

# STA At-a-Glance

## Week 2: September 5 - September 12

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

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### Welcome Back to School Information

School begins on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 8:25 am and will be an 8 class schedule.

On Thursday, September 7, school will begin on a Day 1 regular schedule.

If you have not already done so, please send the activity fee cheque, payable to STA with your child. We would prefer to minimize the number of homeroom blocks needed to collect this money by asking students to bring it during the first week of school. Lockers will be available for students.



### School Attendance Policy and Procedures

#### Late Arrivals and Appointments

Parents/guardians should make every effort to have their child at school on time to avoid interruptions to both the classroom and the office. If a student arrives after the start of the first block, they must register their attendance at the office before proceeding to class. *If excused by a parent/guardian, the student must have a note or phone call from a parent/guardian explaining the lateness.* Please inform the office by email or phone, at the start of the day. Unexcused lates will result in the student serving a lunchtime detention. Repeated tardiness will result in escalating consequences involving parents and administration.

Parents/guardians are asked to please make dental, doctor and other appointments for their children during non instructional times. If a student must leave for an appointment, the student must provide a written note or email from their parent/guardian to the office at the start of the day. The student must then sign out at the office when leaving and if returning, must sign back in.

We take our responsibility of knowing the whereabouts of students at all times during the school day very seriously and require your assistance to ensure that we are able to do so.



### STA Homecoming

Join us for a back-to-school celebration for our inaugural STA Homecoming. The event will take place at Fen Burdett Stadium and is open to all STA students, families, alumni and relatives. Click [here](#) to register.

#### Details

Thursday, September 21

3:30 - 5:00 pm: League-opener for the Seniors Boys Soccer team  
4:00 - 7:30 pm: Food trucks (prices range from \$8 - \$12 per meal)  
5:00 - 7:00 pm: Beer garden (cash bar)  
6:00 - 6:45 pm: Teacher Volleyball Challenge for all anyone who plays volleyball

Bring your own equipment to enjoy: basketball, skateboarding and pickleball. We can't wait to see you there!



### The Saints STation

The Saints STation School Store will be open for used uniform and STA apparel purchases. All forms of payment will be accepted, including Visa and Mastercard.

**Details:**

Days: Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4pm  
Payment: Cash, Debit, Credit Card

### Absence from School

Parents/guardians please email the school at [office@aquinas.org](mailto:office@aquinas.org) before 8:45 am every day that their child will be absent from school. Parents/guardians may also contact the school by phone, but an email/written note will still be required to meet the Ministry requirements.

*If a student will be away from school for an extended period of time, due to personal/family reasons, we require the student to complete an Extended Leave of Absence form. This can be collected from the office. The student must have all their teachers sign the form and submit it to the office before their leave of absence.*



### STA Parent Association Needs YOU! Welcome Meeting Thursday, September 14 at 9:15 am

We welcome and encourage all parents to get involved and volunteer at our school. The primary focus of the STA Parent Association is to strengthen our school community by supporting annual events and activities at STA. We achieve this by involving ourselves with activities that connect students, parents and families. Monies raised by these activities are used for the improvement of our school or the enhancement of student extracurricular activities. Through these activities, the Parent Association also provides parents with opportunities to volunteer within our school community.

Further details on the Parent Association can be found on the [website](#). Please [email](#) if you are interested in becoming an active member of the Parent Association.

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### September Anchor

All students are invited to Christ the Redeemer's Monthly Youth Ministry event called Anchor. Join after the 5 pm mass for our kick-off anchor event! Everyone Grades 8-12 is welcome, so be sure to bring your friends and check it out.

Date: Sunday, September 10  
RSVP: Click [here](#) by Friday, September 8 to register



### STA Parent Participation Program

The [STA Participation Program](#) was developed for parents to assist in activities and to provide cost saving services for the school in return for a reduction of the Participation fee. There are a limited number of full time participation positions. However, seasonal and part time credits are available throughout the school year.

We are currently seeking the following volunteer roles: Cafeteria, School Yard Maintenance, Homecoming event and Traffic (ie Crossing Guard) Supervision. To register, click [here](#).



### Alumni Campus Ministry Pilgrimage

The STA Alumni Association, in conjunction with STA Campus Ministry, is hosting a pilgrimage to the Medjugorje Youth Festival in Bosnia & Herzegovina and Italy from July 22 - August 8, 2024. This pilgrimage is open to all STA alumni and their families. Find more information at: <https://www.aquinas.org/alumni>



### Greater Than Retreat

All high school students are invited to Christ the Redeemer's fall retreat for teens. Greater Than is a weekend of activities, talks, small group discussion, and more in a fun camp environment.

Details:  
Date: October 13 -15  
Where: Evans Lake Camp in Squamish  
Registration: click [here](#) to register by September 25