



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

### Week 10: October 31 - November 7

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

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#### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your generous donations to this year's Giving & Gratitude Annual Fund Walkathon. We know there are many requests at the beginning of the school year. Thank you for giving of your time and treasure as we continue to provide a memorable learning and social experience for your students.

Donations from the Walkathon totaled \$59,394.01. This is similar to last year. With your gifts, we have been able to start our website refresh and have purchased soft furnishings for The Commons area on the 3rd floor. Students have been enjoying and treating the couches and tables with respect. Last week, we also had the first of several visits by therapy dogs.

What's up next?

The remaining priorities for this year's Annual Fund are:

- ~Refurbishing of the chapel pews
- ~Treadmill and weights for the gym
- ~Alumni room display cases
- ~MOTE software learning for teachers

As donations continue to be made to the Annual Fund from our alumni and the broader STA community, we will update you on the purchases from the Fund.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mieszko Krol, Principal





### Silver Medal Champions

Congratulations to the STA Sr. Girls Volleyball team who won the silver medal at the BC Catholics. Way to go Saints!



### Halloween Candy Donation

Campus Ministry is running their annual candy drive for [Good Shepherd Ministry](#). Every year, Halloween candy is collected from STA students, as well as our Catholic elementary schools, to make candy bags which include a prayer card and note. Good Shepherd Ministry relies on our donation to carry out their ministry on the downtown eastside.

**Students will receive a paper bag in E block on October 31, and are asked to return it on Wednesday, November 1 filled with candy.** They can be dropped in the bins at the Campus Ministry office. Thank you for sharing!



### Wednesday, November 1

Tomorrow students will be dismissed at 12:05pm for teacher collaboration. All classes will be in session for shortened blocks during the morning.



### Parent Association Monthly Meeting

*The STA PA welcomes new and returning parents.*

#### Details

Thursday, November 2 at 9:15am  
Board Room on 3rd Floor  
RSVP [Paola](#) if you will be able to attend





Admission: \$5 adults, \$2 seniors/students

Grab a friend and join us for some Christmas shopping. See you there!



### All Soul's Day

[All Souls' Day](#) is also known as *The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*, which is November 2. This is a day of prayer for those who have died. Catholics are encouraged to pray for the faithful departed, to remember them, and to give thanks.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated with a school Mass and we invite you to add the names of your deceased loved ones to this [google form](#) to be offered at Mass.

### 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, November 5** from STA at 8:30am and return at approximately 2:00pm. *Uniforms are not required.*



### Lost and Found Collection

The Parent Association will display lost and found items on the 2nd floor in front of the trophy cases from **Monday, November 6 until Friday, November 10.**

Any unclaimed item by Friday, November 10 will be donated at the Parent's Association discretion.

## All Soul's Day Information



### myEducation BC Parent Portal Login

Term 1 report cards will be released on-line on Friday, November 10. STA parents will be able to access their child's report card through myEducation BC's parent portal.

In order to access this information, please ensure your *myEducation BC* parent account is active. Please click on this link: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asp/en/logon.do> and complete the login information with your Login ID and password.

If you have forgotten your password, please click on 'I forgot my password' and follow the prompts. Any questions, please send an email to the [office](#).

Please note: Access to student marks will be closed on October 27 and reopen after November 10.



### STA's Annual Poinsettia Sale

STA's annual poinsettia and winter plant sale is back! Order online by clicking [here](#).

Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, November 15 at 6pm with plant pick up times set for November 30 and December 1.



### Daylight Savings

Clocks will fall back one hour on Sunday, November 5.



### URGENTLY NEEDED: Crossing Guards

We are seeking crossing guards for before and after school shifts. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours. Sign up in the Parent Participation Portal by clicking [here](#).

## 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 30 - November 3** are:



Monday ~ pizza; chicken nuggets & fries

Tuesday ~ beef dip; soft beef taco

Wednesday ~ BBQ ribs on rice

Thursday ~ sweet & sour pork on rice

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

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