



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL**
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STA At-a-Glance

Week 14: November 28 - December 5

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



Door Is Open

[The Door Is Open](#) is a Catholic Charity outreach service that provides meals and services to residence and transients in the Vancouver's eastside. Students prepare and serve a meal, while earning service hours. ***Students must pick up a permission form from the Campus Ministry office.***

The school bus will depart on **Sunday, December 3** from STA at 8:30am and return at approximately 2:00pm. *Uniforms are not required.*



STA Art Exhibition and Christmas Concert

Join us on **Monday, December 4**. The Art Exhibition will start at 6:30 - 9:00 pm and the concert will commence at 7:00 pm in the school gymnasium. Refreshments will be provided.



Baked Goods Needed on December 4

Students can earn volunteer hours by providing homemade baked goods for the STA Art Exhibition & Christmas Concert. One dozen baked goods = 1 hour. Drop off the baked



Volunteer Opportunity

STA is looking for volunteers to help with the reception at the STA Christmas Concert and

goods to the office during the day or to the cafeteria between 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Your support of the STA performing art students is appreciated.

Art Exhibition on Monday, December 4 and the Fine Arts night on Monday, December 11.

The volunteers will start at 5:00 until 9:00 pm and will be asked to help set up the reception, serve and clean-up afterwards under the direction of the parent coordinator for this event. Please sign up in the [parent participation portal](#).



12 Days of Aquinas Christmas Giving

Campus Ministry's [12 Days of Christmas Giving](#) is back again this year! Beginning on **Monday, December 4th**, 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!



Christmas Caroling

Students are invited to come Christmas Caroling and visit the seniors at Inglewood Care Home on Tuesday, December 5 right after school. You don't have to be an incredible singer, the most important part is taking time to visit the seniors and brighten their day. Pick up a permission form from Ms. Hughes in the 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 6, 13, and 20 at 7:15am. Pastries will be provided after Mass.



Christmas Youth Group

Join us for our month Anchor event at [Christ the Redeemer Parish](#). This month is Christmas-themed, so come in your Christmas Pajamas or Christmas sweater as we celebrate together! We start with dinner at 6:00 pm.

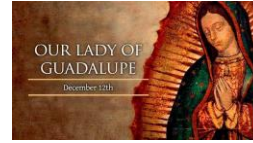


Details

Sunday, December 3

6:00 - 8:30 pm

[RSVP](#) by 4:00 pm on Friday



Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

STA will Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples with a School Mass. Parents and families are invited to join us! As our whole school is celebrating in the gym, seating is limited. Sign up by clicking [here](#) to completing the google form.

Details

Tuesday, December 12 at 10:55 am

STA Gym

Judges Needed for the Science Fair



Wanted: 19 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 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](#)



STA Choir Performance

The STA Choir would like to extend an invitation to their Christmas performance on Friday, December 15. To purchase tickets, click [here](#).



Results of the Community Survey

Thank you to the families who took the time to complete our community engagement survey. The results can be found [here](#). Based on your feedback, our next event on 10 February 2024 and will be a **Family Dinner and Games Night**. More details to follow.



Save the Date

STA is hosting a family dinner and games night on 10 February. Watch for more details to follow.

If you are interested in being part of the committee that is organizing this event through the Advancement Office, or wish to sponsor part of the evening, please contact Sandie Atkinson at satkinson@aquinas.org or x3047.



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 4 - December 7** are:

Monday ~ pizza;

Tuesday ~ soft beef taco; chicken & vegetable pot-stickers

Wednesday ~ meatballs & mash potatoes

Thursday ~ buffalo chicken wings & rice; 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.*