

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

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

Dec 19: **No School for High School students** (Elementary will be in session – regular day)

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: **School Mass 8:45am SAA School Gym**

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

Jan 8, 2018: First day of school after Christmas break (full day)

## K-12 NEWS

### **CANTEEN REMINDER – NO CANTEEN LOANS NEXT WEEK**

Please ensure your child(ren) bring a lunch from home or have pre-purchased canteen tickets for next week as the office will **not** be loaning out any canteen tickets. All canteen tickets are to be pre-paid. If your child uses up their punch card, he/she will bring it home in their lunch kit so you know it is time to purchase a new canteen card. You can send in a cheque payable to St. Ann's Academy with your child and they can purchase a new canteen card at the office for \$30.00. Thank you.

### **9TH ANNUAL HEAP THE HONDA EVENT!**

For the month of January, our school has been challenged by the Family Literacy Committee and Kamloops Honda to collect gently used and new board books & picture books to "Heap the Honda" (fill a Honda Ridgeline with books). These donated books will be sorted and distributed to local agencies throughout Kamloops to share with families. The hope is for every child to have good quality books at home to read and enjoy. Books will also be used to stock Kamloops Bright Red Bookshelves at key locations in the city and will be given to children at the Kamloops ABC Family Literacy Day in January.

Mrs. Sucro will have a bin in the library for students to drop off their donated books until **Wednesday, January 24th**. Please take some time over the Christmas break to go through books at home and find some that you no longer read or need and bring them to the library to Heap the Honda!!

### **LIBRARY BOOKS**

Reminder to ALL students to please return your library books to the Library before the Christmas break. Thank you!

### **CHRISTMAS AMALGAMATED**

St. Ann's Academy will once again be collecting food and gift items to support those in need in our community during this holiday season. Many thanks in advance to our families for their generous support of the Christmas hampers. Details about what each grade is requesting for donations has been communicated to parents by the classroom teacher. Christmas hampers will be delivered early next week.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

As many of our families are leaving on vacation early for the upcoming Christmas Holidays and our students have many activities taking place taking them away from school at this time of the year, we kindly ask whenever possible to please let the office as well as your child's teacher know of their upcoming absence with as much notice as possible. You can email Mrs. Galea, front office attendance administrator, at [vicky.galea@st-anns.ca](mailto:vicky.galea@st-anns.ca) or [attendance@st-anns.ca](mailto:attendance@st-anns.ca) to report any student absence at any time.

## MESSAGE FROM ACCOUNTS DEPT

Our bank is now using a cheque counter when we bring in our deposits. If you are writing a cheque to the school please print clearly and please do not put 'xx' at the end of the dollars line. The machine has trouble reading the 'x' so please put the cents or just put '00'. Also, please avoid using staples on your cheques. Thank-you for your cooperation!

## CHROMEBOOKS REQUIRED FOR SEPT. 2018 – HIGH SCHOOL

Please refer to the letter that was sent out from SAA School Council regarding the requirement for High School students to bring their own Chromebook to school beginning in September 2018. School Council wished to give parents enough notice so they are able to purchase a Chromebook for their child before September 2018. The letter can be found on the school website at <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>

## LOST AND FOUND

Parents are asked to please look through the items on the Lost and Found tables in both the High School and Elementary hallways and claim any items belonging to their child(ren). Please check regularly for missing items. **Any items that are not claimed by DECEMBER 22 at 8:00 AM will be donated to charity.** Please **label your child's belongings** to help us identify items at school which allows us to easily return them to your child(ren).

## 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. You can also access the form on our website at:

<http://st-anns.ca/wp-content/uploads/SAA-Paver-Order-Form-fundraiser-for-new-playground.pdf>

Deadline to submit orders is December 21, 2017.

## 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 \$825 per month per student. For more information, please contact Bernita Leahy @ [Bernita.ties@gmail.com](mailto:Bernita.ties@gmail.com) Thanks for your interest!

## SAPA & KAMLOOPS KITCHEN HACKS – PARENT EDUCATION SESSIONS

These two to three hour sessions are packed with nutrition knowledge and practical implementation. Walk away from these sessions with a plan in place that works just for you! Space is limited to 8 people

per session, book your spot soon! All sessions hosted by St Ann's Academy. SAPA is pleased to bring you these sessions at a 40% discount- only \$15 per person, per session. We will be having three sessions: Family Mealtimes, Meal Planning and Kitchen Hacks. Attend all three sessions for less \$45- these sessions will be put on by Danielle Sykes who is a Nutrition Educator (and one of our school's parents) with more than 15 years' experience. Check out <https://kamloopskitchenhacks.jimdo.com/> for more information.

