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Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2018!

By the looks on their faces in the picture above, the Grads were happy to move on to the next stage of their lives. The year-end celebrations went off without a hitch…a fitting tribute to a class who put in a solid 5 years of hard work and perseverance at STA. I wish them all the luck as they forge ahead to meet the new challenges of life after high school.

A number of changes are in store for next year.

Teaching Staff Leaving: *Jon Chan, Andy Grenier, Agata Kroondyk, Cristina McAllister, Michelle Nix Romana Vuk,* and *Julie Becker* (Psychologist)

Educational Assistants Leaving: *John Flores, Max Friesen* and *Cara Jafari*

On Maternity Leave: *Dayna Ferrone*, *Anita Pilar, Jacqueline Lamasan*, and *Carlie Paxton*

Thanks to all of the above mentioned leaving staff for all of their dedicated service to the community of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Our school calendar is continually being updated and can be found on our website: www.aquinas.org . Please note the school office will be closed on Friday, July 13th and will re-open on Monday, August 20 at 9:00 am.

On behalf of our office staff (*Mrs. Barbara Dougan, Mrs. Angela Brickell, Ms. Linda Sibau, Mrs. Marge Zieroth, Mrs. Tanya Zainul*) and the administration (*Mr. Chris Campbell* and *Mr. Tim Horton*), I wish you and your family an enjoyable and restful summer.

See you in September!

Mr. J Campbell, Principal

GRADUATION AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized at the Commencement Ceremony held on Friday, June 22 at Broadway Church, Vancouver:

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Leila Lalani Outstanding Achievement in English	*Rachel Cruz*
Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics	*John Choi & Nadia Yang*
Outstanding Achievement in Modern Languages	*Chanelle McPhee & Natasha Nock*
Outstanding Achievement in Science	*Michael O'Keefe*
Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies	*Jonathan Tubeo*
Outstanding Achievement in Religion & Campus Ministry	*Maria Altamirano*
Doug Lauson Outstanding Achievement in Information & Communication Technology	*Joshua Kemper*
Outstanding Achievement in Business Education	*Wendy Wimberley*
Outstanding Achievement in Fine Arts	*Clara Cho*
Outstanding Achievement in Performing Arts	*Emily Makudi & Diana Pavel*
Outstanding Achievement in Music	*Rachel Cruz*

SPECIAL SCHOOL AWARDS

Sound Crew	*Dominic Annen & Ann Joby*
Msg. Lopez-Gallo International Student	*Mary Bao*
Father John Kilty Male Athlete	*Gabriel Galat*
Sister Jessie Gillis Female Athlete	*Dazle Gumabao & Carissa Moore*
Sister Giovana Davis	*Arshia Mossannen-Amini & Suraya Pittalwala*
Father Ian Charles Stuart Liturgical	*Michael Mora*
Sister Mary Alphonsus	*Maria Altamirano & Thomas Curalli*
Father Tim McCarthy	*Zora Brough & Trevor Flanigan*
Sister Rita Tellier School Citizenship	*Valerie Kasabashian & Chanelle McPhee*
Father John Brioux Memorial	*Katie Weinborn*

GRADUATION AWARDS

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

Fotografica Fine Arts Award	*Jenny Choi*
Friesens Award	*Maria Altamirano & Ann Joby*
Holy Trinity Parish Council of the Catholic Women's League Scholarship	*Maria Altamirano*
Ian Michael Carruthers Memorial Bursary	*Emily Kwok-Choon*
Sharp Performing Arts Scholarship	*Teresa La Porta & Katie Weinborn*
Life & Justice Award	*Maria Altamirano*
Michelle Robertson Campus Ministry Award	*Katsy Concepcion & Jonathan Tubeo*
Social Justice Award	*Michael O'Keefe & Josh Tumamak*
Charlene Reaveley Children's Charity Scholarship	*David Onak*
Leo Desaulniers/Knights of Columbus Bursary	*Jonathan Tubeo*
STA Education Committee Award of Excellence	*Veronica Asi-Porras, Ann Joby, Diana Pavel & Nichelle Senense*
Andrea Buhler Memorial Award	*Julia Hughes & Teresa La Porta*
Kiwanis Club of North Vancouver	*Annika Olson*
Dogwood District Awards	*Sam Boppart, Katsy Concepcion, Gabriel Galat, Nicole Greig, Teresa La Porta, Carissa Moore & Chanelle McPhee*
North Vancouver High School Education Foundation	*Dante Agosti-Moro, Thomas Curalli, Ann Joby, Emily Kwok-Choon, Teresa La Porta, Natasha Nock, Michael O'Keefe & David Onak*
Capilano University Achievement Award	*Rachel Cruz*
Dr. Tom Moonen Scholarship	*Emilia Zerbe*
A. W. Rowe Memorial Scholarship	*Thomas Curalli & Natasha Nock*
Archbishop James Carney Award	*David Onak & Isabella Parrotta*
Seanna & Nicole Strongman Memorial Scholarships	*Gabriel Galat & Nicole Greig*
Marilyn Williams Memorial Scholarship	*Dante Agosti-Moro*

SCHOOL AWARDS

GRADE 8

ACADEMIC *Isabel Altamirano, Catherine Moric, Jose Rangel*

RELIGION *Catherine Moric & Daniela Purvica*

SPIRIT *Kevin Calindas & Gabriella Panzetta*

CITIZENSHIP *Isabel Altamirano & Luke Frith*

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT *Owen Burdett*

GRADE 9

ACADEMIC *Chloe Taylor*

RELIGION *Grace Haines & Chloe Taylor*

SPIRIT *Arabella Repard-Denniston*

CITIZENSHIP *Graydon Baker, Laura Cunningham & Frank Woodworth*

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT *Jesan Rodriguez*

GRADE 10

ACADEMIC *Samantha Scalabrino & Christine Weiss*

RELIGION *Diego Altamirano & Samantha Scalabrino*

SPIRIT *Jessica Clarke & Isabella Galat*

CITIZENSHIP *Daela Dalzell & Michael O'Flynn*

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT *Kelsey Shortreed*

GRADE 11

ACADEMIC *Michelle Nock & Pasley Vandermye*

RELIGION *Julie Wheeler*

SPIRIT *Rebecca Krohman & Olivia Thorpe*

CITIZENSHIP *Thomas Thordarson*

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT *Emily Hogan*

Athletics Awards

Thank you to all coaches, parents and athletes who attended this years athletic awards ceremony. Your continued support of this annual event is greatly appreciated. To all of our grade 12 athletes, we wish you all the best in all your future endeavors.

Congratulations to all our award winners and North Shore All-Stars this year. To all our student athletes, you have represented your team and your school with great pride, congratulations on a truly successful and rewarding year, well done Saints!

