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Catholic Schools Week has once again come and gone. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the “Good News” in Catholic education and share that with our Catholic community.

The picture above of the construction crane being brought down signifies a monumental stage in the building process. The roof is now completed and we can see moving into the new school in September as a realistic goal. This could not have happened without the combined effort of our Catholic community.

IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH

6	Ash Wednesday, School Mass
7	Advisory Schedule Grade 10 Retreat
10	Door Is Open
13	Advisory Schedule
14	Weekly Mass
15	Spirit Day
16-31	Spring Break

March is a busy month for us this year, but it will not necessarily be in the school. Our two week spring break coincides with the public break this year as Easter is not until April.

The winter athletic season is winding down with basketball and wrestling finished and our gymnastics team participating at their provincial championships this week. This year both the Senior Girls and Junior Boys Basketball teams made it to the provincials.

The students participating in this year’s school play “*The Girls of St. Mary’s*” are hard at work rehearsing for their performance at the Kay Meek Theatre on May 8 - 11.

We are using the on-line registration process for our currently enrolled students/families again this year. This eliminates the need to line up for re-registration. Re-registration information was mailed home on

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March 1st. All new families will register for the 2019-20 school year in person at STA on Wednesday April 3 from 6-8 pm or Saturday April 13 from 10 am-1 pm.

Knowing the student numbers registered for the next school year is important now as it is essential in determining staffing needs and budget parameters. For this reason the Education Committee has continued the \$100 reduction in the registration fee as an incentive to get your registration completed before April 13th. This will help us do the best planning we can for your son or daughter in 2019-20.

Enjoy your 2 week spring break with your family!

Have a great March!

Mr. J. Campbell

STA 2019-2020 REGISTRATION



RETURNING STUDENTS

Registration for students already attending STA will be on-line, same as last year. Letters with passwords and detailed instructions were mailed home on Friday, March 1. Registration is a multi-step process.

1. Go on-line (<https://register.aquinas.org>) or use the STA website (www.aquinas.org) on the Parent Portal, 2019 STA Registration, to register. Enter your Access ID and Access Password*, found on your letter. Complete your Pastor Authorization Form and print off a copy. At this point your account will close.
2. Take your completed Pastor Authorization form to your parish and have your pastor sign it.
3. Return the signed Pastor Authorization form to the STA office.
4. The STA office will re-open your on-line account and you must go back on-line to complete your registration.
5. Once the on-line registration is done, you will receive a message indicating you are registered.
6. If paying by auto-debit, no further action is required. If you are paying by post-dated or annual cheques, those must be dropped off to the STA office before your registration is considered complete.

NEW STUDENTS

New students to STA will need to register in person at STA. The dates are:

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

NON-CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Accounts will be opened on March 7 for re-registration.

*IT IS ADVISABLE THAT YOU KEEP YOUR ACCESS ID AND ACCESS PASSWORD
SECURE AND NOT SHARE IT WITH ANYONE ELSE.

OUR STUDENTS DESERVE A CHARITY ALLOWANCE

We are introducing a Charitable Allowance Program to empower your children to make a difference! Students will be given **an allowance of \$10 a month** to donate to the cause of their choice using CHIMP - an online platform that makes it easy to donate to charities across Canada. This is a great opportunity for us to discuss the importance of charitable giving with students, get them thinking about causes they care about and how they can have an impact.

The account activation link is: <https://chimp.net/companies/st-thomas-aquinas/join>

Your child's privacy is very important. Therefore, CHIMP doesn't share personal information with anyone. Check out CHIMP's [Privacy Policy](#) for more information. Want to stay in the loop? For additional information [sign up](#) for their monthly newsletter.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Thank you

to all the students and staff that participated in masses on the weekend of February 9 & 10, in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. You are excellent ambassadors for our school. The week was busy with tours of the school, Open House and of course the Catholic Educators' Conference.



VICE-PRINCIPAL CAMPBELL RECOGNIZED AT CATHOLIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE



Mr. Chris Campbell was recognized on Friday, February 15 at the Catholic Educators' Conference for his 40 years of service in the Catholic Independent Schools Vancouver Archdiocese. STA will celebrate his achievement on Saturday, April 6 with an event at the school.

If you would like to attend, you may order tickets on-line at:

<https://www.alumnista.com/>

or purchase them at the STA office.

Congratulations *Mr. Campbell* and thank you for your compassion and dedication to our school and to Catholic education.


