



ST. ANN'S ACADEMY
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JUNE MID-MONTH NEWSLETTER 2019

JUNE CALENDAR

- June 17: Final **School Mass** of the school year: 8:45 AM SAA (**Mass Dress Required**)
- June 18: Grade 7(SAA & OLPH) & HS Dance 6:30-9:00 PM
- June 19: Grade 6 Vernon waterslide trip
- June 19: Grade 7 Band Concert at SAA Gym 6:30 PM
- June 21: Primary Wildlife Park Field Trip (9:15 - 2:30AM)
- June 21: Crusader Wear Day
- June 21: Final day of classes for High School students**
- June 24: SAA store open 3:00 - 4:00 PM
- June 25: Grade 7 Graduation (6:00 PM in the SAA gym)
- June 26: Last Day of School! (grades 8, 9 & 10 students not required to be in school uniform)
- June 26: Elementary Assembly at 8:45 AM in the gym, dismissal at 10:30 AM
- June 26: High School Assembly at 11:00 AM in the gym, dismissal at 12:30 PM
- June 26: Report cards for elementary and high school students sent home
Bus run on last day – pick up at normal time in the morning; only one return run at 10:40 AM for Elementary students (no second bus for High School students that day).
- Sept 2: Labour Day (No School)
- Sept 3: International Student Welcome Day/Admin Day
- Sept 4: School begins- first day of school (full day of school)
- Sept 5: Welcome Back BBQ (details to follow in August newsletter)

PARISH-SCHOOL NEWS

Vacation Bible/Sports Camp at St. Ann's Academy July 8 – 12.



Come join us for a wonderful adventure as we learn about, and celebrate the **MARVELLOUS MYSTERY: The Mass Comes Alive!** July 8-12. Our Catholic VBS program helps children better understand the Catholic Mass and deepen their love for Jesus in the Eucharist. You are also invited to stay for the afternoon and shoot some hoops in our fun-filled basketball camp. The vacation bible program runs in the morning and is for children aged 4-12. The fee for the bible camp is \$50. The fee for shooting hoops is \$75, or if you wish both, the fee is \$125.00. Registration and volunteer forms may be found on the Cathedral website at <https://www.sacredheartkamloops.org/registrations/vacation-bible-sport-camp.html> or by calling the parish office at 250-372-2581. The registration deadline has been extended and spaces are filling up quickly.

K-12 NEWS

For latest updates and reminders, please follow us on Facebook!

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STAFFING UPDATE

Retirements

Congratulations to **Mrs. Lord** and **Mr. Iwaskow** on their retirements. Mrs. Lord has shared her talents and expertise as a Certified Educational Assistant in both the elementary and high school since 2004. Mr. Iwaskow has been our valued transportation coordinator and bus driver since 2013, providing safe travel for our staff, students and parents on both in-town and out-of-town trips. We thank them for their years of service to Catholic education and wish them all the best in their retirement!

Elementary Teacher positions

We would like to express our sincere thanks to **Mrs. Mahoney** for covering the one-year leave position in the Grade 5 classroom this year. We are pleased to announce that **Mrs. Sewell** will be covering the 0.6 elementary position for the 2019-2020 school year, where she will teach part-time in the Grade 2 and Grade 5 classrooms. Mrs. Sewell has been teaching and substituting at SAA for a number of years in a variety of roles, and we look forward to welcoming her to the elementary in this part-time role.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The front office will be open July 2nd through 5th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. We will then be closed for summer break! The office will then reopen on August 19th at 9:00 AM. Enjoy your summer!

MOVING DURING THE SUMMER?

If any of our families are moving throughout the summer, please provide the office with your new address so we will be able to send you your yearbook for next year. It is important that we have your most current contact information on file at the school office (email address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, mailing address, etc.). Thank you.

INSTRUMENT DRIVE

Do you have an old concert band instrument you're no longer using? Would you like to see it put to good use? St. Ann's Academy is holding an instrument drive to help support the elementary band program. Instrument rental fees can be difficult for some families, so donating your 'no longer used' instruments will help make music accessible to all our band students.

Concert band instruments include: flute, piccolo, clarinet, bass clarinet, oboe, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, bassoon, euphonium, tuba, electric bass, and percussion.

Together we can make sure every student discovers the joy of music!

Please email elementary music teacher, Mrs. Levasseur at slevasseur@st-anns.ca if you have an instrument to donate or would like more information. Thank-you!

LOST & FOUND & CANTEEN

Lost and found items will be set up in the elementary and high school hall ways on Tuesday, June 11. Please look through the Lost and Found tables and claim any misplaced items. If families could please label their child's belongings it would assist us in returning items to the proper owner. Any remaining items left on the tables **after 3:00 PM on June 25** will be donated to charity.

Friendly reminder that we are entering into the last two weeks of school and as such, we will no longer be loaning canteen cards from the main office. Any punch cards with remaining meals/ punches will be transferred to new punch cards for the 2019-2020 school year.