Dates are as follows:

January 18 - 9am to 11:30am (family meal times); January 22 - 9am to 11:30am (meal planning); January 23 - 9am to 11:30am (kitchen hacks) and 6:30pm to 8:30pm (family meal times); January 30 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm (meal planning); February 6 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm (kitchen hacks)

Sign up ASAP before these sessions fill up by emailing Danielle at [Danielle.m.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:Danielle.m.sykes@gmail.com)

## **ELEMENTARY NEWS**

### **ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT – THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all families who attended our Elementary Christmas concert yesterday. Thank you all of the students for doing such an excellent job and thank you to all SAA staff members for their support in preparing for the concert. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Mrs. Mahoney for her leadership and direction with the concert! Thank you to Mrs. Ferguson and Mr. Cuzzetto for all of their extra time and support in making the concert possible. It was wonderful to see so many of our SAA parents and family members attend the concert – thank you for your support!

### **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](mailto: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).

### **ARTWORK AT RIH**

Elementary students made some beautiful artwork to be displayed at the Royal Inland Hospital over the Christmas break. If you happen to be in the cafeteria at the hospital during the holidays, please check out the artwork adorning the walls.

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### **PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS DECEMBER 19, 2017**

Parent-Teacher (P-T) Interviews for High School students only take place on **Tuesday, December 19**.

There will be no school for High School students on Tuesday, December 19 (Elementary will be in session)

P-T Interviews will run from 12:00-4:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 19. Last Monday, a link was sent out to all families so parents can begin booking their P-T Interview using the online booking site. The link can be accessed here: [https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St Ann s Academy](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St_Ann_s_Academy)

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.

For students who take the SAA school bus home, the bus schedule will remain the same as normal but students may arrive home earlier than normal as there will not be any High School students to pick up or drop off.

### **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](mailto:jdies@bc.cancer.ca)

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT**

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each for two 2018 graduating students enrolled in Catholic secondary schools, or who are members of BC or Yukon parishes and enrolled in a public secondary school, or are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500-word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of **Spirituality in Health Care**. Submissions must be received on or before March 9, 2018. For further details, please refer to the poster on display in Student Services, download <https://www.chabc.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/CHABC-Bursary-for-2018-Graduates.pdf>,

or check the CHABC website [www.chabc.bc.ca](http://www.chabc.bc.ca) under News and Events.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **ATTENTION: SAA ALUMNI BASKETBALL PLAYERS**

The annual Alumni Basketball game is scheduled to take place during the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, December 27 at SAA. The Girls Alumni Game will start at 5:00 PM and the Boys Alumni Game will start at 6:30 PM. For more details, please contact Mr. Larson. Please spread the word!

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

Club volleyball compliments Volleyball Canada and Volleyball BC competition programing. 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>

### **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 @ 250-376-2343 **OR** contact Maria Cuglietta @ 778-220-1770

## **MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT**

### **TELUS WISE: ® End Cyberbullying Video Contest**

Be creative. Be positive. Make a difference. TELUS WISE is running an #EndCyberbullying video contest. Teens aged 13-16 can enter at [telus.com/encyberbullying](http://telus.com/encyberbullying) for a chance to win cash prizes for themselves and their school. Videos submitted will be judged on content, creativity and quality. Submission deadline is January 12, 2018. The top 3 entrants will win cash prizes of up to \$3000 to be shared between the entrant and their school.

### **TELUS WISE Youth Ambassador Program: a unique volunteer opportunity for Canadian youth in grades 9-12**

Are you passionate about Internet and smartphone safety? Are you proud of your online reputation? Become a TELUS WISE youth ambassador and volunteer to educate those around you and your community on Internet and smartphone safety by facilitating TELUS WISE workshops.

- Time commitment: A 3-hour online training session plus a minimum delivery of 4 workshops/year.
- Benefits: Do your part as a digital citizen, help improve your community, refine your presentation and public speaking skills, add to your growing résumé and earn volunteer hours.

Contact [wise@telus.com](mailto:wise@telus.com) to learn more.