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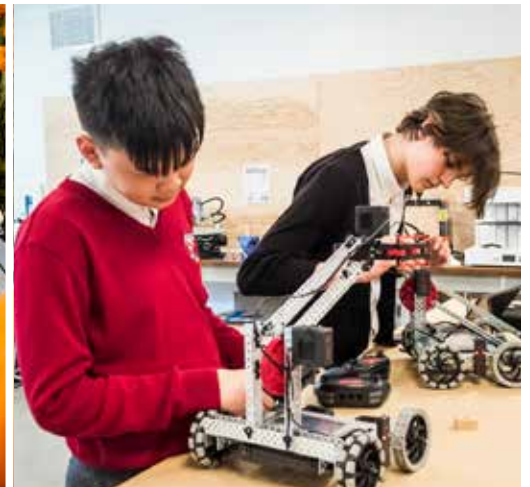
The STA Giving & Gratitude Annual Fund

Show Gratitude.
Give Joyfully.
Build Community.



Why Do We Ask?

Your contributions to the Annual Fund support enhanced programs, equipment, activities, resources and more. Annual Giving provides resources over and above what tuition can offer. We ask because we firmly believe that STA Saints are an amazing group of young men and women: individuals who will benefit from having a nurturing and caring faith-based community.



Why An Annual Fund?

Gifts to the Annual Fund are immediately invested in essential resources which the students enjoy every day. In 2020, as a result of your generous gifts, STA was able to respond to our children's needs seamlessly upon the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, we will continue to enhance their STA experience through the following priorities:

- **Academics:** By providing equipment for **competitive robotics competitions, and creating the inaugural STA Bridge Building Competition**, STA students will have the opportunity to explore careers in the trades and the field of science, and showcase their talents citywide.
- **Arts:** With the purchase of a **multi-functional sound system for the Music Room**, students will benefit from a studio-like setting to consider developing careers in music and technology, as well as advancing their musicianship. The importance of this sound system will help students to be easily recorded and be provided with immediate playback to fine-tune their mastery of each instrument.
- **Athletics:** Through the purchase of an **Athletic Billboard** for the gym, we will recognize high achievers in Athletics and support STA athletes that achieve personal goals and who excel in competitions outside of our school curriculum. Our athletes of the month on varsity teams will be profiled to all of the STA Community on this Board.
- **Student Life:** Our students work hard, but in their downtime we want them to have an opportunity to connect with friends and foster lasting relationships. The design of a **Student Life Area** on our first floor will include: murals, increased seating areas and games.
- **Faith:** With the purchase of **one new icon for the STA Chapel**, students have another opportunity to explore the history, and increase their understanding of, the Catholic faith.



Creating a Legacy

The spirit of the Annual Fund represents the never-ending aspect of giving. The generosity of those who have given before, paves the way for us to give joyfully for the benefit of the next generation of STA Saints. Every gift to our Annual Fund is welcomed with gratitude as we continue to nurture our community's legacy of giving for the future.

Donations of \$1,000 are honoured at the annual STA Giving & Gratitude Annual Fund Reception in the Spring.

How to Get Involved

There are several levels and convenient ways to give to the Annual Fund including one-time or monthly gifts. All gifts are tax receiptable.

- **Online** – make a secure online one-time or monthly gift by credit card at <https://www.aquinas.org/support-sta-1/sta-annual-fund>
- **Telephone** – call the STA Advancement Office at 604 987 4431 ext. 3044 and have your credit card information ready.
- **Mail or drop-off** – complete the donation form (last page) and mail or drop off in the enclosed reply envelope to the school office.
- **Stocks and securities** – call 604 987 4431 ext. 3044 for assistance in making a gift of stocks or securities.
- **Corporate matching gifts** – some workplaces have a matching gift programs. Please check with your employer to see if they will match your gift to STA – doubling the impact of your gift.
- **United Way** – select “Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese” as the charity, and indicate payment to be forwarded to St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary School. Please let our Advancement Office know if you make a donation this way so we can follow-up with the Archdiocese.



The Impact of Your Gift

Your gift to the Annual Fund has a powerful legacy on every student's experience at STA: from academics to spiritual growth, athletics to arts. Your support enables us to deliver outstanding programs and address the current needs of our school that are not covered by tuition and government funding.

For more information or assistance, please contact Sandie Atkinson, Associate Director of Advancement, 604-987-4431, ext. 3044 or satkinson@aquinas.org.



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Please return this form in the enclosed reply envelope or visit us at www.aquinas.org, go to “Annual Fund” then click on “Donate” to make your gift.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ PC: _____

Email: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiry: ____ / ____

CVV: _____

MY GIFT TO THE ANNUAL FUND: \$ _____

☐ One Time Gift ☐ Equal monthly payments for 12 months

GIFT PAYMENT OPTIONS:

☐ Cheque payable to ST. THOMAS AQUINAS REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Electronic Funds Transfer / Debit Card

☐ Please phone to discuss stocks and securities