Special congratulations to the following award winners:

Top Junior Female Athletes ***Jessica Clarke & Isabella Galat***

Top Junior Male Athlete ***Michael O'Flynn***

Sister Gillis Award (Top Senior Female Athlete) ***Dazle Gumabao & Carissa Moore***

Father Kilty Award (Top Senior Male Athlete) ***Gabriel Galat***

S.T.A. ATHLETICS: ANOTHER BANNER YEAR

The 2017-18 school year has been an exciting and event filled year. This school year witnessed North Shore, Vancouver & District, Lower Mainland and BC Catholic Championships. Achievements such as these are only possible through the tireless work of our coaches, the dedication of our athletes, and the support of our administration and parent community. The commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship displayed by our athletes deserve special recognition. Congratulations to all athletes and coaches on helping to make this another truly successful and rewarding year for athletics at S.T.A.

Special congratulations to the following teams who took home championship banners this year:

Bantam Girls Volleyball	**Vancouver & District Champions**
Boys & Girls Cross Country	**North Shore Champions**
Junior Boys Soccer	**North Shore and Vancouver & District Champions**
Senior Boys Soccer	**`A` Provincial Bronze Medalists**
Girls Wrestling	**North Shore and Vancouver & District Senior Girls Champions**
Senior Girls Basketball	**North Shore, Lower Mainland & BC Catholic Champions**
Boys Gymnastics	**North Shore & Provincial Level Two Champions**
Track & Field	**North Shore 'AA' Overall Aggregate Champions**

Mr. L. Salituro
Athletic Director

JUNE HONOUR ROLL

GRADE 8

Acio, Alexandra Leighene
Ahn, Regina
Altamirano, Isabel
Battisti, Trent
Calindas, Kevin
Chen, Yvonne
Cole, Samuel
Cruz, Brandon
Dalzell, Ainslee
Dick, Dylan
Dijak, Dominik
Frith, Luke
Kam, Marcus
Kasabashian, Elizabeth
Kim, Eugene
La Pica, Fiorella
Lazaro, Kandie Marie
MacDonald, Ava
Moric, Catherine
Ong, Grace
Popa, Adelina
Purkiss, Michael
Purvica, Daniela
Rangel, Jose
Riccio Palmieri, Manuela
Savage, Sophie
Wishart, Daniel
Zadeiks, Jordan

Almerling, Sofia
Anastacio, Sofia
Bita, Tudor
Bizzotto, Caroline
Buno, Jayron
Cabahug, Janelle
Claro, Julianna
Concepcion, Janelle
Coppin, Samantha
Corcoran, Kiera
Cordoba, Sebastian
Dalisay, Channah
De Paz, Aliah
Dimas, Matthew
Erdman, Talia
Facey, Falia
Flynn, Matthew
Gawronski, Anna
Gharavi, Helia
Gilmour, Charlotte
Gultan, Tara
Gustafson, Anja
Izadkhah, Kiyan
Kang, Yebin
Khanansho, Andrew
Krzyczkowski, Roman

Lam Po Yuen, Alexis
Laudencia, Jericho
Lee, Kai
Lum, Ayden
MacAtangay, Job
MacNeil, Arianna
MacNeil, Ewan
Maglieri, Ella
Malekpour, Maneli
McLennan, Alexander
McLennan, Lucas
Misola, Andreanne
Moore, Mckenzie
Nedergard, Markus
Oliveira, Rafaela
Panzetta, Gabriella
Pavlovic, Ivana
Ring, Mairead
Rodriguez, Tamara
Sikich, Eva
Stokes, Kaitlin
Tan, Hazel Mae
Villa Soto, Danilo
Villagracia, Michael
Wein, Maia
Wimberley, Rory
Yu, Kylie
Zarowny, Monika

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JUNE HONOUR ROLL

GRADE 9

Baker, Graydon
Bauermeister, Cara
Costales, Ericka
Cox, Paige
Crane, Amanda
Cunningham, Laura
Day, Jazz
Dupouy Pardo, Maria
Eng, Allyssa
Gilmour, Stephanie
Haines, Grace
Hamilton, Calleigh
Hunt, Amelia
Jasionowska, Olivia
Jones, Sonya
Kennedy, Ella
Koesnadi, Michelle
Nock, Hudson
Poori, Saketh
Serrano, Sofia
Taylor, Chloe
Themens, Mackenzie
Thordarson, Erik
Wilke, Georgia
Woo, Sean
Woodworth, Frank
Arai, Brandon
Arcilla, Raphael
Asencio, Clyde
Bergeron-Vitez, Mariane
Black, Ryan
Brooks, Liam
Cheng, Shuxiao
Contini, Chanelle
Dahl, Meghan
Dear, Carmel
Dong, Ethan
Goodwin, Rory
Haaf, Georgina
Hamagami-Postill, Kamryn
Harris, Benjamin
Heuchert, Joshua
Kalanchey, Jack
Khavandgar, Nika
Kim, Andrew
Kim, Minjin
Kirkham, Aodhan
Kischer, Thomas
Krohman, Justin
La Breche, Noah
Lalanne, Jordyn
Lew, Derek
Lewis, Lauren
Logan, Kara
Luo, Xinrui
Matias, Jalen
McLachlan, Owen
Mills, Ryan
Misola, Alyssa
Moon, Yenna
Nudalo, Jaizelle
Ong, Gabriel
Palmer, Sophie
Repard-Denniston, Arabella
Rhone, Gabriel
Ryznar, Sophia
Sapanta, Vanessa
Sikich, Luca
Steverding, Anna
Torres, Maria
Wang, Boya
Wattier, Siena
Watts, Tristan
Wee, Jessica
Yang, Beini
Yellowley, Marcus

GRADE 10

Almerling, Alyssa
Alnuweiri, Evyndira
Altamirano, Diego
Bracken, Emily
Dalzell, Daela
Galat, Isabella
Heffring, Madison
Jozsa, Petra
Kostamo, Sophia
Leblanc-Pratt, Felix
Li, Rachel
McLennan, Sydney
Mila, Anikka
Sanoria, Erik
Scalabrino, Samantha
Schmidt, Catherine
Shin, Sa Eun
Weiss, Christine
Bowen, Dayton
Burran, Michael
Butt. Aron
Calamo, Genevieve
Campbell, Lauren
Castellon, Elena
Cesareo, Isabella
Ciambrelli, Ashley
Clarke, Jessica
Conejar, Allsion
Cox, Cleo
Coyle, Mika
Cune, Maria
Cutler, Gemma
Damery, Edward
Endler, Laura
Fagarang, Nicholas
Kero, Ava
Kim, Chae Ryeong
Kischer, Rudolf
Kramer, Anna
Marcano, Eloisa
Marilley-Bodner, Benjamin
Martin, Julia
Mastrangelo, Sophia
Matoulek, Natalkie
Mo, JingXiang
Neal, Stephanie
O'Flynn, Michael
Panopio, Guia
Parente, Isabella
Parrotta, Julia
Pizzolon, Adam
Prescott, Caelan
Rodrigues, Olivia
Spadavecchia, Danet
Stockwell, Katharina
Tancredi, Evan
Urbani, Madeline
Winter, Meg
Wouters, Julia
Xia, Shangzhou
Zhang, Veronica
Zoleta, Veronica

