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Grade 9 Welcome Day

Writer: Kyla G. Editor: Emily L.

This year at STA, the Grade 9 Welcome Day was held at the school on Thursday August 31st. The incoming grade 9 students were led by some of our grade 11s in activities throughout the day (in hope of getting these new students ready for their first day of high school). Ms. Oliver's grade 11 leadership class did absolutely amazing, keeping everyone organised and high spirited. What a great way to get our new stinger bees accustomed to their new hive!



Companions of STA Food Drive

Writer: Mirari U. Editor: Kyla G.

This year, we have a brand new club running here at St. Thomas Aquinas. The Companions of Aquinas are a group of students who volunteer their time to charity and participate in faith-based projects. They have merged with the Social Justice Club because their goals are aligned—promoting equity and justice. Led by our school chaplain Ms. Toma, the group has volunteered at Dr. Simone's (Canada Food for Children) and helped fill containers with donations of food and clothing that will be shipped to developing countries. The group is also running the Thanksgiving food drive for the Tottenham food bank until October 3rd. Additionally, they visited the food bank and learned about how it operates and what items are needed. Emma Schraa, a companion of Aquinas told the Stinger Voice: "After visiting the food bank, I learned of how many people in the Tottenham and Beeton community alone rely on the food bank for basic needs. I hope that we, as a school, will do everything we can to donate as much food as we can to support our local community." The drive runs until October 3rd and the grade who brings in the most donations will get a free dress down day. Let's do what we can to aid those in need, Stingers!

What Stingers are listening to?

Writer: Georgia S. Editor: Kyla G.

Back to school means: fall weather, new classes, bunchy sweaters, and seeing all your classmates for the first time since June. With everyone back together at school, the halls are blasting with music from students' earbuds. In between bus rides, studying, and walking to classes, students are constantly listening to music. After a couple weeks, the same playlist can get a little repetitive and you may be looking for something new. The students of STA are full of recommendations for the perfect fall playlist! One student recommends listening to the new Drake song, 'Slime You Out (feat. SZA)'. On the other side of the spectrum, I have also received suggestions for Olivia Rodrigo's new album "Guts" (Lacy being the most recommended song). You can find students listening to every genre from 90s rock – such as the Offspring – to current country, like Zach Bryan. So next time you're walking home, or on your way to Tims, try listening to some of the new music suggested by your fellow students.



Solve the following puzzle to reveal a common phrase:

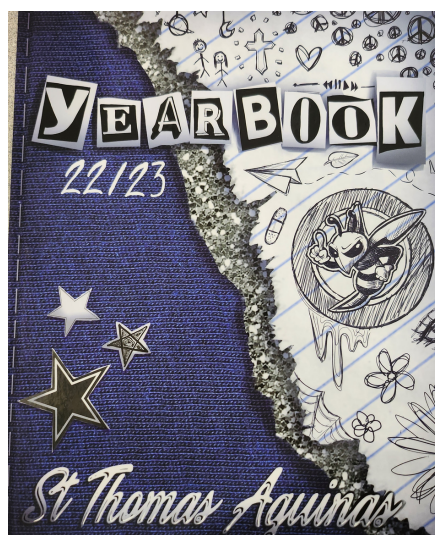
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The first person to email thestingerzinger@gmail.com with the correct answer will win a prize. Please send your response from your smcdsb email account

Thank you to the Yearbook editors

Writer: Kyla G. Editor: Emily L.

Last year, the 2022-2023 class got a yearbook for the first time in years! The yearbook looks absolutely amazing from cover to cover. The book is filled with stunning pictures, colours and graphics. Some of my personal favorite details include: the grade colour coordination behind the class photos, the 'what's trending pages' and the overall feel of the yearbook. The book is beautiful and hopefully we get another fantastic yearbook for the 2023-2024 year!



“Good morning
sunshine”
- Mrs. Delbergue

**Teacher Quote of the
Month!**



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A Letter from an STA Graduate!

Past editor edition, 2022-2023

Hey Stingers!

It's Lucas Da Silva here, and I graduated from STA last year! Currently, I am studying at York University in their Educational Studies program. University was a bit of an adjustment. A tip I would give you all is to gain a strong work ethic now as that is the biggest jump that I found going into university. My future ambition will be to ultimately become a teacher and maybe even return to St. Thomas someday! One thing I would encourage all of you is to get involved in school clubs and teams as those are memories you will hold onto in the future. It is something I did and it made my high school experience much more fulfilling. I would make every day count as your 4 years in high school will fly by. Cherish your relationships, faith and your school community as STA is truly an amazing school. It was a pleasure to be featured in this month's Stingers Newspaper!

God Bless,

Lucas Da Silva



A Letter from an STA Graduate!

