



STA At-a-Glance

Week 16: December 12 - December 20

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



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.

December Details

Thursday, December 14 & 21
8:00 - 9:00 am
Campus Ministry Office



Advent Candle Light Masses

Students and their families are invited to our school chapel to celebrate the season of Advent with morning Masses by candlelight on Wednesday, December 13, and 20 at 7:15 am. Pastries will be provided after Mass.



Christmas Spirit Day

Students can come dressed in Christmas colours in exchange for a canned good or \$2+. Collections will be taken during the first block and all proceeds go to the STA Campus Ministry. *For those students who do not participate, full school uniform is required.*



12 Days of Aquinas Christmas Giving

Campus Ministry's [12 Days of Christmas Giving](#) is back again this year! We are collecting donations of NEW items to support our neighbors in need through various organizations. 3 items = 1 service hour. Click [here](#) for the theme of each day. Thank you for your support!

Details

Wednesday, December 20



Update: Giving & Gratitude Annual Fund

Here are some of the furnishings which we have been able to purchase as a result of donations to the Annual Fund. Our third floor [Student Commons Area](#) has come to life with couches, tables, rugs, quotes and lettering. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Fund in October to make this priority possible. We are grateful to the dedicated team of designers of Tanya McMillan and Janice Woodward for their time and talents in this area, and throughout the school.



Chat and Chill

Grade 11s and 12s are encouraged to attend our next Chat and Chill on December 20 at lunch in the Alumni Room. Please sign up on the [google form](#) so we order enough lunches from Bosa Foods for everyone. Bring your own drinks.

The featured alumni are:

1. **Laura Neal '19** - Laura is a kayak instructor following her passion for the great outdoors.
2. **Steven Brown '17** - Steven was an STA basketball player and has since pursued his education in engineering physics. He's had two co-ops at Tesla, so come to hear if he's met Elon Musk!
3. **Duncan Ford '17** - Duncan, an STA basketball player, went to Cap U for two years before transferring to UBC for integrated engineering.

Judges Needed for the Science Fair



Wanted: 8 Parent Judges for Gr. 8 Science Fair

Earn Eight Volunteer Hours for Parent Participation

A background in science, while not required, would be an asset. Training for judges will be provided on the day of the event, as well as morning snack and lunch. **Once you sign up, parents should email Ms. Treacy at treacy@aquinas.org, so that she can email you a preview of the judging booklet.** In the email, please indicate the name



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 **December 18 - December 22** are:

Monday ~ lasagna & garlic bread
Tuesday ~ soft beef taco; chili & bun
Wednesday ~ bbq chicken & rice
Thursday ~ chicken & vegetable dumplings;

of your son or daughter. If you have a child in Gr. 8, we will ensure you don't evaluate your own child's project.

Your child doesn't need to be in Gr. 8 in order for you to volunteer!

Details

Monday, January 29 ~ 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sign up in the [Parent Participation Portal](#)

Sir Thom burger

Friday ~ pasta & garlic bread; perogies with bacon and onions, and grilled cheese sandwiches

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