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JUNE HONOUR ROLL

GRADE 11

Alcantara, Krista
Bauermeister, Alexander
Bernardez-Lai, Marco
Bremsak, Sara
Brown, Steven
Burran, Kiana
Cox, Joshua
De Guzman, Dominique
Dimaandal, Alyssa
Eo, Jaekyung
Factor, Dylan
Guan, Haoyun
Guan, Yifan
Islas, Pablo
Kielar, Matthew
Krohman, Rebecca
Lee, Kyuri
Lee, Na Hyun
Liu, Kai
Ljuljovic, Peter
Luo, Zixin
Male Armida, Andre
Moolan, Paul
Nock, Michelle
Ong, Mikaela
Osorio Tejero, Rodrigo
Panzetta, Sofia
Patel, Bhavika
Plana, Raphael
Sarana, Jasroop
Savage, Joshua
Szabo, Hunor
Vandermye, Pasley
Thordarson, Thomas
Thorpe, Olivia
Zhang, Junyi
Abad, Rozelle
Apostol, Santiago
Balce, Carla
Bizzotto, Gianluca
Black, Kristinn
Bordignon, Stefanie
Cagunot, Ericka
Ciolfitto, Luca
Darby, Jane
Duro, Alyssa
Ellis, John
Flynn, Brendan
Ford, Duncan
Gao, Zhijie
Gates, Micheal
Hamilton, Matthew
Han, Helen
Harris, Laura
Hinze, Aidan
Hodgins, Connor
Hogan, Emily
Houser, Woojin
Hughes, Terence
Hwang, Jiwon
Irving, Scott
Jennex, Kiahna
Jin, Zheyi
Jovero, Michael
Karimpanal, Abraham
Kuwalek, Sara
Labreche, Benjamin
Li Tianrui
Liu, Andersen
Nacorda, Julianne
Purkiss, Justin
Ramsbottom, Benedict
Rieder, Thomas
Robles-Block, Aanika
Rodriguez, Mayela
Romero, Alejandra
Saremi, Yekta
Shaughnessy, Emily
Shim, Jaemin
St. John, Christopher
Themens, Brogan
Tumaneng, Gabrielle
Voulakis, Electra
Wang, Haoyu
Wang, Ruize
Wheeler, Julie
Whelan, Carmella
Zhang, Qingyu
Zhang, Song Qi
Zhu, Chenyan
Ziapour, Atena

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JUNE HONOUR ROLL

GRADE 12

Agosti-Moro, Dante
Brough, Zora
Cruz, Rachel
Curalli, Thomas
Flanigan, Trevor
Galat, Gabriel
Greig, Nicole
Harland, Katherine
Hong, Alice
Hughes, Julia
Joby, Ann
Kasabashian, Valerie
Kulka, Nikolas
Kwok-Choon, Emily
Li, Justin
Minni, Jordana
Mora, Michael
Nock, Natasha
O`Keefe, Michael
Olson, Annika
Parrotta, Isabella
Pavel, Diana
Weinborn, Kathleen
Wimberley, Wendy
Altamirano, Maria
Balmaceda, Justin
Bao, Sichen

Boppart, Samuel
Buno, Ayra
Cho, Hye Yun
Choi, Hye Won
Choi, YeJun
Concepcion, Katsy
Dahl, Erik
Diana, Irene
Dupouy Pardo, Mariana
Endler, Eleanor
Felicella, Anna
Flaherty, Liam
Ford, James
Haaf, Isabella
Haneine, Andres
Hennig, Sophie
Heuchert, Noah
Holman, Samuel
Hong, Min Ji
Ivany, Jordan
Jimenez-Baily, Vladimir
Kemper, Joshua
Kim, Hyemin
La Porta, Teresa
McPhee, Chanelle
Mengistu, Tinsae
Miiller, John

Moore, Carissa
Mossannen-Amini, Arshia
Nieckarz, Jacob
Onak, David
Pawlik, Adelle
Redpath, Anastasia
Richards, Hannah
Roshandelfadafan, Niki
Schlyecher, Camille
Scott, Amy
Scott, Derek
Senense, Nichelle
Singh, Sanjana
Tubeo, Jonathan
Wattier, Matthew

Valedictorian *Rachel Cruz*

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Library News

When classes end in June for students, we know it beckons a week of exams, some late nights of study and of course, eager anticipation of the moment when it is truly all over and summer vacation can begin. Things are much the same for teachers who face hours of marking, report card completion, year-end filing, organizing and planning for next year. But what about in the library? Now that classes are done with projects, and silent reading sessions have come to an end for another year, it may seem there is little left to do but on the contrary, June had busy days indeed.

Inventory involved scanning each title in our collection. In the upcoming year, we plan on undertaking some extensive weeding and hope to offer the discards to students. Stay tuned! We want to extend our thanks to our graduating community service students *Zora Brough, Nicole Greig, Josh Kemper* and *Jordana Minni* – we thank them for their work in the library and wish them well as they move on! Thank you also to our parent participation library volunteer *Mrs. Greig* who "graduates" as well. She has been volunteering in school libraries since her children's elementary days and we will miss her dedication and attention to detail!

With the updating of inventory, the process of collection development gets renewed focus as the librarians prepare for year-end ordering. In addition to updating and replacing, requests (from both staff and students) get considered and selections are made. New purchases will then be catalogued and processed early in the school year.

Thank you also to those families and individuals who have donated books to our library. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We are very proud of our ever expanding paperback fiction collection and much time and care goes into tracking student requests and well rated/reviewed titles so we can continue to offer sound reading choices. If you have any suggestions, requests or would like to pass along titles you've found successful please drop us a line – dmattia@aquinas.org or visit us in September. We'd love to hear from you.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, book filled summer!

Ms. Mattia Teacher Librarian

Science Department

TRU CHEMISTRY CONTEST RESULTS

On May 16th, 44 of our grade 11 and 12 chemistry students wrote the TRU Chemistry Contest. We are very proud to announce that two of our grade 11 students tied for first place in our school's results, and second place among all students who wrote the contest! Congratulations to **Jeffrey Eo** and **Zoe Zhang**, both of whom will receive Chapters Indigo gift cards.

