

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec 1: SAA Store will be open from 2-3:00pm

Dec 7/8: Grad Photos

Dec 7: Elementary Science Club (for those who pre-registered) 12:00-12:30pm

Dec 7: Dress Down Day for Charity grades K-9 (see details below)

Dec 8: Grades K-7 @ Jump 360

Dec 8: Elementary Assembly @ 12:50pm

Dec 11: Kamloops Ambassadors meeting for HS Girls Gr 10-12 12:45pm

Dec 11: High School Music Department Coffee House 6:30pm SAA Gym (see details below)

Dec 12: Elementary Baking Club (for those who pre-registered) 3:00-4:00pm, HS Foods Room

Dec 12: SAPA Meeting 6:30pm

Dec 13: Elementary Art Club (for those who pre-registered) 3:00-4:00pm, HS Art Room

Dec 14: Elementary Christmas Concert: 1:00pm & 6:30pm performances (see details below)

Dec 15: Crusader Wear Day for Staff and Students

Dec 15: Report Cards Go Home (Elementary & High School)

Dec 19: HS Parent Teacher Interviews (12-4pm; 5-7pm)

Dec 19: School Council Meeting 6:00pm

Dec 19: Elementary Pizza Day (for those who pre-ordered), rescheduled from Dec. 21

Dec 20: Elementary Smoothie Day (for those who pre-ordered), rescheduled from Dec. 6

Dec 20: Elementary Science Club (for those who pre-registered) 12:00-12:30pm

Dec 21: Elementary PLC Meetings (8:00-8:40am)

Dec 21: Elementary students view *The Star* movie at Aberdeen Cineplex (see details below)

Dec 22: Last Day of school before Christmas Holidays- Noon Dismissal (all students dismissed @ 12pm; busses to leave at 12:15pm)

K-12 NEWS

THANK YOU FROM THE BAZAAR COMMITTEE

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the annual SAA Bazaar such a great success on November 25. Please see attached letter from the Bazaar committee which includes a list of prize winners. We would like to offer a special thank you to Joel Loehr for his incredible dedication in making the Bazaar such a wonderful community event, and a thank you to all those who serve on the Bazaar committee!

LEGACY PAVER FUNDRAISER

Help us pave our way to a new Elementary playground! The Legacy Paver Fundraiser is well underway. If you would like to be a part of this fundraiser, see attachment for the order form which includes more details. Deadline to submit orders is December 21, 2017.

DRESS DOWN DAY FOR CHARITY – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Thanks to your generosity, the previous Dress Down Day for Charity raised **\$278.82** in support of the Royal Canadian Legion. The next Dress Down Day for Charity (*Grades Kindergarten to Grade 9*) will take place on **THURSDAY, December 7** in support of **The Make A Wish Foundation**. Students are invited to bring in a loonie or a toonie in support of this charity and wear **Christmas sweaters/shirts** instead of their regular school uniform. Students must dress in accordance with the school dress code. Thank you.

HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITY

St Ann's Academy is excited to welcome international students that will be arriving in late January. We are looking for dedicated families who will open up 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 \$750 per month per student. For more information, please contact Bernita Leahy @ Bernita.ties@gmail.com Thanks for your interest!

FEAST DAY OF ST. NICHOLAS – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

In honour of St. Nicholas, the High School students will be hanging up large stockings around the High School and near the main entrance in the Elementary wing. The stockings will be used to collect donations of new mittens, gloves, toques, etc. for those in need in our community. Thanks in advance for your support in helping with this initiative.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

CITY CHAMPIONS – TIER 1 BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Congratulations to the Tier 1 Boys Volleyball team on winning the City Championships last night at Brock. The team won the semi-final vs. McGowan Park in 3 sets, and then came from behind in the Championship Final, winning against Pac Way in 3 sets. A SAA Tier 1 Boys Volleyball team has only won the City Championship one other time since the championships begin back in 1972 and that win came 17 years ago. Well Done Crusaders!

All Tier 1 Boys volleyball Players are asked to please **return washed jerseys** to their coach by Thursday, December 7 as per the Athletic Contract (all players from other teams should have already returned jerseys as their season ended last week). Thank you.

ELEMENTARY VOLLEYBALL TEAM PARTY: On **Monday, December 4**, there will be a volleyball team party held in the gym for all teams (Tier 1 Boys & Girls, Tier 2 Boys & Girls, and Tier 3 Boys & Girls) from **3:00-4:30 PM**. Volleyball games will take place in the gym from 3:00 to 4:00 and pizza and drinks will be supplied from 4:00 to 4:30 PM in the cafeteria for all players. Thanks to the volleyball coaches for organizing the food and games for this wrap-up volleyball event – hope all the players can make it!