Past editor edition, 2022-2023

I'm Yvonne Polinski, a 2023 graduate of STA. I am studying at the University of Ottawa in the Biotechnology program (it is a B.Sc. Biochemistry and B.A.Sc. Chemical Engineering dual degree program). University is a whole new environment. It's a great place to meet new people and have some fun (when you have time). I am enjoying my program even though it is a lot of work and I have classes over the weekend and some days even back-to-back classes starting at 8 am and ending at 10 pm with 2, one-hour breaks in between. At the end of the day, I enjoy the new space and the new people.

A Tip from a STA graduate: Be okay with knowing that you can't do everything. Sometimes you will need to sacrifice some homework to finish that project. It is how it is, do not beat yourself up about it.

Yvonne Polinski

September Poem

looking up into rafters; everything is new—

people, feelings, contact.

i wonder if every face i see re-scrambles itself

once the daylight hits it.

people i see in between, passing in rushes and migration.

do they change when their alarm sounds in the morning?

or when afternoon bleeds into evening?

am i still the same?

even if it all happens in fracture?

even if i never see them all?

Trinity Casaubon (12)

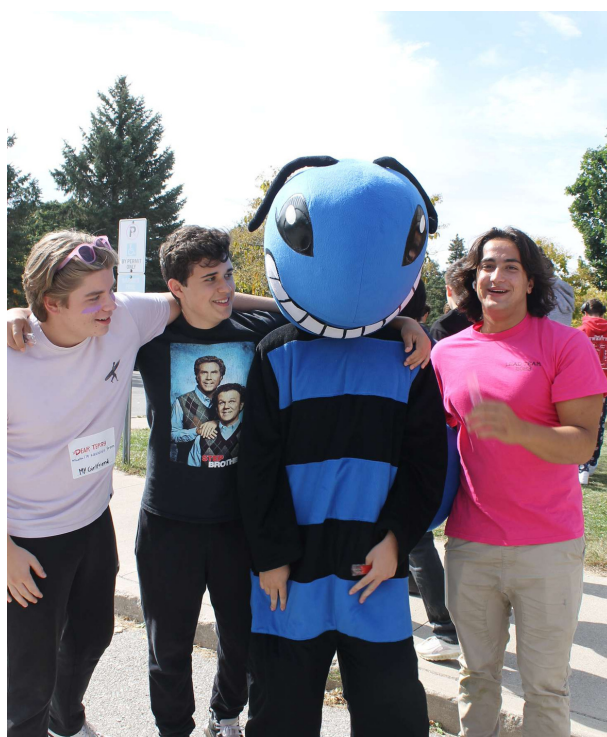


Terry Fox Run

Writer: Gloria F. Editor: Kyla G.

“Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue.”

These words spoken by Terry Fox were especially remembered today at STA's Terry Fox Run. In support of cancer research, the whole school did an amazing job showing their spirit, and raising money exactly how Terry would have wanted. STA surpassed our fundraising goal of \$1200 and raised over \$2200! We did it Stingers! The run itself was amazing. The Grade 11 Leadership team did an amazing job keeping everybody on their toes throughout the run by handing out water, freezies, and spreading motivation. As well, some very talented staff members performed music wonderfully in the courtyard. Each grade dressed in their assigned grade colours with so much enthusiasm! There was face paint, necklaces, hats, and all kinds of accessories that demonstrated our devoted spirit. We can all agree that Stingers do it best when it comes to Terry Fox.



Picture Day

Writer: Sophia J. and Victory I. Editor: Kyla G.

On September 27th picture day took place here at STA and was an overall success. Throughout the hallways everyone was dressed to impress and looked their best. It was memorable thanks to the photographers who came to the school, as well as us the students. Picture retake dates are soon to be announced if you were not at school or you want an even better picture.





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OSSLT

Writer: Leora H. Editor: Kyla G.

Grade 10s taking English this semester will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) on November 21 and 22, during their English class. Next semester grade 10's will write the OSSLT in early June, during their English class.

The OSSLT is an EQAO standardized test that all Gr. 10s in Ontario must write and pass, in order to graduate high school.

During the OSSLT, students read an information paragraph, a news report, a narrative piece and a text containing dialogue. They answer multiple choice questions pertaining to the readings and complete various writing tasks, such as a 500-word opinion essay and a 100-word paragraph response.

To pass the test, a score of 75% is required.

Best of luck to all grade 10s writing the OSSLT this school year!

Movie of the Month

Writer: Gloria S. Editor: Kyla G.

The movie recommendation of the month is finally back STA! Soak in your inner pink today and watch Greta Gerwig's newly released Barbie Movie. The massive Barbie Movie fad officially began on July 21, 2023, when it dropped in theatres worldwide. Starring the talented Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling as the lead Barbie and Ken, the Barbie movie will not disappoint. While adding aspects for younger and older viewers, this movie comes with many funny twists and turns, and brings out almost every emotion in the book. The movie follows "Stereotypical Barbie" as she enters the real world and learns the details of human life and womanhood. With Ken, of course, who takes another pathway once visiting the real world. The movie is made to give everyone that nostalgic feeling from their childhoods and bring back fun memories. So grab some popcorn, remember that you are *Kenough*, and watch the Barbie Movie!



