



# STA At-a-Glance

## Week 5: September 26 - October 3

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

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### No School September 29 and October 2

*School resumes Tuesday, October 3 on a Day 1 short activity schedule.*

#### Details

Professional Day: Friday, September 29  
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:  
Monday, October 2



### Orange Shirt Day

To honour residential school survivors and support reconciliation, students are welcome to wear orange shirts with their uniform kilt or trousers.

#### Details

Thursday, September 28



### Door Is Open

[The Door Is Open](#) is a Catholic Charities outreach service that provides meals and services to residence and transients in the Vancouver's eastside. Students prepare and serve a meal to those living on the downtown eastside, while earning service hours.

***Students must pick up a permission form from the Campus Ministry office.*** The school bus will depart on **Sunday, October 1** from STA at 8:30 am and return at approximately 2:00 pm. *Uniforms are not required.*



### Parent Volunteers Needed for Walkathon

Please consider volunteering for a three to five hour shift during our Walkathon on **Wednesday, October 4**. Roles that we need filled include: crosswalk monitors, walking with the students, counting money, assisting with food and drink distribution post-Walkathon, and helping with take-down. You can register on our [Parent Participation Portal](#) and earn volunteer credit hours.

Thank you for helping with our largest fundraising event of the year - we couldn't do it without you!

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### STA Annual Fund Walkathon

This is our major fundraiser of the year. Please consider a donation of \$200 per student to help meet this year's goal of \$115,000. The deadline for donations is October 13. To make a donation, click [here](#).

Students are asked to bring any outstanding cash and cheques, pledge forms, and a water bottle to school on the day of the Walkathon.

#### Details

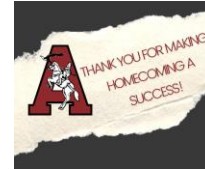
Wednesday, October 4

8:30 am for Grades 8 and 11

9:00 am for Grades 9 and 10

9:30 am for Grade 12

**Important! If your child does not have an assigned A block class, please ask them to email [Ms. Treacy](#) so she can tell them where to meet on the day of the Walkathon.**



### Homecoming Raffle

Thank you to the STA community for the overwhelming support we received for the Homecoming event last week. Over 500 parents, students, and alumni attended. Click [here](#) to see a video from the event.

Congratulations to Grade 8 parent, Julieta M. who is the winner of the 50/50 raffle.



### Seeking Seamstresses or Tailors

STA Parent Participation is seeking seamstresses or tailors, would like to earn parent participation hours. Please contact [administration@aquinas.org](mailto:administration@aquinas.org) for more information.



### Grade 11 Retreat to Camp Stillwood

The Grade 11 students will depart for Camp Stillwood at noon after the Walkathon. Students will return to the school at 3 pm on Friday, October 6.

*Students will only be permitted to take ONE travel bag and a **sleeping bag and pillow**. Uniform is not in effect, however, students are expected to dress modestly. Pack for changing weather: warm clothing, rainwear, shorts, running shoes, swimsuit and other supplies: pen, flashlight, **towel**, toiletries.*

## Host 2 students from Japan

@ ST. THOMAS AQUINAS REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

- 4 nights, October 11-15
- Ages 16-17
- Girls & Boys
- Hosts are compensated \$200 per student (\$400/2 students)
- Students may share a room but require separate beds
- \*\*No other Japanese students in the home\*\*



If you live in North Vancouver and wish to host 2 students please contact Mozghan [mzolfi@mlihomestay.com](mailto:mzolfi@mlihomestay.com) 604-441-0055 [www.mlihomestay.com](http://www.mlihomestay.com)





## Shad 2024 Applications

**SHAD** is a month-long summer program for students currently in Grades 10 and 11 who are interested in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics). Students live on one of 22 Canadian university campuses for the month of July and take on a wide variety of social and economic challenges with a STEAM lens. Not ready to leave home for a month? An online version of SHAD is also available.

Last year a record-breaking TEN of our students were accepted into this elite program! Your child could be next!!!

Financial aid is available.

Deadline to Apply: Friday, December 1

For more information, visit: <https://www.shad.ca/>



## CTR Youth Group

Join us for our monthly Anchor event. Everyone from Grades 8-12 are welcome, so bring a friend and check it out!

### Details

Christ the Redeemer  
Sunday, Oct 1 after the 5:00 pm mass  
RSVP [here](#) by Friday, Sept 29 so we have enough food!



## 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 **October 3 - 6** are:

Tuesday ~ BBQ rib sandwich & fries; soft beef burrito

Wednesday ~ Walkathon (cafeteria CLOSED)

Thursday ~ sweet & sour pork on rice; Sir Thom burger

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

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