



ST. ANN'S ACADEMY
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JUNE NEWSLETTER 2019

JUNE CALENDAR

- May 31: Dress Down Day For Charity (see details below)
- June 3: SAA Store open 2:00 – 3:00 PM
- June 3: HS Golf Team Final @ Pineridge 12:50 PM Departure
- June 5: **Early Dismissal Elem 12:00 & HS 12:30PM; Buses leave at 12:45 PM**
- June 3-4: Grade 5 Hat Creek Ranch trip
- June 5-7: Grade 7 Sunnybrae Trip
- June 6: Elementary PLC Meetings
- June 7: Crusader Wear Day (grades 1-10)
- June 7: Last Day of Library classes – students asked to return all library books
- June 7: Elementary PE Fees and Forms due
- June 9: Youth Ministry Mass 6:00 PM Sacred Heart Cathedral
- June 10: High School PLC Meetings
- June 11: Grade 12 Grad Ball Game vs. Staff 3:00 PM
- June 11: SAPA Meeting 6:30PM
- June 11: SAA K-12 Sports Day Assembly 1:25 PM
- June 12: High School Music Department Coffee House 6:30 PM (Doors open 6:00 PM)
- June 13: Athletics Banquet 6:30 PM (see details below)
- June 14: SAA K-12 Sports Day; **1:00 PM dismissal all grades, buses leave 1:15 PM** (see details below)
- 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).

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 to better understand the Catholic Mass and deep end 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 is \$50 for the week. The basketball is \$75 or \$125 for both. 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!

<https://www.facebook.com/stannskamloops/>



SAPA Annual General Meeting and Executive Positions Available for 2019/2020

The St. Ann's Academy Parents Association Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30pm in the meeting room. We will be holding our election for the 2019-2020 executive. SAPA does a lot of work that benefits all of our students and families – please consider joining us! There are a couple of positions available, and no experience is necessary. Please contact sapa@st-anns.ca for more information, or to let us know you'd like to be involved next year. First SAPA meeting of the 2019/2020 school year will be on Tuesday September 10th.

1. **Secretary**
2. **Treasurer**

All parents/guardians of St. Ann's Academy students are eligible to serve on the SAPA executive. Executives are expected to attend our monthly meetings (currently the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 - 7:30pm, in the school meeting room, but we will consult the new executive in September to determine a schedule that works best for everyone). Our executive works very collaboratively, so while it may seem overwhelming to take on one of these positions, there is lots of help available! If you are interested, or if you have questions about any position, please contact sapa@st-anns.ca

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.

K-12 SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Friday, June 14 is St. Ann's Academy K-12 Sports Day when the entire school from Kindergarten through to Grade 12 will be divided into Sports Day teams. Your child will find out their team name and team colour on June 11 at the Sports Day Assembly. This information will be sent home to Elementary parents and team lists will be posted on the SAA Website shortly afterwards. Students are asked to wear their team colour for Sports Day (it will be a non-uniform day). All teams will take turns rotating through different stations of activities during the morning. Students should bring a water bottle, wear sunscreen and a hat. Once the stations are completed, students return to the classroom for lunch.

Elementary students are required to pre-order lunches (deadline is **June 6 by 2:30 PM**; late orders will not be accepted). Order forms have been sent home and will be available online shortly. If your child does not pre-order lunch from the concession, he/she will need to bring a lunch from home. The canteen will not be open for lunch on Friday, June 14 for elementary students. High School students are able to purchase items from the concession on Sports Day.

After lunch, students return to their teams and participate in the tug-of-war on the upper field. All students will be dismissed at **1:00 PM on Friday, June 14**. Buses will leave the school by **1:15 PM**.

Parents are invited to come and cheer on their child for our fun-filled SAA Sports Day

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 their 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!

WALKATHON T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Would you like to design the next St Ann's Academy walkathon shirt? Contest is open to all students, please see criteria below:

- Shirts must be Crusader navy blue
- Design will be printed in no more than 5 colours
- Include "SAA" or "St. Ann's Academy" or our crest
- What does it mean to be a crusader? What does SAA mean to you?

- Could incorporate your 2019 school theme: *I can do all things through Christ.*
- Artist may include name and grade
- Submitted in .pdf or .jpeg format via email to walkathon@st-anns.ca
- May be submitted on a piece of paper dropped off at the office to be scanned by Walkathon team
- Deadline for entries: **June 14, 2019**
- Good luck to all applicants!

LOST & FOUND – CLAIM BY JUNE 25

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. We appreciate if families could please label their child's belongings which assists 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.