UNIFORMS GRADES 1-11 (2019/2020 School Year)

ALL students in Grades 1-11 must be in uniform supplied by TOP MARKS, our current uniform supplier. Please visit the Top Marks web site at: www.topmarks.ca to purchase a school uniform. The school password is SAA01 (01 are #'s). Please place your students uniform order as soon as possible if you have not already done so, to ensure delivery before the start of the next school year. For Grades 1-7, SAA logo gym strip may be purchased directly through the SAA office.

HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for homestay families for Chinese students for the 2019/2020 school year. We would like dedicated families who will open their homes for a cultural experience. Homestay families are required to supply a room, three meals a day, and a warm, welcoming environment. Homestay families receive \$825 per month. Form more information, please contact Bernita Leahy at 250-320-6540 or Bernita.ties@gmail.com

PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

If you love to garden and would like to get a jump start on your PPP hours for the upcoming school year we have a wonderful opportunity for you. We are looking for 2 or 3 families to look after one of our flower gardens on the top field during the summer months. If you enjoy being outside, and like to garden this project might work for you! If you would like to sign up for this project please email Mr. James Jackson our maintenance manager at: jjackson@st-anns.ca. Once we have names of the families interested in taking on this project we can set up a schedule.

2019-2020 CALENDAR DATES

To assist in your planning, the following dates have been confirmed for next year.

- September 4 – First Day of School for students (full day)
- October 10 & 11- Staff Retreat (no school for students)
- October 25th – Pro D Day (No School)
- November 25th Pro D Day (No School)
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3 – Christmas Break
- Feb. 3-7, 2020 – Catholic Schools Week
- March 16-27, 2020 – Spring Break
- June 24, 2020 – Last Day of School for students

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Each family will receive one copy of the 2018-2019 yearbook in September 2019. If your family would like to order additional copies for \$45 each, please email Miss Reiswig at: mreiswig@st-anns.ca.

ELEMENTARY NEWS



ELEMENTARY YEAR-END ASSEMBLY

The final Elementary Assembly of the year will take place on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 in the SAA gym. The assembly will begin with the presentation of intermediate awards at 8:45 AM during our Celebration of

Excellence. The intermediate awards will recognize students in Grades 4-7 for outstanding effort and achievement in certain areas.

At approximately 9:30 AM, Primary students will join the assembly and be recognized in their own special way. The Assembly will end with our final slideshow of the year. Parents are invited to attend the assembly. Elementary students will be dismissed for summer holidays at **10:30 AM** on Wednesday, June 26. Buses will leave at 10:40 AM on June 26th.

DODGEBALL INTRAMURALS

Lunch hour capture the flag intramurals have finished up for students in Grades 2 through 7. Congratulations to the **144** participants who took part during lunch time play and demonstrated great teamwork! Special congratulations goes out to the primary championship team, the **BLAZERS**, and to the intermediate championship team, the **OILERS**. A huge thank you to the Grade 6 and Grade 7 student referees for their excellent leadership skills. Special thanks to **SAPA** for providing funds for the intramural prizes. Elementary intramurals will start-up again in September!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



LAST DAY OF CLASSES & YEAR-END ASSEMBLY

The last day of scheduled classes for Gr 8 & 9 high school students will be Friday, June 21. On Friday June 21st Gr 10, 11 & 12 students will be writing the numeracy assessment exam. Those students who have already written and are satisfied with their result do not need to come to school on Friday. Their last day of scheduled classes will be on Thursday. All high school students must return to school on Wednesday, June 26 for the high school year-end awards assembly at 11:00 AM. After the assembly, students will receive their report cards. Please note that the SAA school bus will not be available for high school students to return home on this day (return bus only available for elementary students at 10:40 AM) so please plan accordingly.

CHROMEBOOKS REQUIRED FOR HIGH SCHOOL

All high school students are required to have a personal Chromebook for academic use. If you have any questions or need support in this area, please contact High School Vice Principal Mr. Arsenault at barsenault@st-anns.ca

COMMUNITY NEWS

BRIGHT RED BOOK BUS

Coming to your neighbourhood school and park this summer!

Visit the Bright Red Book Bus for a summer reading adventure! Bright Red Book Bus rack cards will be sent home with our primary students next week. For more details and a complete schedule of dates and locations, please visit www.facebook.com/BrightRedBookBus.

BIG LITTLE SCIENCE CENTER NEWSLETTER

Please click on this link for the latest newsletter <http://blscs.org/newsletters/Newsletter%20360.pdf> from the Big Little Science Center, it is full of fun and interesting activities to keep your students busy during the summer! Click on the following link to go to the summer camp guide: <http://blscs.org/scamps.htm>

EUREKA TRU SCIENCE CAMP

Looking for a summer camp for your elementary aged students? Eureka is a non-profit, student-run organization out of Thompson Rivers University that strives to increase elementary students' interest in and excitement towards science and engineering and to help teachers bring science into the regular classroom. Please visit the following link for more information! <https://www.tru.ca/eureka.html>