



## STA At A Glance Week 34: May 16 - May 23, 2023

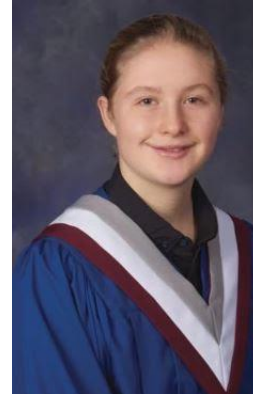
For details about upcoming events, please visit our school [calendar](#)

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### Celebrating 25 Years of Teaching

Congratulations to Mrs. Purkiss and Mrs. Morris, who celebrate 25 years of teaching at STA. Staff and students shared their heartfelt appreciation for their contribution to the school community.



### STA Alumni Wins NSERC

STA Alumni, Chloe T., won a **Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Award** at the University of Toronto. This is considered the most prestigious undergrad research award. Chloe is currently working on 2 research projects for the U of T. Good luck on your future endeavors, Chloe!



### Victoria Day Long Weekend School Closed

There will be no classes for students on Friday, May 19 and Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The school will be closed and classes will resume on Tuesday, May 23 (Day 2 regular schedule). Wishing all families a happy long weekend!



### STA Men's Hostel Ministry

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) and log your service hours.

### May Details

Thursday, May 18 & Friday, May 26  
STA Campus Ministry Office  
8:00 - 9:00 am

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## The Importance of Being Earnest

Tickets are now available for STA's annual drama production. Immerse yourself into the elegance of the Victorian era, with Oscar Wilde's beloved comedy, *The Importance of Being Earnest*! Enjoy the timeless drama, irony, and humour of the world-famous production, as presented by St. Thomas Aquinas' high school drama department.

### Details

May 18 & 19

Showtimes: 1 pm & 7 pm

Purchase your tickets [here](#)



## Member of Parliament Visits Social Studies 10

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson visited Mr. O'Flynn's Social Studies 10 classes. Students questioned the Minister about his role and responsibilities in the Privy Council, the challenges of being an MP from British Columbia and his insights on a variety of national and international issues.

Thank you to Bruno Villavicencio for a well read [prayer](#) that was composed for the occasion.



## STA Afternoon Concerts

The STA Visual & Performing Arts Department invites you to enjoy the musical talents of STA students for a 20-minute concert starting at 1:00 pm on the dates below. All concerts will be held in the convent on the third floor. Please register at the school office before you proceed to the convent.

### Details

May 17 – Jonathan Weng – piano

June 7 – Isaac Savage – violin

June TBD – Martina & Tyler Yupangco – violin and piano



## The Butterfly Release Party

The Life Skills crew released the butterflies that they have nurtured and watched grow from egg to larvae to caterpillar to butterfly.



### Skating Field Trip

An off campus Physical Health and Education 10 class having fun skating!



### Last Order of the Year STA School Bucks

Take advantage of our one-stop convenient shopping program, SchoolBucks for any of your weekly household purchases, or for gifts. Please complete the order form and return it to the STA office.

Order deadline: **Thurs, May 25**



**STA Campus Ministry's International Night is less than 3 weeks away!** On Friday, June 2nd, we will bring our whole school community together to celebrate and share our many cultures!

**We are still looking for a few more countries to represent our diverse community!**

**We currently have tables for: Mexico, Chile, Peru, Venezuela, Korea, China, and the Philippines!**

**We need your help!** We rely entirely on parent involvement. As in previous years, we are hoping to host 12 national tables decorated with cultural artifacts and serving national food.

**We are looking for people to organize country tables**, which includes contacting STA families for your nation, providing food, and serving food on the night itself. You will receive PPP Hours for organizing a table.

If you are not able to organize a table, but would like to help by making food or serving, we can put you in touch with the coordinator for your nation, if there is one.

Please email Ms. E. Hughes at [ehughes@aquinas.org](mailto:ehughes@aquinas.org) if you are interested or would like more information.



# ARISE

**OVERNIGHT RETREAT FOR YOUTH ENTERING  
GRADE 9 & 10 IN SEPTEMBER 2023**

*Camp Jubilee, North Vancouver*

*July 3 - 7, 2023*

### Arise Summer Camp

STA will be taking a group to the Archdiocese of Vancouver's summer camp. By combining practical skills, a faith perspective and spiritual development, participants learn and grow in their faith through engaging activities, games, reflection, and the opportunity to interact with each other in a faith-filled, safe environment.

The registration details can be found [here](#).  
Contact Ms. E. Hughes

([ehughes@aquinas.org](mailto:ehughes@aquinas.org)) if you have any questions or would like to register. The registration deadline is June 20th.

*During the Month of Our Blessed Mother,  
North Shore Pro Life & STA Campus Ministry Are Collecting...*

## ESSENTIAL BABY ITEMS



## FOR MOTHERS IN NEED

Donations go to Spectrum Mothers Support Society, a North Vancouver non-profit that provides support to mothers with children under five years of age in challenging situations.



Place diapers, formula, cereal and other donations (*new only*) in the crib near the STA Campus Ministry Office from May 1 to 31.

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### Cafeteria Specials

In addition to daily cafeteria menu items, May 23-26 weekly specials are:

Tuesday ~ soft beef tacos

Wednesday ~ chicken & rice

Thursday ~ Sir Thom burger

Friday~ pasta & garlic bread, perogies and grill cheese

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