HONOUR ROLL – FEBRUARY 2019
GRADE 8

Boppart, Gabriella	Dy, Isabella	Matinrad, Mehrsa
Cutler, Declan	Estropia, Harrison	McLachlan, Ian
Del Monte, Athessa	Fediw, Isaac	McLeary, Ashley
Factor, Deanna	Fernandes, Daniel	Merrin, Laura
Hamilton, Meara	Forguson, Lucinda	Mozaffari, Radin
Kim, Vin	Fraser, Raine	Nacorda, Gabrielle
Larson, Sierra	Genova, Rumina	Oko, Caiden
Lee-Cayetano, Madelyn	Gill, Kiyan	Panicker, Alexandre
Montoya, Dana	Glowacki, Benjamin	Pascuzzi, Daniel
Woodworth, Eliana	Hamilton, Michael	Pizzolon, Jake
Apostol, Vincenzo	Hinze, Lauren	Revilla, Angelina
Arai, Ethan	Hinze, Sean	Riddall, Mia
Asoudehkhajani, Seyedhailin	Howse, Noah	Santos, Estefania
Baker, Roland	Hunter, Anthony	Scherk, Michael
Baptista, Alexandre	Islas, Diego	Simmons, Matias
Berg, Dominic	Jung, Jun	Smiley, James
Bernardez-Lai, Diego	Kelly, Norah	Smith, Charlotte
Bremsak, Nina	Kennedy, Christina	Somera, Alyssa
Brick, Kelsey	Kennedy, Thomas	Soroka, Alexander
Caffaro, Luca	Kim, Siwoo	Souza, Julie
Chong, Jae Ha	Kischer, Evan	Themens, Kelsey
Clarke, Madeline	Kostamo, Stephanie	Tomas, Anthony
Coo, Mark	Kramer, Julia	Vaseghi, Anita
Costales, Raphael	Kramer, Victory	Villanueva, Myla
Cox, Sophie	Kwon, Yohan	Villanueva, Shayne
Ducut, Brendan	Kwong, Aiden	Wong, Kara
Dwyer, Matthew	Maledy, Luke	Yi, Jioh
	Marchetti, Luke	

Names in bold denote First Class Honours (GPA = 4.00).

Honour roll students are listed alphabetically and have achieved a GPA of 3.202 or greater and/or have achieved Excellent or Good work habits in all subjects.


HONOUR ROLL – FEBRUARY 2019
GRADE 9

Acio, Alexandra	Chen, Yvonne	MacAtangay, Job
Altamirano, Isabel	Claro, Julianna	MacDonald, Ava
Battisti, Trent	Cole, Samuel	Maglieri, Ella
Cruz, Brandon	Concepcion, Janelle	Malekpour, Maneli
Dalzell, Ainslee	Coppin, Samantha	Marusak, Dominik
Dick, Dylan	Corcoran, Kiera	McLennan, Alexander
Dijak, Dominik	Dalisay, Channah	Misola, Andreanne
Frith, Luke	Damery, Jacob	Nedergard, Markus
Kam, Marcus	De Paz, Aliah	Oliveira, Rafaela
Kasabashian, Elizabeth	Dimas, Matthew	Ong, Grace
Lazaro, Kandie	Erdman, Talia	Pavlovic, Ivana
Moore, Mckenzie	Flynn, Matthew	Purkiss, Michael
Moric, Catherine	Gawronski, Anna	Rodriguez, Tamara
Popa, Adelina	Gustafson, Anja	Savage, Sophie
Purvica, Daniela	Kang, Yebin	Sikich, Eva
Rangel, Jose	Kim, Eugene	Villa Soto, Danilo
Riccio Palmieri, Manuela	Kim, Jinho	Voulakis, Joseph
Ahn, Regina	La Pica, Fiorella	Wang, Abraham
Bitu, Tudor	Lam Po Yuen, Alexis	Wein, Maia
Bizzotto, Caroline	Laudencia, Jericho	Wimberley, Rory
Buno, Jayron	Lee, Kai	Wishart, Daniel
Cabahug, Janelle	Lum, Ayden	Zadeiks, Jordan
Calindas, Kevin		Zarowny, Monika