DRESS DOWN DAY FOR CHARITY (NON-UNIFORM DAY) – GRADES K-10

Thank you to everyone who supported the last Dress Down Day for Charity where 205.65 was donated in support of the Cure for Breast Cancer. The next Dress Down Day for Charity (non-uniform day) will be held on **Friday, May 31** in support of the **Arthritis Society**. Students are invited to make a loonie or toonie donation and wear **tropical or Hawaiian themed clothing** to school instead of the school uniform.

NUT-AWARE SCHOOL

Please remind students that items containing nuts must **not** be brought into the school, we are a **nut-aware school**. This includes granola bars and other pre-packaged foods. Many people have life-threatening allergies to nut products and we ask everyone to be vigilant in ensuring we provide a safe learning environment for everyone.

We ask all parents to please convey this to your children and thank-you in advance for your assistance in communicating this message.

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. We are still working on finalizing Professional Development days.

- September 4 – First Day of School for students (full day)
- October 10 & 11- Staff Retreat (no school for students)
- 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

ELEMENTARY NEWS



SCHOOL FEES 2019-2020 – ELEMENTARY MUSIC & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In order to prepare for the upcoming school year, we will be collecting fees for our Elementary Physical Education and Elementary Music programs. The Physical Education form was sent home last week and is to be completed for each child entering Grades 1-7 in September 2019. The Physical Education fee and form are due back on June 7th.

Music instrument order forms for the 2019-2020 school year will be sent home next week for students entering Grade 3, Grade 4 and Grade 5 in September. Music fees will be due on June 14th.

Please review the letters for more detailed information. Please note that you must pay for these items separately (payment cannot be combined). We apologize for the inconvenience that this may cause. Cheques can be made payable to St. Ann's Academy. Copies of the forms may be found on the school website at <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>

Please return forms and fees to your child's classroom teacher.

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.

LIBRARY REMINDER

All books that are currently checked out must be returned to the library by **Friday, June 7th**! This is the last day of library classes for Elementary.

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

If you would like to be a member of the SAA Library's Birthday Book Club for this year, the deadline to donate a NEW book to the library is **Friday June 7th**! The intermediate party will take place on Tuesday, June 18th at lunch and the Primary party will take place on Thursday, June 20th at lunch. Invitations will be sent out to each student who has donated a book this year!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



HS COFFEE HOUSE- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH @ 6:30PM IN THE GYMNASIUM

Come enjoy a lovely evening at St Ann's Academy and enjoy listening to some of our talented high school students. Doors open at 6:00 PM with performers set to begin at 6:30 PM. Performances will include band, choir, jazz choir and individual performers. Artwork and photography created by High School Art students will also be on display. Admission is by donation and all profits go towards our High School Music and Fine Arts Department.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BANQUET

On **Thursday, June 13th**, all high school students who participated on a SAA sports team during the 2018/2019 school year are invited to attend the High School Athletics Banquet. Doors open at 6:15PM, with the meal being served at 6:30 PM in the SAA gym. The meal will be provided by the High School Athletics Department. Parents are welcome to attend. A Google Form will be emailed to High School students and parents shortly.

LOOKING FOR PHOTOS

Parents of athletes in grades 8 -12 if you have any photos of St Ann's sports teams in action, please send them to Mr. Arsenault at barsenault@st-anns.ca before June 6th to be used at the HS Athletic Banquet. Thank-you

LAST DAY OF CLASSES & YEAR-END ASSEMBLY

The last day of classes for High School students will be Friday, June 21. All High School students need to 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 run only available for elementary students at 10:40 AM) so please plan accordingly.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

CANTEEN

Mrs. Skiba is looking for volunteers in the canteen - please email mskiba@st-anns.ca if this is something that interests you!

K-12 SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be Friday, June 14th at St Ann's Academy! Please email **High School Vice Principal** Mr. Brent Arsenault: barsenault@st-anns.ca if you are able to volunteer.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MARCH IS CHILDHOOD ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

According to the Arthritis Society, about three in 1,000 Canadian children has childhood arthritis. Kamloops has been chosen this year as a walk site for the 2019 Walk for Arthritis event on June 1, 2019. Join Molly from grade 5 and her family by participating and/or volunteering for this event. Feel free to email Molly's mom at tanniswilliams88@gmail.com. If you know someone that has arthritis, please pass along this information to them. For more information visit <https://impact.arthritis.ca>.

BIG LITTLE SCIENCE CENTER NEWSLETTER

Please click on this link for the latest newsletter from the Big Little Science Center, it is full of fun and interesting activities to keep your students busy during the summer!

<http://blscs.org/newsletters/Newsletter%20360.pdf>