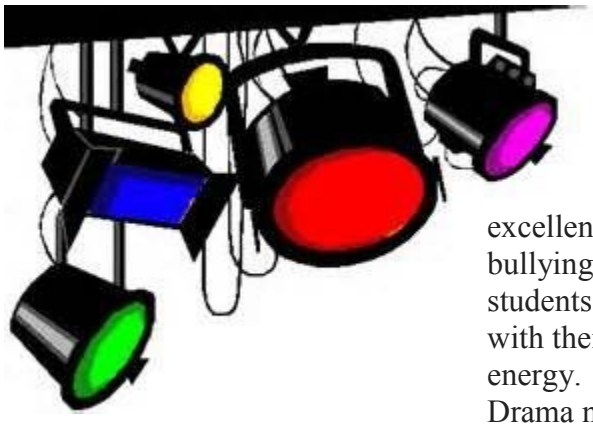
Congratulations are also extended to our top grade 12 student, **Natasha Nock**, who also placed third among all students who wrote the contest. Natasha will receive a Tim Hortons gift card. All three of our top students will also receive an assortment of TRU memorabilia. Next year's contest will be written on May 15th, 2019.

CANADIAN CHEMISTRY CONTEST RESULTS

On April 17th, six of our senior chemistry students wrote the Canadian Chemistry Contest. We congratulate **Natasha Nock** for scoring first among the students from our school who wrote the contest.

Fine Arts/Drama Department

ALWAYS MORE THAN FINE- 14TH ANNUAL FINE ARTS EVENING



This evening was a special evening, as it was the last Fine Arts Evening for me at the school. The kids' performances did not disappoint. It was a special treat to be in the gymnasium in the spring, as we usually perform in the multipurpose room. As the renovations have changed the space, this year's spring show had an extra special treat with lights and pizzazz, and we thank the PE department for making it happen with scheduling.

Our grade eight show "They Eat Sunshine, Not Zebras" by *Dara Murphy* delighted with our little class dressed as blades of grass- and one brown patch. The field feared the "thing" that would mow anyone down who wasn't conforming to the length and growth of the patch, and they made sure that every blade had to be alike. Until, that is, a newbie showed up to shake up the bunch. When a dandelion pops up, the group displays many various reactions to something so very different. The show was an excellent example of fitting in, bullying, and conformity, and the students carried the message well with their little voices and huge energy.

Drama nine also took a metaphorical look at teenage life in high school in "Box" by *Lindsay Price.* The piece opened with eighteen students holding various boxes that represented who they were, some based on their own choices, some boxes given to them by their parents, coaches, teachers. With powerful monologues and scenes that capture how the challenges of life and high school can be just too much, the show packed a powerful punch. From a cardboard box of safety, and empty Gucci lunchbox, and a metal lock box, to a pizza box with extra pepperoni, each student was represented in some way and delivered their emotions beautifully. It was a difficult concept to wrap their heads around when the play first began rehearsals, but its end result made a huge impact on those who watched it.

Lastly, our grade ten drama class performed a more humorous look at high school and its struggles to get by academically in "The Perils of Modern Education" by *Matthew Webster*. Following the main character through her caffeine riddled high to get through the major class project and all of the pressure she's placed on herself to achieve, the show illustrates those that can just get by and be ok with that, or those that struggle under their own pressures. With quirky scenes featuring William Shakespeare as a student in a North American high school, and cafeteria conservationist conversation about ordering a healthier lunch and a texting guy who is always in the wrong place at the wrong time, the show made us giggle throughout. It was fabulous break from the dramatic, but also a very real look at the pressure that our kid place on themselves today in the world academia.

An outstanding job was done by all of these all-stars! I could not have asked for a better evening of goodbyes to our little gym stage. May God bless you all as you continue to put your gifts and talents on the world's stages in the future.

- Cristina McAllister

BC CATHOLICS ONE ACT PLAY

Hard work has paid off with a Silver for this year's team that went to The BC Catholics One Act Play Festival at Vancouver College. All new to the process, the students wrote, directed and performed their show "Life At a Glance" in the company of Vancouver College, Holy Cross and Archbishop Carney. The script, which was mainly written by playwright *Michelle Nock*, was said to be emotionally intriguing and left the judges wishing it were longer so that they could find out more. Congratulations to Director *Rebecca Krohman*, Assistant Director *Cyprien Guss*, and fellow actors *Michelle Nock*, *Marco Bernardez-Lai, Kiana Burran*, and *Atena Ziapour*. I am so very proud of them!

Their synopsis

In this dystopian future, everyone is shown important moments of their future at the age of 15. They are shown their careers, significant others, children, and every other key moment in their lives. The reason for doing this, according to the government, is to make sure that no one wastes any time wondering about how their lives will turn out. Citizens will spend less time worrying and making decisions, therefore, becoming much more efficient and effective members of society. Everyone is also given a tracking bracelet which cannot be removed, this allows the government to track each individual and to make sure they are following the path that was shown to them, if they don't they and their loved ones will face serious repercussions.

Maggie is preparing to see her future and she is unsure of what is going to happen. The first moments of her future that are shown are what she wanted, as it appears that her future is going to be very promising. However, as Maggie continues to watch herself grow older she begins to see that her life will soon start to drastically go downhill. Maggie quickly realizes the tragedies that the future holds for her, however, she is repeatedly told that she cannot do anything to stop it. When the simulations stop at an unexpectedly young age her spirit is crushed. Little does she know that the future that is being shown to her might not be real at all, but a ploy to try to control her life and stop her from discovering her true destiny.

Mrs. McAllister

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER

Music Department

Chamber Choir

SPRING CHORAL CONCERT & OUT FOR LUNCH

The STA Choirs performed at the North Shore Catholic Spring Choral Concert at Centennial Theatre Centre on May 7, including the Boys and Girls Choirs, Chamber Choir and Concert Choir. The Choirs completed their 2017-2018 season with performances at the Vancouver Art Gallery on June 1 and St. Catherines Church on June 3. Congratulations to *Mrs. Rebane* and the STA Choirs for another outstanding season!

Concert Choir

Chamber Choir

SPRING BAND CONCERT

Grade 8 Concert Band

The S.T.A. Concert Bands participated in the North Shore **Catholic Spring Band Concert** on May 29 under the direction of *Mr. Guy* and *Mr. Horton*.