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GRADE 10

Haines, Grace	99	Arcilla, Raphael	Kischer, Thomas	Repard-Denniston, Arabella
Taylor, Chloe	98	Barrera, Nicolas	Koeppen, Christopher	Rhone, Gabriel
Themens, Mackenzie	97	Black, Ryan	Krohman, Justin	Rodriguez, Jesan
Eng, Allyssa	97	Blake, Jack	La Breche, Noah	Rogers, Liam
Cunningham, Laura	96	Canvin, Ella	Lalanne, Jordyn	Ryznar, Sophia
Jones, Sonya	95	Dahl, Meghan	Lemelin, Chloe	Saffar, Bahar
Crane, Amanda	95	Day, Jazz	Lew, Derek	Sapanta, Vanessa
Heuchert, Joshua	94	Del Monte, Geraldine	Lewis, Lauren	Somera, Abigail
Serrano, Sofia	94	Dong, Ethan	Li, Mike	Steverding, Anna
Kennedy, Ella	94	Dupouy Pardo, Maria	Luo, Lucy	Thordarson, Erik
Hamilton, Calleigh	94	Gao, Jenny	Lyu, Leo	Torres, Maria
Poori, Saketh	93	Gilmour, Stephanie	Ma, Hanshu	Wang, Boya
Costales, Ericka	93	Haaf, Georgina	McLachlan, Owen	Wattier, Siena
Cox, Paige	93	Hamagami-Postill, Kamryn	Mills, Ryan	Watts, Tristan
Dear, Carmel	93	Hunt, Amelia	Miranda, Angelica	Wee, Jessica
Nock, Hudson	93	Jasionowska, Olivia	Moon, Yenna	Woo, Sean
Baker, Graydon	92	Kalanchey, Jack	Ong, Gabriel	Woodworth, Frank
Kim, Minjin	92	Kero, Anthony	Palmer, Sophie	Yang, Jennifer
Bauermeister, Cara	92	Khavandgar, Nika	Parente, Sofia	Ye, Elena
Arai, Brandon		Kim, Andrew	Paul, Benjamin	Yellowley, Marcus



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HONOUR ROLL – FEBRUARY 2019
GRADE 11

Weiss, Christine	98	Martin, Julia	92	Hennig, Helene	O'Flynn, Michael
Scalabrino, Samantha	97	Abbott, Leah		Kero, Ava	Parente, Isabella
Kostamo, Sophia	97	Achadinha, Justin		Kim, Chae Ryeong	Parrotta, Julia
Li, Rachel	96	Almerling, Alyssa		Kim, Munho	Pizzolon, Adam
Bowen, Dayton	96	Borejszo, Lucas		King, Lili	Prescott, Caelan
Leblanc-Pratt, Felix	96	Bosa, Ava		Lee, Jun Soo	Rodrigues, Olivia
Sanoria, Erik	96	Burran, Michael		Lowe, Caitlin	Schmidt, Catherine
Altamirano, Diego	95	Butt, Aron		Lyall, Rachel	Shin, Jenna
Sarvas, Emma	95	Campbell, Lauren		Maglieri, Olivia	Soberano, Darren
Shin, Sa Eun	94	Castellon, Elena		Maguire, Fiona	Spadavecchia, Danet
Mo, JingXiang	94	Cesareo, Isabella		Marcano, Eloisa	Stockwell, Katharina
Galat, Isabella	94	Conejar, Allsion		Marilley-Bodner, Benjamin	Tancredi, Evan
Kischer, Rudolf	93	Coyle, Mika		Markwick, Zoe	Tidman, Jakob
Alnuweiri, Emyndira	93	Cune, Maria		Mastrangelo, Sophia	Tomas, Nicolas
Zhang, Coco	93	Cutler, Gemma		Matoulek, Natalie	Urbani, Madeline
Cox, Cleo	93	Dalzell, Daela		McGeough, Matthew	Winter, Meg
Jozsa, Petra	92	Damery, Edward		Milla, Anikka Mae	Wouters, Julia
Chen, Kristin	92	Endler, Laura		Minni, Joseph	Xia, Simon
Bracken, Emily	92	Everett, Emily		Neal, Stephanie	Yao, Vicky
Winter, Sam	92	Heffring, Madison		O'Flaherty, Caleigh	Zadeiks, Mia

YOU DID IT!

Congratulations

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HONOUR ROLL – FEBRUARY 2019
GRADE 12

