

September 20th, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The 2023/2024 school year is well underway and with it, the planning for Graduation. The intent of this letter is to inform you of STA Graduation events, which while months away, require much planning, particularly in terms of fundraising. The gr. 12 activity fee paid for in September includes purchase of the graduation gown, the cap and tassel, diploma, rosary, invitations and flowers. The Dinner and Dance represents the major end of year expense. In order to help defray some of this cost, the grade 12 students have always sponsored several fundraising events.

The two major grade 12 fundraisers involve the sale of Purdy's chocolates. The profit earned by each student will be maintained in an account for him/her until year's end when these funds earned will be applied towards and thus reduce their dinner/dance ticket costs.

The Purdy's Chocolate sale has been very popular as it features the same high quality product that is available in all of their retail outlets. The commission structure for this fundraiser is 25% and again, this is credited to the student's account. The Purdy's brochures will be issued shortly and orders are scheduled to arrive in early December. Another Purdy's sale will take place in time for Easter.

This year the STA Craft Fair will once again offer a fundraising opportunity for gr 12s. Grads can sign up for a two hour shift in the Cafe and earn \$20 towards their account.

We hope you will encourage your son/daughter to take an active part in these fundraising endeavours as they go a long way in helping to offset the year end graduation costs. You may contact us at the school to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

You will also have received Graduation Photo information. Appointments for photo sessions must be booked online using Fotografica's online booking calendar. All grads need to be photographed for the yearbook so even if photos aren't ordered, appointments must be booked and photos taken. All of this graduation information will be updated on the school website: www.aquinas.org ---Student Life tab --- Graduation.

Finally, and most pressing, please join us **Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 pm** for our very important grade 12 parent information meeting. We look forward to seeing you and providing you with details about the year. Mr. Salituro will be presenting important grade 12 post-secondary information.

Look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mieszko Krol Ms. D. Mattia

Principal

Graduation Coordinator