Grade 9-10 Concert Band

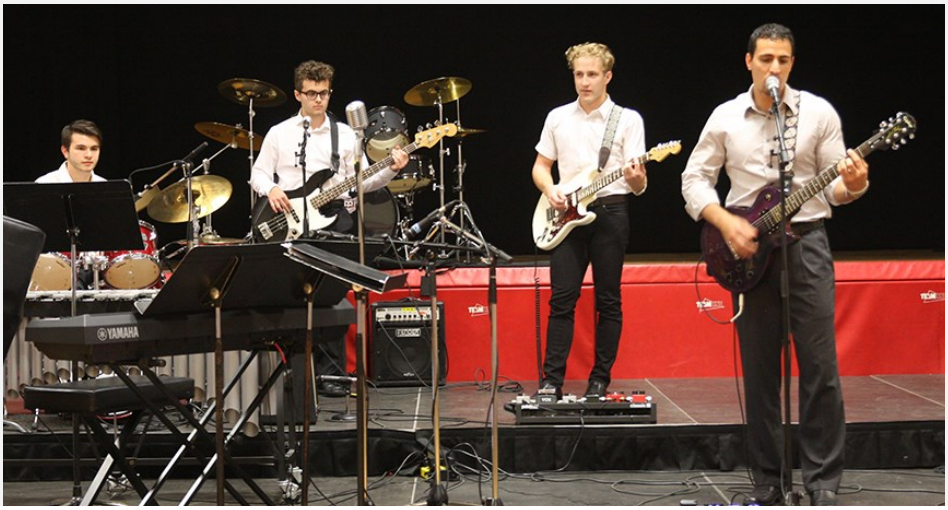
Senior Concert Band

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

The STA Jazz Ensembles performed at the annual International Night on May 25 under the direction of *Mr. Guy* and *Mr. Horton*. *Gabriel Galat, Andres Haneine, Matthew Wattier* and *Mr. Vesco* also performed a Beatles medley.

Junior Jazz Ensemble

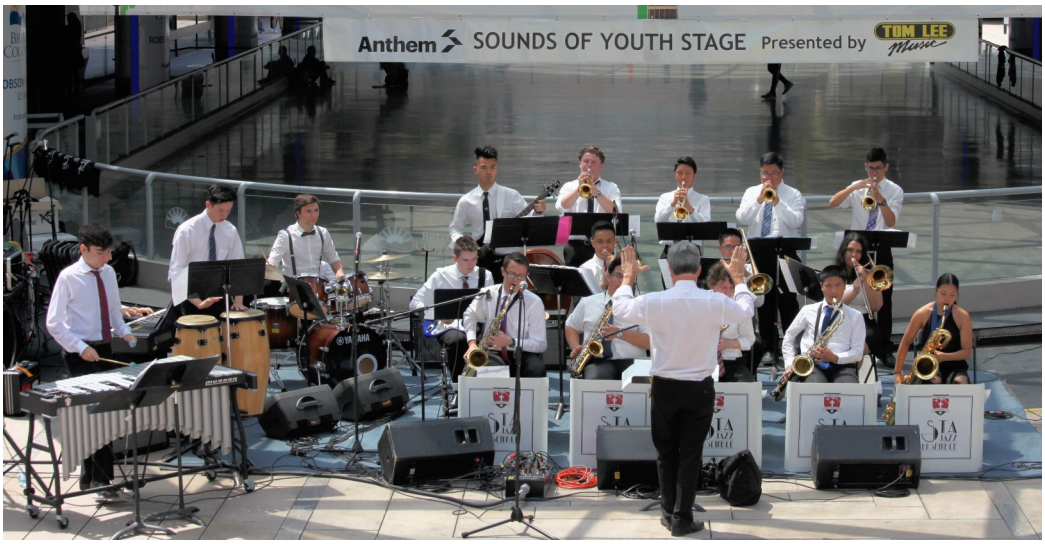
Senior Jazz Ensemble

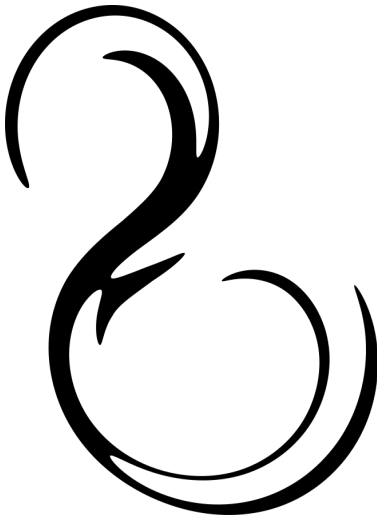


Andres Haneine, Matthew Wattier, Gabriel Galat & Mr. Vesco

TD JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Senior Jazz Ensemble received an invitation to perform at the TD International Jazz Festival and did so on June 23. The band was joined by clarinetist *Gene Ramsbottom* for two numbers, and *Nick Kulka*, *Benedict Ramsbottom* and *Katie Weinborn* gave vocal performances.





AQUINAS SUMMER CAMPS

I would like to invite all athletes to join us at S.T.A. for a great summer camp experience!

Our camps are a great place to improve your skills, compete with players in your age group and spend time with the S.T.A. coaches. When attending the S.T.A. team camps, all players are exposed to intense fundamental instruction, motivation and a competitive atmosphere. We want players to leave camp having had an enjoyable and rewarding experience, and we also want them to leave with a positive attitude about the game, about themselves and about education. Under the guidance and leadership of our coaching staff, I am positive that your experience at our camps will be a rewarding and enjoyable one.

Hope to see you this summer,

Mr. L. Salituro

Athletic Director

Grade 8 Girls Summer Volleyball Camp

Date: August 20 – 24 Time: 10:00 am – Noon Location: S.T.A.

Open to all girls entering grade 8 at STA in September.
Players should bring proper footwear, kneepads and a water bottle.

Grade 8 Boys Summer Basketball Camp

Date: August 20 – 24 Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM Location: S.T.A.

Open to all boys entering grade 8 at S.T.A. in September.
Players should bring proper footwear and a water bottle.

Girls Field Hockey Camp

Date: August 29 & 31 Time: 3:00 – 5:00 PM Location: Fen Burdett Turf Field

All girls entering grades 8 – 12 interested in joining field hockey in the fall are invited to attend these pre-season sessions. Players should bring sticks, mouth guards, shin pads, proper footwear and water.

Senior Boys Soccer I.D. Camp

Date: August 28, 29 & 31 Time: 3:00 – 5:00 PM Location: Fen Burdett Turf Field

All boys entering grades 10, 11 or 12 interested in playing senior soccer in September are encouraged to attend these three identification scrimmages.
Players should bring proper foot wear, shin pads and water.