Brown, Steven	99	Buitenhuis, Noah	93	Bremsak, Sara	Kuwalek, Sara
Eo, Jaekyung	98	De Guzman, Dominique	93	Buno, Katrina	LaBreche, Benjamin
Moolan, Paul	98	Liu, Kai Rui	93	Christensen, Maya	Lee, Kyuri
Nock, Michelle	98	Sarana, Jasroop	93	Chua, Lorainne	Liu, Andersen
Thordarson, Thomas	98	Hodgins, Connor	92	Ciofitto, Luca	Plana, Raphael
Vandermye, Pasley	96	Themens, Brogan	92	Clarke, Rebecca	Purkiss, Justin
Islas, Pablo	96	Thorpe, Olivia	92	Darby, Jane	Robles-Block, Aanika
Male Armida, Andre	96	Kielar, Matthew	92	Ellis, John	Rodriguez, Mayela
Zhang, Zoe	96	Krohman, Rebecca	92	Feigl-Schmidt, Mattias	Sammarelli, Adam
Lee, Grace	96	Rieder, Thomas	92	Flynn, Brendan	Saremi, Yekta
Luo, Phoebe	96	Saffar, Sara	92	Ford, Duncan	Schneider, Aidan
Ljuljovic, Peter	95	Szabo, Hunor	92	Gates, Michael	Shim, Jaemin
Voulakis, Electra	95	Gao, Louis	92	Goodwin, Daniel	Slowey, Patrick
Cagunot, Ericka	95	Guan, Yifan	92	Guan, Gretchen	St. John, Christopher
Zhang, Lisa	95	Harris, Laura	92	Hamilton, Matthew	Sutherland, Concettina
Burrans, Kiana	95	Shaughnessy, Emily	92	Hickey, Amber	Taylor, Carmen
Ong, Mikaela	94	Duro, Alyssa	92	Hinze, Aidan	Tosa, Misuzu
Factor, Dylan	94	Panzetta, Sofia	92	Hughes, Terence	Tran, Minh Long
Wheeler, Julie	94	Nacorda, Julianne	92	Ibbott, Jonathan	Tubeo, April
Cox, Joshua	94	Abad, Rozelle		Irving, Scott	Tumaneng, Gabrielle
Alcantara, Krista	94	Balce, Carla		Jennex, Kiahna	Wang, Herman
Savage, Joshua	94	Bauermeister, Alexander		Jin, Zheyi	Wang, Rachael
Hwang, Jiwon	94	Bizzotto, Gianluca		Jovero, Michael	Whelan, Carmella
Dimaandal, Alyssa	93	Black, Kristinn		Karimpanal, Abraham	Zhang, Qingyu
Houser, Woojin	93	Bordignon, Stefanie		Keller, Poppy	Ziapour, Atena

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NEWS FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

As application deadlines approach for post secondary admissions, we encourage and welcome all senior students and parents to arrange to meet with *Mr. Salituro* or *Mrs. Paruzzolo* to discuss any academic needs including university application and admission requirements, obtaining transcripts, scholarship opportunities and a wide variety of other academic concerns. Follow our social media accounts on both Instagram and Facebook to keep up to date with new scholarship and bursary applications along with news on post-secondary info sessions and open houses. This information will also be published in STA's daily announcements and posted on the academic advisor link of the STA website shown below.

www.aquinas.org/index.php/services/academic-advisor



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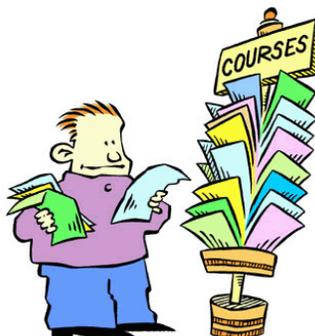
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STA COURSE SELECTION 2019-2020

Parents and students are strongly encouraged to attend STA's course selection information evenings which will take place in the gym on April 9th and 10th at 7:00 PM. The April 9th session will be the grade 11 course selection presentation for all current grade 10 parents and students, followed by the grade 12 course selection presentation for all current grade 11 parents and students on April 10th. With the introduction of the new curriculum at the grade 11 and 12 level taking effect in September 2019, both parent and student attendance at these sessions would be most beneficial. Date for course selection is yet to be determined but will be available online for all students.

GRADE 11 COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION MEETING APRIL 9 - 7:00 PM

Current grade 10 students and their parents are to attend this evening where grade 11 course selection for the 2019-20 school year will be discussed. It is essential that grade 10 students attend this session, parents are strongly encouraged to attend.