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL NEWS

For those students in **Grades 4 to 7** who are interested in joining extracurricular basketball at SAA, **BASKETBALL EVALUATIONS** will take place during the month of December in the gym from **3:00-4:00**

PM:

- Monday, December 18 - **Boys (Grades 4-7)**
- Tuesday, December 19 - **Girls (Grades 4-7)**
- Wednesday, December 20 – **Boys (Grades 4-7)**
- Thursday, December 21- **Girls (Grades 4-7)**

Students are asked to please let Mrs. Leggett know if they are unable to attend the basketball evaluations. Parents can contact Mrs. Leggett directly at joanne.leggett@st-anns.ca. Students will not be placed on teams if they fail to attend the evaluations and do not notify Mrs. Leggett ahead of time.

Games will begin the second week of January. Game days are as follows;

Tier 1 and Tier 2 Boys – play on Tuesdays

Tier 3 Boys and Girls – play on Wednesdays

Tier 1 and Tier 2 Girls – play on Thursdays

Practice days to be determined in January (most practices held at lunch and after school).

THE STAR MOVIE – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

The elementary will be going to Aberdeen Cineplex to view *The Star* movie on Thursday, December 21.

The Star is a sweet nativity story told from the animals' perspectives and is rated G for General.

Permission forms and concession order will be sent home on Monday. Due to very limited seating in the theatre, there will be no room to accommodate siblings or parents. The canteen will **not** be available for elementary students on December 21 so all elementary students must bring a **packed lunch from home**.

HARPER MOUNTAIN SKI TRIP FOR GRADE 6 & 7 – FORMS DUE DECEMBER 8

The Grade 6 & 7 ski/snowboard trip is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, January 11 and Friday, January 12, 2018** at Harper Mountain, and parents are encouraged to join us! All forms and payment are due in to the school office by **Friday, December 8**. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Mrs. Leggett at joanne.leggett@st-anns.ca

COLD WEATHER POLICY

Elementary students are expected to go outside during regular supervision times (before school, recess, lunch, after school). Parents should ensure that their child brings the following items needed to stay warm and comfortable when outside: Warm coat, Gloves/Mittens, Head/Ear covering, Boots, and Waterproof snow pants.

Temperature Guidelines:

➤ BELOW FREEZING (-1° Celsius to -15° Celsius)

Students will be expected to go outside for the duration of regularly scheduled outdoor time (before school, recess, lunch and after school) providing the wind speed is less than 15 km/h. If the wind speed is 15 km/h or more, reference will be made to the wind chill ('feels like') temperature. If the wind speed is 15 km/h or greater and the wind chill is -15° Celsius or colder, students will remain inside for supervision.

If the wind starts to pick up and students start to show signs of significant discomfort, the bell will ring early to allow students to come inside to their classroom, for the remainder of the outside play time.

➤ TEMPERATURE REACHES -16° Celsius to -19° Celsius

If the temperature reaches -16° Celsius to -19° Celsius, but the wind speed is less than 15 km/h, students will go outside for regular morning recess (15 minutes) and outside for 15 minutes of lunch recess (instead of 30 minutes). Students will be supervised in classrooms for the remaining 15 minutes of lunch recess. Should the wind speed be 15 km/h or higher, reference will be made to the wind chill

('feels like') temperature; should the wind chill be -15° Celsius or colder, students will remain inside for supervision.

➤ **TEMPERATURE REACHES -20 Celsius**

If the temperature reaches -20° Celsius, students will be supervised indoors (before school, recess, lunch, and/or after school).

ART CARD FUNDRAISER – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to all families who supported the Elementary Art Cards for Kids Fundraiser. Thanks to your generous support, the profit from this fundraiser was **\$719.28** and will help cover some costs associated with special art projects that take place in elementary classrooms.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Ann's Academy Elementary Christmas Concert will take place on **Thursday, December 14th**. There will be two performances this year: **1:00 PM** (time has been moved earlier, from 1:30 to 1:00 PM) and **6:30 PM**. Family members are encouraged to attend the afternoon performance if possible as our evening performance is often packed to capacity. Thank you.

It is very important that all students participate in both concerts as each student is crucial to the overall success of the concert. Their classmates and teachers count on the participation of all students! Please note that doors to the gymnasium will open **thirty minutes prior** to each performance.

Students are asked to report to their classroom no earlier than 6:00 pm for the evening concert (supervision will be available beginning at 6:00 pm).