Summer Math Camps at STA

The Math Department is offering three math camps at the end of the summer:

MATH 8 JUMPSTART
These camps are for current grade 7 students.
Option 1 is a review of Math 7 concepts
Date: August 13-17, 9 am - 12 noon Cost $120
Option 2 is review of Math 7 concepts and Preview of Math 8
Date: August 13-17 & August 20-24, 9 am - 12 noon, **Cost : $200**

FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND PRECALCULUS 10 JUMPSTART (FMP 10)
Review of Math 9 course and preview of Pre-calculus Math 10
Date: August 13-17, 12:30 - 3:30 pm, **Cost : $120**
For more details click the link:

http://www.aquinas.org/application/files/5915/2762/2309/Foundations_and_Precalculus_10_Jumpstart_2018_flyer_and_registration.pdf

PRECALCULUS 11 JUMPSTART (PC MATH 11)
Review of Math 10 concepts and preview a number of Pre-calculus Math 11 concepts
Date: August 20-24, 12:30 – 3:30 pm, **Cost : $120**
For more details click the link:

http://www.aquinas.org/application/files/8315/2762/2861/Precalculus_11_Jumpstart_2018_flyer_and_registration.pdf

ALL CAMPS TAKE PLACE AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 28

FMP 10

FMP 10 is a challenging fast paced course that requires students to have a good understanding of Math 9 concepts and skills. Transitioning from Math 9 to this course has proven to be challenging for many students so we are offering this summer course as a review of key math 9 concepts and a preview of a number of Foundations and Precalculus Math 10 concepts.

PC MATH 11

PC Math 11 is a challenging, theoretical math course that requires students to have a good understanding of math 10 concepts and skills.
Transitioning from math 10 to this more rigorous course has proven to be challenging for many students so this course provides students with a review of key Math 10 concepts and a preview of a number of PC Math 11 concepts.

Summer Science Camps at STA

STA SCIENCE 7/8 AND SCIENCE 10 JUMPSTART SUMMER PREVIEW PROGRAMS

SCIENCE 8

August 13-17, 2018 (Intake 1) **or**

August 20-24, 2018 (Intake 2), 12:30pm -3:30 pm

COST: $120

Science 8 Jumpstart is a week-long Science 7/8 transition program

Both preview programs are for students attending S.T.A. in September 2018. Both preview programs are taught by *Mr. Lamasan* who teaches both courses during the school year.

Science 8 Jumpstart will consist of a review of key Science 7 concepts and provide students with a preview of the essential skills for their first year in Science 8 at S.T.A. With the famous Science 8 Science Fair (worth 20% of their mark), students will be taught the Scientific Method as well as be given advanced one-on-one assistance in selecting their topics which they can use for the upcoming year. Basic skills will be reinforced, tons of activities, and new lab skills will also be covered during this week as labs are a large component of the Science 8 program. Furthermore, students will be provided with a glance of different topics covered during the school year (Cells, The Kinetic Molecular Theory, Energy, and The Theory of Plate Tectonics).

SCIENCE 10

August 13-17, 2018, 9:00 am -12:00 pm

COST: $120

Science 10 Jumpstart is a week-long preview course for students who passed Science 9 and want to get an advanced look at Science 10 for the upcoming school year.

Science 10 Jumpstart will preview key concepts covered in Science 10 at S.T.A. and provide a future look on the four major streams of Sciences (Chemistry, Biology, Physics, and Earth Sciences) available for Grade 11 courses. An overview of basic skills and lab work will also be covered. Furthermore, demos, activities, and practice reviews will be given daily to give students the edge of having an increased success rate for the upcoming Science 10 year!

Registration is open to all students entering Grade 8 for the Science 8 Jumpstart Program and Grade 10 students (who passed Science 9) for the Science 10 Jumpstart Program.

Space is limited in order to keep class sizes small.

Register early to secure a spot for your student. Students on the Wait List may not be guaranteed a spot.

Provide a valid e-mail address and phone number.

You will be immediately contacted if your child cannot be registered.

Registration Deadline: June 30, 2018

Contact *Mr. Lamasan* at lamasan@aquinas.org if you have any questions.

Community News

MORE THAN A TEARFUL GOODBYE; A MUCH NEEDED THANK YOU

Fourteen years ago, Mr. Dan Moric took a chance on a newbie and hired her fresh out of University to teach Drama and English. For fourteen years, STA has been my home, and I am forever grateful that Mr. Moric took that chance.

A program, I thought. I will build a program. I will make Drama something they remember. The movie says, after all, "Build it, and they will come." Well, they trickled in, each year, and I reminded myself, Cristina, if you can reach one child or inspire one person, you have done your job. So, in fourteen years, I hope that there are at least fourteen of you that have left with some magical dramatic memories.

And I, too, have many memories that have pushed me forward and gotten me through that Burnaby commute each day and each night. Starting the Drama 8 class that was the new beginning of our 5-year STA Drama Program. Beginning our Fine Arts Evenings so that our curricular children had a place to show what they can do and wow the crowds in Art, Drama and Choral Music. Sitting on the board to create the BC Catholics One Act Play Festival because I wanted my kids to feel good about bringing home a "banner" ,too. Creating Fine Arts and Drama Clothing, so that a person like me, who was always athletically challenged, could feel proud about her sweats and t-shirt's. Making a biannual event that began shaving heads in 2004's Lose Your Locks because one sweet child needed help to say goodbye and make a difference.

And bringing back the shows.

The first one, I produced, as a director had already been hired. I watched waiting in the wings for my time. Then it began slowly, little shows in the school gym until I was ready in 2007 to put on my first musical, "The Wizard of Oz". Many believed it wasn't possible. The newbie was dreaming. We always hired out for these types of things. I knew I could. I silenced the voices of possible failure, and through some tears and very long days and nights, there it was. And, oh I shall never forget it.

And many more followed. Each year, except the years when my greatest artwork was being born and raised at home, I pushed myself to do my best for you. But my best would never have been possible without some tears, all of you in my wings and God's blessed miracles.

It was all of you that made it all happen. It was you that created costumes from nothing and shower curtains, made pillows, built sets, ordered food, dropped off coffee, sewed blankets, borrowed Nonna's furniture, made hour glasses out of pop bottles, annually created my struggling scholarship, organized tickets, bought cake, taught, supported, carried me and made these crazy ideas come to life. Through these crazy moments, I have made friends and family that I will cherish for the rest of my life. That is where STA will forever be special. In its giving, I have received much and I am so very grateful.

To my kids. Oh my sweet Lord, you have blessed me with so many kids that I love each day like they were my own. Please know that you have changed my life. You made me want to come back every year and try to do more for you. I built it, and you came, and you let me know each class that you truly wanted to be

there. I have had the insurmountable joy in seeing you grow each year, and who can really say that? I've seen you become better versions of yourselves each September, shooting for more stars, climbing out of more shells, reaching higher octaves, and delivering even more passionately, you each took my breath away. I remember each moment that you wowed me. I remember each moment that you took a risk in my room and pushed yourself to your limits, and Lord, am I ever proud! I am so proud of the women and men that you have become and that you are striving to be. Go out there and make history and do great things, and always remember that my four walls will always hold those memories of your growth, those tears, those first steps. I will never forget them. I will never forget you. Promise me to find something that inspires you each and every day. You were MY inspiration.
So, I leave you all with a pocket full of memories, a shoulder bag and back pack full of dreams, and a heart full of gratitude. May God bless you and keep you on your journeys.
And please stay in touch so that I may grow and marvel at the amazing people that you are already becoming.