GRADE 12 COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION MEETING APRIL 10 - 7:00 PM

Current grade 11 students and their parents are to attend this evening where grade 12 course selection for the 2019-20 school year will be discussed. It is essential that grade 11 students attend this session, parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

YOUTH CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The City of North Vancouver Youth Centennial Scholarship administered by the North Shore Community Foundation is awarding five \$1,000 scholarships to deserving grade 12 students who have demonstrated outstanding community service both within the City of North Vancouver and elsewhere. The deadline for application submissions is **March 15th**. Application packages are available at the website below:

www.cnv.org/city-services/planning-and-policies/youth/be-recognized/youth-centennial-scholarship



EXPLORE CAPILANO INFO NIGHT

Senior students considering to begin their post-secondary studies at Capilano University are strongly encouraged to attend the Explore Capilano Info Night on Wednesday, March 6 from 5:30-8:00 PM in the Birch Building atrium. Explore information on how to apply for admission, opportunities for financial aid and awards, study abroad opportunities, and connect with Cap U instructors. Students can RSVP online at the following site:



www.capilanou.ca/programs--courses/get-started/visit-capu/explore-capu-info-night/

DOGWOOD DISTRICT/AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIPS

There are 5500 District/Authority Scholarships distributed across school districts and independent school authorities that recognize graduating B.C. students for excellence in their chosen area of interest or strength. Winners will receive a \$1250 scholarship voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition. These awards acknowledge academics but also recognize a student's accomplishments in a number of fields:

Indigenous Languages and Culture, demonstrated at school or in the community

Fine Arts such as Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music

Applied Skills such as Business Ed, Technology Ed, Home Economics

Physical Activity such as Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, not limited to Physical Education

International Languages with Integrated Resource Packages (IRPs) or External Assessments, including A.P. and I.B. courses

Community Service (Volunteer Activity), which includes demonstration of local and global issues and cultural awareness

Technical and Trades Training such as Carpentry, Automotive, Mechanics, Cook Training

Students can apply for this scholarship through the academic advisor's office or download a copy of the application package at the website below. Completed packages must be submitted to the academic advisor's office no later than **April 10th**.

<https://fisabc.ca/scholarships-awards/>

Campus Ministry

This March twenty five STA students in grade 11 & 12 along with Campus Ministry coordinators will be participating in the **Philippines Encounter**. We will visit projects of our Development and Peace partner, *Caritas Philippines*, and the *Don Bosco* missions, where we will work with the *Salesian* order of priests. These include a feeding center for infants, a preschool, high school, community center, vocational training center, and a physiotherapy clinic. This is the third time we will go to the Philippines, and each time we bring donations with us - both monetary and physical.

If you are able, we are inviting you to partner with us as part of the STA community.
The items most in need are listed below.

NEW OR USED

Second hand laptops for their college scholars
 (seminarians included)
 Soccer cleats, rubber shoes, slippers
 Balls
 Lego toys or build-it-yourself toys
 Art materials for 8yrs old up
 Sports stuff (badminton, cones)
 Stage lapel mics

NEW

Street Children Center is always in need of white
 shirts and under wears
 Toiletries
 Vitamins (especially ascorbic acid - Vit C)

THE MONETARY DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS

Seminary Chapel needs new roof,
 ceiling and repainting

One Youth Center Needs to buy a combo set

One newly built chapel is looking for funds
 for landscaping

Most places need donations to fund youth activities
 and education-formation of their catechists and
 leadership seminars

Cheques made payable to:
“Don Bosco Missions”
 can be dropped to the STA office.
 Students can also donate through their CHIMP
 accounts, search by **“STA for Philippines Encounter”**

For more information contact *Miss E. Hughes* (ehughes@aquinas.org), or *Mr. Keong* (keong@aquinas.org). All donations to be dropped off before March 8th in order to pack them before we leave on March 15th.

Pray for us: *for the success of our encounter, for the safety of all those involved, for those with whom we will be working, and that this experience might help all of us grow in our faith and our connection to the global Catholic Church.*

Thank you very much!

Ms. Elizabeth Hughes & Mr. Jeremy Keong
 Campus Ministry Coordinators

LENT

This lent, STA has connected with **Miurine Primary School** in Kenya through Chalice. Throughout Lent the students in Kenya will be praying for us and we will pray for them. We will also raise funds to help them build an Early Childhood Development classroom. Students can also donate their CHIMP funds to the school by searching for the “*STA for Miurine Primary School*” group.



**SHARING
BRINGS JOY
TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.**



A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.



Thank you St. Thomas Aquinas for helping us to build an ECD classroom.

Community News



PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next Parent Association meeting will take place on Thursday, March 7, 9:15 am in room C207 of the Convent. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

MORE PHOTOS OF THE NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION SITE

The crane has been removed, roof completed, windows on the second floor are being installed and work on the kitchen begins soon.

The project time line indicates the building will be completed, ready for occupancy and subject to inspections by August 30, 2019.



STA Newsletter Subscriptions

Please notify the office (604-987-4431 or office@aquinas.org) if you move or change your e-mail address.