We know that this is a very busy time for all families. We truly appreciate your support of your child and the school. It is really important for students to return to school to perform in the evening concert at 6:30 pm.

Best Concert Dress

Mrs. Mahoney, our elementary Music teacher, requests that all students come in their best concert dress unless they are one of the actors in the musical. Costumes will be provided to the actors.

Please note that students are asked to wear "**Best Concert Dress**" which refers to the following:

- **Blue jeans are not permitted**
- Dresses must be knee-length
- **Refrain** from wearing make-up, large pieces of jewellery or high heels
- Small stud earrings are permitted

On Thursday, December 14, students should come to school in their 'Best Concert Dress' for the Christmas Concert as the afternoon performance begins at 1:30 PM. *Students do not have to wear regular school uniform on December 14th.*

The Grade 7 Band will be playing during the afternoon performance while the Rising Stars Choir will be singing at the evening performance on Thursday, December 14. Band students and Rising Stars members wear the same formal dress as everyone else. Rising Stars **do not wear** their Rising Stars t-shirts.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

HS BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The High School Boys Volleyball team finished 4th out of 12 teams at the 'A' High School Boys Provincials this past weekend. The team lost a hard-fought 4-set match against Credo Christian, the eventual tournament winner. James Bates was selected as a First Team All-Star for his excellent play over the weekend. Congratulations to all players and coaches Mr. Bates and Mr. Adam on an incredible season! Thanks to all parents and volunteers for their tireless support in making the Provincials a great experience for everyone.

KAMLOOPS AMBASSADORS INFORMATION SESSION

All interested girls in grades 10-12 are invited to join the Kamloops Ambassadors Ladies for a short presentation on their program. The program promotes service in the community, education, volunteerism, leadership and personal growth. This is accomplished through a variety of classes & activities offered. For more information please visit: www.misskamloops.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

For those high school students looking to complete community volunteer hours, there is a great opportunity with the Canadian Cancer Society's Gift Wrap Campaign at Aberdeen Mall. Students will receive a letter acknowledging their hours completed in the New Year. Gift wrapping is also wonderful to do with a group of friends... grab a hot cocoa and spend 4 hours one evening demonstrating your creative flare! This is a fun way to get into the holiday spirit and support a wonderful cause!

Instructions will be given prior to your shift start. Please arrive 15 minutes early. It's easy to sign up! Visit the link below, view what shifts are available and click to register.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094ba4ab23a2ff2-gift>

For more information, please contact Jennifer Harbaruk at [250-572-1717](tel:250-572-1717) or Jennifer Dies at jdies@bc.cancer.ca

HS COFFEE HOUSE- MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH @ 6:30PM IN THE GYMNASIUM

Come enjoy a lovely evening at St Ann's and enjoy listening to some of our talented high school students. Performances will include band, choir, jazz choir and individual performers. Admission is by donation and all profits go towards our High School Music Department.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2018 KVA PACK YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLUB TRYOUTS – GRADES 6-12

Club volleyball compliments Volleyball Canada and Volleyball BC competition programming. Club volleyball is a highly organized, provincial and national competitive volleyball network designed to provide training and playing opportunities for young pre-college athletes, both male and female outside the regular high school season. December Tryout Information: KVA PACK Volleyball Club Tryouts

Information and Registration for each gender and age grouping can be found at the Kamloops Volleyball Association Website: <http://www.kamvolleyball.ca/youth.h>

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY CWL

Saint John Vianney CWL is hosting a Paint night fundraiser on Tue. Dec 12th, 2017.

Please click on the link below to buy your tickets. https://www.paintnite.com/events/_10018999

MIDNIGHT & MASKS

New Year's Eve Masquerade at OLPH Parish Centre Dec 31/2017. Event begins @ 6pm with Cocktails followed by Dinner & Dance @ 7pm. Ticket prices are \$50/ adult, \$25/ child or \$140/ family (2 adults, 2 children- \$15 each additional child). Menu & Details located on Facebook: OLPH School Kamloops. Tickets available at OLPH School T: 250-376-2343 **OR** contact Maria Cuglietta @ 778-220-1770

OLPH COUNTRY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & TEA

On Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 11am to 2pm OLPH is hosting their Country Christmas Bazaar & Tea. Full of wonderful Baking, Crafts, Bottle table, Granny's Attic, Knitting & Sewing, Jewelry & more! Come out and bring a friend for tea in our Tea Room! Address: OLPH Parish Hall, 635 Tranquille Road, N. Kamloops.