Thank you, each and every one of you, from the depths of my heart.

Always,
Cristina McAllister

FATHER'S DAY WALK RUN

For the past 5 years, *Mr. McCaffery* has been running in the Father's Day Run for Prostate Cancer. His daughter *Katie*, who graduated from STA in 2001, started up the team as a result of *Mr. McCaffery's* Cancer. All 7 grandkids call him 'Poppy', so the name was a natural.

Mr. McCaffery has placed a jar on his desk and requested a 50 cent donation from his students alone. Total donations now are over $1,300.00 as the students have always been extremely charitable. This year was great as *Mr. McCaffery* received $320.00 from his students and another $130.00 from generous staff, making the total $450.00. All money goes directly to Cancer Research and although many lives are being saved, there are still many more to be saved. The research must continue. We have a wonderful community here at STA and it shows when the students give up their snack for a run they don't even see.

Thanks to all of you for your support.

NORTH SHORE SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HONOURS LONG SERVING STA FIGHTING SAINTS COACHES

Mr. Chris Campbell- 35 Year Coach

Mr. Campbell began coaching at STA in 1979 and has been there ever since. In addition to his one year stints as girls softball and table tennis coach, who knew we used to have those teams! *Mr. C* has coached numerous sports at various levels, primarily in basketball, volleyball, and golf.
Thank you *Mr. C* from all of us at STA!

Ms. Diana Mattia- 20 Year Coach

Ms. Mattia started coaching at STA in 1994. Over the years she has coached basketball, track and field, soccer, volleyball, and now, for the past 13 years, field hockey.
Thank you *Diana* from all of us at STA!

Mr. Joe Galat- 20 Year Coach

Mr. Galat has been a coach at STA for 22 straight years. Over the years, *Mr. Galat* has been involved with swimming and cross country, but it is on the wrestling mats where *Mr. Galat* could be found from day one.
Thank you *Mr. Galat* from all of us at STA!

Mr. Steve Vachon- 20 Year Coach

Mr. Vachon has coached for 20 consecutive years at STA, starting in 1997 as a basketball coach. Over the years, *Mr. Vachon* has been a dedicated coach in wrestling, golf, soccer, cross country, and as the head coach of our track and field program.
Thank you *Mr. Vachon* from all of us at STA!

Chris Spence- 20 Year Coach

A community coach, and member of the VPD, *Chris Spence* began coaching volleyball at STA in 1999. *Chris* has coached senior girls volleyball at STA while often assisting with the younger grades as well.
Thank you *Chris* from all of us at STA.

STA STUDENT BODY RAISES FUNDS FOR MR. TAPP

This past spring, the student body, led by their student council, raised funds for one of our own, *Moe Tapp*. *Moe* found himself in the position of not having transportation to get to and from school as his scooter of many years, worked no more. The students raised over $3,000 which helped him buy a new scooter to support his independence. Pictured with *Moe* is *Justin Krohman*, who took it upon himself to start a 'Go-Fund-Me' page to support this initiative.

Alumni News

On Saturday, June 9th STA hosted it's first ever Alumni Social. The Alumni Association Board was hard at work to create a nostalgic atmosphere. It was a day filled with laughter and hugs as old friends reconnected not only with each other but also with their old high school teachers. The Alumni Social had alumni ranging from the grad class of 1961 all the way until 2017.

With the success of our first Alumni Social, you will be sure to see more Alumni Events coming your way!

Construction Update

Construction of the new school has passed a significant milestone with the pour of the main floor in June. *Mr. Horton's* photograph this month was taken from Room 504 in the Science Wing looking east and shows the main floor in place and shoring for the gymnasium walls going up.

GRADUATION WRAP-UP

Ms. Mattia, Ms. Martins, Ms. Liang Grad Coordinators

With the wrap up of the official STA graduation events at the end of June, we would like to take time now to thank again the many people who helped in creating memorable moments for our graduates.

Thank you to *Ms. Hughes* and *Mr. Flores* for organizing the Graduation Mass, the celebrants *Msgr. Smith, Fr. Giovanni, Fr. Horgan, Fr. Obiwumma, Fr. D'Souza* and *Ms. Stevenson* for her work with the liturgy choir, *Mrs. Rebane* for her work with the Chamber Choir, *Mrs. Markwick* for her help setting up and transforming the gym for mass, and *Mrs. Savage* and *Mrs. Brown* for coordinating the reception after Mass. Thank you also to the many grade eleven parents who served, cleaned and decorated the cafeteria for the event. Thank you to *Mr. Horton* and the sound crew for setting up the mass sound system and to teachers *Mrs. McAllister, Ms. Hughes, Mrs. Stagnitta, Mr. Vesco*, and *Ms. Treacy* who supervised their students and assisted with the candle procession. Thank you *Mrs. Sawdon* and *Mr. Mendoza* who helped distribute grad gowns. Thank you to *Mr. Salituro* and *Mr. Vesco* who helped load gear into vehicles for transport to Broadway Church.

The Commencement Ceremonies took place again at the Broadway Church this year. Thank you to Fotografica Studios for their patience in taking the grad photos. Thank you *Mr. Horton* for being MC, *Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. C. Campbell, Fr. Giovanni* and all staff who presented. Thank you also to *Ms. Agosti* for speaking on behalf of the parents in her address to the students, and *Graydon Baker* for being accompanist. Thank you also *Rachel Cruz* for your lovely Valedictory speech! Thanks to *Mrs. Nix* for her help backstage, *Mr. Galat* for his help with organizing seating, and assisting with rehearsal. Thank you *Mr. Campbell* and *Mr. Horton* for helping to pack and deliver items to the Church, *Mr. Florut* for manning the powerpoint, *Mrs. McAllister, Mrs. Stagnitta, Mrs. Paruzzolo, Mrs. Nix, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Sawdon, Mr. Mendoza* and *Mrs. Morris* for greeting and guiding guests and distributing programmes. Thanks to *Mr. C. Campbell, Mr. Cune, Mr. Lamasan, Mr. Francis, Mr. Jones* for collecting and packaging gowns and loading the bus with the podium, flags etc.

Grade Twelves themselves are to be thanked and congratulated for the maturity, spirit and camaraderie they demonstrated at all Grad events. We enjoyed your enthusiasm, and appreciated the respect you demonstrated toward event times, and deadlines. Thank you parents for your cooperation in this regard!

Thank you to our office staff *Mrs. Dougan, Mrs. Brickell, Mrs. Zieroth* and *Mrs. Zainul* who handled questions and requests so graciously and to *Ms. Sibau* for her work on the invitation lists.