Spirit Wear Fridays

Writer: Gurleen S. Editor: Kyla G.

Hey Stingers! Just a friendly reminder that you are allowed to wear any spirit wear on Fridays. For instance, any school jerseys, shirts, or sweaters with the school logo on them.



Book of the Month

Writer: Kaylee N. and Fiona V. Editor: Kyla G.

"When In Rome" by Sarah Adams

is the September book of the month! The short, entertaining, slow-burn rom-com is set in Rome, Kentucky. The plot centres on Amelia Rose, a pop princess better known to her fans as Rae Rose, and Noah Walker, a small-town baker who discovers her stranded on his driveway with a broken-down car.

The deal is that she sleeps in his guest room while her car is being fixed, but after experiencing all the small-town adventures she has been missing while leading a luxurious life on tour, Amelia can't help but find charm in the quaint town, the nosy neighbours, and her grumpy tour guide. But soon, she needs to return to her actual life... right?



Busy Bee Life Hacks

Writer: Leora H. Editor: Kyla G.



1. Want more reliable information for school projects? Use 'scholar.google.com' instead of google.com.
2. Want to save some money? Be sure to get a SPC card to save on food, fashion, beauty products and more. Go to <https://www.spccard.ca/> for more details.
3. Going to A&W for lunch? Visit awcoupon.ca to see if there are any available coupons to make your daily lunch trip a cheaper one.
4. Have you been waiting in line at Tim Hortons for too long recently? Download the Tim Hortons app and place your mobile order as you are walking to Tim Hortons, to ensure your food is ready for pick up as soon as you get there and you make it back to class on time.
5. Not sure what's happening at STA? Go to the St. Thomas Aquinas website to find out all you need to know about the upcoming events at our school.





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September Sports at STA



Writer: Bethany Y. Editor: Kyla G.

It is only the first month of school, yet our Stinger athletes are up and going with their games and competitions. Our ongoing teams include: Boys Jr. and Sr. Soccer, Cross Country, Sr. Tennis, Girls Flag Football, Girls Basketball, Football, and Boys Volleyball. These teams have been hard at work throughout the month with their countless games played.

On September 26, the tennis team showed hard work and determination during their championships at Cranberry Resort. Additionally, the Jr. Girls Basketball team portrayed determination and teamwork during their matches with JOA.

On September 27, the football team performed remarkably well during their game with PET. The Girls Flag Football team also demonstrated great sportsmanship, and played amazingly well while playing against PET. Furthermore, the Boys Volleyball team performed very well during their Pre-Season Tournament on September 27th.

On September 28, the Jr. Girls Basketball team played with such great Stinger spirit against SJO. Moreover, the Cross Country team showed great skill in Sunnidale Park. Lastly, the Sr. Boys Soccer team showcased their soccer skills during their game against PF.

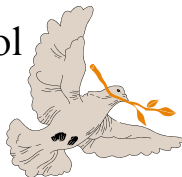
Great job to all our Stinger athletes for doing so great and representing our school very well! Keep up the outstanding work Stingers!



September Prayer



Since it is September, we at the Stinger Voice thought that for this month's prayer we should have the prayer of Saint Thomas Aquinas as our prayer of the month. This prayer is said every Friday morning on the school announcements.



**Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to
know you, a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing
to you, faithful perseverance in
waiting for you, and a hope of finally
embracing you.**



Listen to the
podcast
Catholic Latte
By Father Eric
Mah!

Muskoka Woods Notice

Writer: Kyla G. Editor: Emily L.

This is a reminder to all Grade 9s that the Grade 9 trip to Muskoka

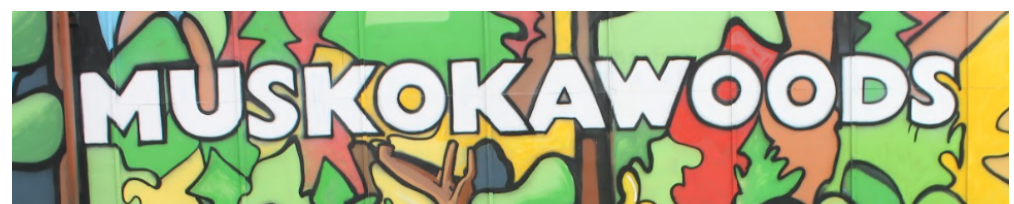
Woods is quickly approaching.

Students will be bunking up with fellow classmates from Wednesday October 11th to Friday October 13th.

The trip will be full of fun with Ms. Oliver leading her first leadership class to

Muskoka Woods. Get excited,

Stingers and remember to pack warm!



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