



ST. ANN'S ACADEMY  
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# OCTOBER *MID-MONTH* NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct 12: Gr 8 Girls Volleyball Tournament (SAA Gym)
- Oct 15 & 16: Gr 12 Physics Trip (Seattle)
- Oct 15: HS PLC Meetings
- Oct 16: Kindergarten Parent Math Workshop 8:15-10:15 AM (details will be sent home soon)
- Oct 16: First Communion Parent Meeting 7:00 PM (Grade 2 classroom)
- Oct 18: Elem PLC Meetings
- Oct 18 & 19: Senior Boys Soccer (Okanagan's)
- Oct 19 & 22: Pro D for teaching staff (**NO SCHOOL**)
- Oct 20: Senior Girls Volleyball Tournament (SAA Gym)
- Oct 22: School Council Mtg 6:00PM
- Oct 23: Elementary Baking Club 3:00-4:00 PM (for those registered)
- Oct 24: Elementary Art Club 3:00-4:00 PM (for those registered)
- Oct 24-26: Grade 12 Retreat (Harper Mountain)
- Oct 26: Crusader Wear Day grades K-10 (see details below)
- Oct 26: Gr. 1 Parent Literacy Workshop 8:15-10:15 AM (details will be sent home soon)
- Oct 26: Elementary Harvest Dance (5:00-8:00PM SAA Gym) – see details below
- Oct 26 & 27: Senior Boys Volleyball at TRU
- Oct 28: First Communion Enrollment Mass 8:30 AM SHC
- Oct 31: Orange & Black Day (see details below)
- Oct 31: Walkathon Final Assembly (1:25PM SAA Gym)

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## K-12 NEWS

### **PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS NOVEMBER 1 & 2**

Parent-Teacher (P-T) Interviews for parents of Elementary and High School students will take place on Thursday, November 1 and Friday, November 2. November 1 will be a 12:00 PM dismissal for all students. There will be no school for students on Friday, November 2.

P-T Interviews will run from 1:00-4:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, November 1 and from 8:30 AM-12:00 PM on Friday, November 2. The office will be sending out a link to families on October 18<sup>th</sup> so parents can begin booking their P-T Interview using the online booking site. If you are not able to schedule a meeting during the offered times, please contact your child's classroom teacher directly about meeting at a different time. Please note that parents of Grade 3 children will need to make alternate arrangements directly with the teacher.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Upcoming Professional Development Days for teaching staff take place on the following dates:

- Oct. 19 & 20 (Google Education Summit)
- Nov. 16, 17 & 18 (Western Conference of Catholic Religious Educators - WCCRE)

As two of these Pro-Ds fall over weekends, staff have been provided with days off in lieu of working over the weekend (Monday, October 22 and Friday, March 15). The WCCRE is an event that is being hosted in Kamloops for the first time ever and Bishop Joseph is excited to have all CISKD teaching staff attend this religious conference. As such, we are excited for this opportunity to grow in our faith alongside our fellow educational colleagues.

## WALKATHON – Final Early Daily Draw on Tuesday

Students may continue to bring in money and pledges for the next few weeks. Students have been entered into a random daily draw once for every \$25 that he/she collects in pledges. In order to be entered into the daily draws, the money and pledge forms must be turned into the main office by 9:00 AM each day. Elementary students may turn in their money and pledge forms to their classroom teachers while High School students may bring it directly to the office or Homeroom. Daily draw prizes this year include gift cards to Subway, Starbucks and Aberdeen Mall. Early Daily Draws took place October 10, 11 and 12, and will continue on October 15 & 16. Students have until 2:00 pm each day to enter their tickets into the barrel. We will continue to collect money up until October 31 but **to be entered in the final Walkathon prize draws, funds must be in by October 25.**

If your child collects \$100 or more in pledges, he/she will receive a special SAA t-shirt.

Elementary students should be supervised when collecting pledges door-to-door to ensure safety at all times.

**All money and pledge forms must be returned to the school on or before Thursday, October 25** to ensure that students are entered into the draw for final prizes which will be drawn at our Final Walkathon Assembly on October 31.

## Unused pledge forms must be returned to the school.

Our goal this year is to raise \$30,000. Funds raised will go towards purchasing sports equipment for elementary classrooms and enhancing the cafeteria space for our High Schools students. We appreciate your support of this major school fundraiser.

## CRUSADER WEAR DAY – K-10 (Non-Uniform Day)

Once a month, all students have the opportunity to participate in 'Crusader Wear Day'. Students are encouraged to wear SAA Crusader shirts and/or pants to show off their school spirit. SAA Physical Education gym strip (in Elementary) may be worn during the warmer weather on Crusader Wear Day. Students may prefer to wear regular school uniform on these days instead of Crusader Wear. Our next

Crusader Wear Day of the year will be held on **Friday, October 26th**. *Students are reminded to dress in accordance with our school dress code on non-uniform days.*

### **DRESS DOWN DAY FOR CHARITY – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 (Grades K-10)**

Thanks to your generous support of the October 12 Dress Down Day, **\$259.65** will be donated to JumpStart. Our next Dress Down Day for Charity will be held on **Friday, November 30**. More details about the November charity and theme will be included in the November Newsletter.

### **TOP MARKS UNIFORM – CUSTOMER SERVICE DATE**

The next Top Marks Customer Service date will be held on Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. All Customer Service events take place in the SAA Meeting Room from 2:00-3:30 PM. All students in grades K-10 should now be in Top Marks uniforms.