A great many awards were presented at Commencement and we are very grateful to *Mr. Salituro* for coordinating the Scholarships/Bursaries and Senior Awards committee. It is a year long process which requires much correspondence and organization. The graduates are the very fortunate recipients of his hard work.

The Dinner and Dance at the Pan Pacific was a great success and we thank MC *Dante Agosti-Moro, Father Giovanni* for his prayer, and *Natasha Nock* and *Bella Haaf* for their toast to the parents. Thanks also to *Mr. Birtch* for his toast to the grads. Thank you to *Dazle Gumabao* for putting together the grad video which was enjoyed by all. The dance floor was packed with the tunes spun by *Mr. Vesco* – thanks for keeping things hopping! The evening continued on into the wee hours of the morning thanks to the gr.12 parents who organized an After Grad. Thank you *Mrs. Vickerstaff* and *Mrs. McLure-Zerbe* for taking that on!

Finally, we look forward to working with next year's graduates in planning an equally fun and successful year!

NEW BELL SCHEDULE FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

2018 - 2019 BELL SCHEDULE

1ST MONDAY OF MONTH	
Early Dismissal (Staff Mtgs)	
8:25 A.M.	WELCOME
8:30 A.M. 8:40 A.M.	DAILY HOMEROOM
TRANSITION	5 minutes
8:45 A.M. 9:52 A.M.	PERIOD 1 67 min
TRANSITION	8 minutes
10:00 A.M. 11:07 A.M.	PERIOD 2 67 min
BREAK	12 minutes
11:19 A.M. 12:27 P.M.	PERIOD 3 68 min
LUNCH	40 minutes
1:12 P.M. 2:20 P.M.	PERIOD 4 68 min
DISMISSAL	2:20 P.M.

MONDAY / TUESDAY / FRIDAY	
Regular Schedule	
8:25 A.M.	WELCOME
8:30 A.M. 8:40 A.M.	DAILY HOMEROOM
TRANSITION	5 minutes
8:45 A.M. 10:02 A.M.	PERIOD 1 77 min
TRANSITION	8 minutes
10:10 A.M. 11:27 A.M.	PERIOD 2 77 min
BREAK	12 minutes
11:39 A.M. 12:57 P.M.	PERIOD 3 78 min
LUNCH	40 minutes
1:42 P.M. 3:00 P.M.	PERIOD 4 78 min
DISMISSAL	3:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY	
Weekly Mass / Advisory Block	
8:25 A.M.	WELCOME
8:30 A.M. 8:40 A.M.	DAILY HOMEROOM
TRANSITION	5 minutes
8:45 A.M. 9:52 A.M.	PERIOD 1 67 min
TRANSITION	8 minutes
10:00 A.M. 11:07 A.M.	PERIOD 2 67 min
TRANSITION	10 minutes
11:17 A.M. 11:52 A.M.	MASS / USSR / ADVISORY BLK 35 min
LUNCH	40 minutes
12:37 P.M. 1:44 P.M.	PERIOD 3 67 min
TRANSITION	8 minutes
1:52 P.M. 3:00 P.M.	PERIOD 4 68 min
DISMISSAL	3:00 P.M.

THURSDAY / AS NEEDED	
School Mass / Assembly	
8:25 A.M.	WELCOME
8:30 A.M. 8:40 A.M.	DAILY HOMEROOM
TRANSITION	5 minutes
8:45 A.M. 9:42 A.M.	PERIOD 1 57 min
TRANSITION	8 minutes
9:50 A.M. 10:47 A.M.	PERIOD 2 57 min
TRANSITION	10 minutes
10:57 A.M. 12:12 P.M.	MASS or ASSEMBLY 75 min
LUNCH	40 minutes
12:57 P.M. 1:54 P.M.	PERIOD 3 57 min
TRANSITION	8 minutes
2:02 P.M. 3:00 P.M.	PERIOD 4 58 min
DISMISSAL	3:00 P.M.

DAILY BLOCK ORDER: September to January	Day 1 = A / B / C / D Day 2 = E / F / G / H
DAILY BLOCK ORDER: February to June	Day 1 = D / C / B / A Day 2 = H / G / F / E

AD-Bell Schedule 2018-2019 Final Version

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IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

4	School Opens Grade 8 Connect Program
5	8 Block Schedule
7	Grade 8 Connect BBQ
11	Walkathon Assembly
12	Advisory Schedule
12	Band 8 Rental Evening
13	Student Photo Day
17	Grade 8 Meet The Teacher Night
18	Honour Roll Assembly
19	Advisory Schedule
20	Weekly Mass
21	Spirit Day
26	Advisory Schedule
27	School Mass

Staggered start times will take place for the various grades on September 4. Check the August Welcome Back Package for details.

Grade 8 students are invited to participate in the **Connect Program,** a fun introduction to student life at STA. Details in the Welcome Back Package.

The yearly Walkathon takes place on Wednesday, October 3 and the Walkathon Assembly will be the kick off for this fundraiser.

New this year will be the weekly Advisory Schedule. Students will learn more about this when they return to school.

Weekly Mass takes place in the Convent Chapel, School Mass take place in the STA gymnasium.

Spirit Days are fundraisers for Campus Ministry projects. Students can donate to Spirit Day and wear casual clothing in the theme of the day instead of school uniform.

STA DRY GRAD 2018 AKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to the following businesses for their generous donations to the Class of 2018 Dry Grad Celebration. We are grateful to you for helping us offer our graduates a dry option for celebrating their many accomplishments as they step up to be our future leaders, innovators, work force, responsible citizens and community members.

Sincerely,

The STA Dry Grad Parent Committee 2018.

Barlow Media
Earnest Ice Cream
Faces by Design
House of Knives
Kay Meek Centre
Kidsbooks Edgemont Village
Lululemon Park Royal
North Vancouver Recreation and Culture
Park Royal Mall
Pizazz
Rogers' Chocolates
The Latest Scoop
The Green Moustache
32 Books
West Vancouver Community Centre

COME PLAY BADMINTON AT STA!

The school badminton coaches (*Margaret Schmidt* and *Shirley Tanoto*) will supervise and provide instruction to interested students.
When: Sunday July 29, and August 12, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Where: Saint Thomas Aquinas Secondary gym
Who: Students (girls and boys) entering grade 8 at STA in Sept. 2018
Register: text your name, grade and contact phone number to 604-307-1543 or email schmidtc@sfu.ca
What to bring: indoor shoes, water bottle, racket (if you have one; otherwise rackets are available)

THE STA OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR THE SUMMER ON JULY 13 AND RE-OPENS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 8 AM.

WELCOME BACK PACKAGES AND STUDENT SCHEDULES WILL BE MAILED OUT AT THE END OF AUGUST.

WATCH YOUR MAILBOXES IN ANTICIPATION.

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