with a selection of daily menu items and daily specials. The weekly specials for **November 15-17** are:

Wednesday ~ sausages & mashed potatoes

Thursday ~ chicken strips & fries; Sir Thom burger

Friday ~ grilled cheese; chicken & vegetable pot stickers; pasta & garlic bread

Cash, debit, credit card and STA gift cards accepted. *Menu items subject to availability.*



### **STA Christmas Craft Fair was a Success!**

The STA Christmas Craft Fair was very well attended, and the organizers would like to sincerely thank all the vendors as well the members of our community who came to support them. The gift basket raffle, bake sale, and used book sale were very successful. Thank you for the wonderful support from those who generously donated items and everyone who participated by purchasing goods and tickets!

An event of this magnitude can only be successful when many people come together to help. Thank you to all the parents, students, and staff volunteers who helped with everything from the advance planning, decorations/set-up, and working shifts Friday afternoon through Sunday night. Special thanks go out to the following individuals who offered their time and talent in exceptional ways:

- Ileana Torres, Paola Evans, Gladys Riverola ~ Vendors Coordinators
- Polly Samra and Teresa Moon ~ Kitchen Coordinators
- Paula Pelletier and Marianella Gonzales ~ Cafe Coordinators
- Paola Plecko ~ Raffle Coordinator
- Heather Patchell ~ Assistant Raffle Coordinator
- Diana Larke ~ Bake Sale Coordinator
- Herika Piccinini ~ Permits Coordinator
- Leigh Oikawa ~ Finance Coordinator
- Mariannina Calabrese ~ Marketing and Parent Volunteer Coordinator
- Allison Gibault ~ Decoration Coordinator
- Monica Barichello, Tiffany Haziza, Angela Koch, Ann Marie Somerville ~ Decorations Assistant
- Monica Barichello ~ Take Down Decoration Coordinator
- Chris Cristea ~ Electrical Coordinator
- Daniel Mosquera, Chris Cristea ~ Signage Coordinator
- Salida Sumulong ~ Health Coordinator (on-site)
- Mrs. Hughes ~ Student Volunteer Coordinator

A special mention to:

- School office and all staff members who supported us in various ways
- Parent Association team, Dorry Smith and Angela Koch, who worked from Friday to Sunday in a variety of areas
- Armenak Kasabashian and Daniel Mosquera, who assisted vendors
- Carlos Obregon, who shuttled vendors at the end of the day
- Custodian Allan Lazaro, who helped vendors with different inquiries. Gary and Emanuel, who also assisted us during all organization

We look forward to another successful even in 2024.

Paola La Pica  
*PA chair / Christmas Craft Fair Coordinator*

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