### **LOOKING FOR BILLET FAMILIES FOR NET RETREAT MEMBERS/ VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for three billet homes to host NET Retreat Team members. There are 7 team members in total (4 ladies, 3 men). The ladies will stay in groups of two while the men will need to all stay in one home together. The team will be arriving on Thursday November 22<sup>nd</sup> in the evening and will be leaving on Friday November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please visit: <https://www.bc.netcanada.ca/hosthomes> for further information regarding hosting and resources for the host families, thank-you in advance for your support!

### **LIFETOUCH & SHUTTERFLY**

New for this fall: Free Shutterfly 8 x 8 photo book if you order your SAA school photos online. SAA families who purchase their school photos on [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) will receive a FREE Shutterfly photo book. **School photo packages will be coming home Monday and Tuesday of this week.**

### **SAA STORE**

The St Ann's Academy store will be open today, Monday October 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00pm.

### **HIGH SCHOOL DANCE**

SAA High School Dance October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:30PM, tickets \$5.00 to be purchased at the school. Please encourage your wonderful High School student to attend! We are in need of chaperones for this event, if this is something that interests you, please email Domenica Spina @ [dspina@st-anns.ca](mailto:dspina@st-anns.ca)

## **ELEMENTARY NEWS**

### **RISING STARS CHOIR – Grades 4-7**

Any student in grades 4 to 7 who wish to join the elementary school choir (Rising Stars choir) are asked to please attend the next rehearsal on **Tuesday, October 16** at 8:00 AM in the Elementary Music Room. Please note that the regular rehearsal time will be held every Tuesday from 8 AM to 8:25 AM. Students should not arrive before 8:00 AM as there is no supervision provided before that time. Please contact Elementary Music Teacher Mrs. Levasseur at [slevasseur@st-anns.ca](mailto:slevasseur@st-anns.ca) or Mrs. Langevin at [mlangevin@st-anns.ca](mailto:mlangevin@st-anns.ca) if you have any questions.

## CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Congratulations to all elementary students who participated in elementary cross country running this year. Special congratulation to Grade 7 student Jacob Eichenberger on placing first in every cross country race during his elementary years (Grades 3-7) – quite the accomplishment!

## ELEMENTARY VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Volleyball Practices and Games for this week are as follows:

Monday, Oct. 15	Tuesday, Oct. 16	Wednesday, Oct. 17	Thursday, Oct. 18
Tier 3 Boys Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)	Tier 3 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)	Tier 2 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)	Tier 2 Boys Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)
Tier 1 Girls Practice (3:00 – 4:00PM) Tier 3 Girls Practice (3:00-4:00 PM)	Tier 1 Boys Game @ HOME Tier 2 Boys Game @ OLPH	Tier 3 Boys Game @ Bert Edwards Tier 3 Girls Game @ HOME	Tier 1 Girls Game @ Lloyd George Tier 2 Girls Game @ HOME

Transportation to all games will be provided by bus (except in some special circumstances – parents will be notified by coach directly). Parents are expected to pick up their child after the game at the host school. Most games will finish by 4:30 PM if not earlier. **Parents are asked to please pick up their children on time from all practices and games.**

Please contact your child's volleyball coach if your child can not attend a practice or a game, or if you have any further questions. **GO CRUSADERS GO!**

## HALLOWEEN AT SAA – BLACK AND ORANGE DAY

Students are welcome to wear **black** and **orange** coloured clothing on Tuesday, October 31 instead of the regular school uniform. SAA students do not wear Halloween costumes to school but may choose to attend the Harvest Dance on October 26 and dress up in costumes for that event.

## HARVEST DANCE – Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 PM

Ms. Makse and the Grade Seven class are organizing a **Harvest Dance** for Elementary students. This is a family-friendly event and often parents dress up for the occasion as well. Elementary students do not wear Halloween costumes to school but instead wear **black** and **orange** clothing on October 31<sup>st</sup> to school. The Harvest Dance is always a highlight of the year, and students are permitted to wear Halloween costumes to this event. The event takes place Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in the school gym.

Cost for the dance is **\$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family**. Students are encouraged to dress up in Halloween costumes for the Harvest Dance; however please be considerate of our Catholic beliefs when choosing your costumes (**no weapons; not gory in nature or against our school values**). Families can pre-order pizza for that evening, and order forms will be sent home after Thanksgiving from classroom teachers. Families are asked to please bring a nut-free snack to share.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser for the Grade Seven class year-end field trip to Sunnybrae.

## Halloween Candy – please limit quantity brought to school

Halloween is an exciting time for many of our students. We do wish to ask parents to please limit the amount of Halloween candy that is brought to school next week to no more than two treats per day. Please ensure that the Halloween treats are **nut-free**. St. Ann's Academy is a **nut-aware** school. We have a number of students who have severe nut allergies and remind parents that any foods containing nuts should not be brought into the school.

### **ART CARDS by KIDS – classroom fundraiser!**



At the end of October, your child will be bringing home a sample of a notecard that **he/she designed and created!!** Families may wish to place an order for these notecards, plaques or puzzles as all proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards covering the costs of special art projects in elementary classrooms. Art Card Orders must be submitted to your child's teacher by **Thursday, November 8, 2018**. Thank you for your support.

### **LOST & FOUND**

Our lost and found will be on display in the elementary & high school wings until October 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm. All unclaimed items will then be donated. Please stop and take a look to see if any items might belong to your family!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Knights of Columbus 57<sup>th</sup> annual Charity Appeal. For more information please ask any Kamloops Knight or visit: <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/kofcdraw>  
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