

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

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

Dec 25: **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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

Jan 10: **Early Dismissal Day- Elem 12:00/ HS 12:30pm Busses depart @ 12:45pm**

Jan 11: Elem PLC

Jan 11/12: Gr 6/7 Ski Trip to Harper Mountain

Jan 12: Crusader Wear Day

### **Christmas Message 2017**

Dear SAA Families,

As we approach the end of Advent and anticipate the celebration of the birth of Christ, I can't help but reflect on the gospel reading from last Sunday, the third week of Advent. John's gospel tells of John the Baptist responding to the priests who were sent by the officials of the day to find out who John the Baptist was. They asked John the Baptist if he was the Messiah or Elijah or a prophet. John the Baptist responded that he was none of those and stated, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'"

Much like John the Baptist we are called, especially during the Advent season, to prepare ourselves and others for the arrival of our Savior. This can sometimes be a challenge for all of us as December is a busy time with school performances, get-togethers with family and friends, shopping, baking, and extra-curricular activities – all good stuff. But, as John the Baptist encouraged his listeners, we also must prioritize and designate time to reflect on the "reason for the season". I am proud to be part of a community that, in a tangible and meaningful way, models John the Baptist's message through our caring relationships, our prayer life and our support of the less fortunate.

On behalf of the staff of St. Ann's Academy I would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a restful, safe and joy-filled Christmas holiday.

Shawn Chisholm

Principal

## K-12 NEWS

### **THANK YOU - CHRISTMAS AMALGAMATED**

Thank you very much to everyone who donated items and funds to support the Christmas hampers this year! Your generosity of giving to those in need during the holiday season has been greatly appreciated by all the families who have received Christmas hampers from SAA students this year. Thank you!!

## DRESS DOWN DAY FOR CHARITY

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Dress Down Day on December 7. **\$281.30** was generously donated and will be sent to the Make a Wish Foundation. The next Dress Down Day for Charity (*Grades Kindergarten to Grade 9*) will take place on **Friday, January 19, 2018** in support of **Royal Inland Hospital**. Students are invited to bring in a loonie or a toonie in support of this charity and wear **non-uniform free choice** instead of their regular school uniform. Students must adhere to our school dress code.

## 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).**

## 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!

## 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)

### 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: **February 1st 2017**. **\*Please note the date extension\***

## ELEMENTARY NEWS

### ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL

Elementary Basketball evaluations have concluded. Team lists have been posted on the PE Bulletin Board outside of the elementary entrance to the gym.

Basketball coaches for the teams are as follows:

- Tier 1 Boys – Mr. Eichenberger
- Tier 2 Boys – Miss Santos
- Tier 3 Boys – Miss Spada & Miss Robillard (Sponsor teachers Mrs. Ferguson & Mrs. McCarthy)
- Tier 1 Girls – Mr. Pearce
- Tier 2 Girls – Mrs. Leggett
- Tier 3 Girls – Mrs. Broadway

Practices will begin the first week back in January (week of January 8, 2018):

Monday, January 8	Tuesday, January 9	Wednesday, January 11	Thursday, January 12
Tier 3 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)	Tier 3 Boys Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)	Noon Dismissal <i>No Practices today</i>	Grade 6/7 Ski Trip <i>No Practices today</i>
Tier 1 Boys Practice (3:00 to 4:00 PM)	Tier 2 Boys Practice (3:00 to 4:00 PM)		
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All League Games begin the week of January 23, 2018. Permission forms and Athletic Contracts will be sent home in early January. Please ensure to include the \$10 Athletic Fee when forms are returned to help cover busing costs.

### Game dates are as follows:

Tuesdays afterschool – Tier 1 Boys and Tier 2 Boys Game days

Wednesdays afterschool – Tier 3 Boys and Tier 3 Girls Game days  
Thursdays afterschool – Tier 1 Girls and Tier 2 Girls Game days

### **CRAFT CLUB**

In January, Mrs. Iwaskow and Mrs. Dasilva will be starting up a craft club for grades 1, 2 and 3 taking place once a week during lunch break. Some of the crafts they will be making are from recycled items. If you have, or can save any of the items listed it would be much appreciated. Please bring all items into the school; we will have a box set up in the elementary hallway for all donations.

- Buttons (all sizes & colors)
- Thread & Ribbon
- Old worn toques and gloves (even with holes)
- Ric-Rac
- Old Socks or Old Nylons
- Pom-poms
- White shoe laces
- Felt (various colors)
- Plastic cutlery
- Styrofoam (different shapes and sizes)
- Bottle tops (different sizes and colors)
- Washers & screws
- Marbles or Beads
- Elastic (waist band elastic)
- Velcro
- Clothes pegs
- Tissue or wrapping paper

## **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

### **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!

### **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



### **NEW YEAR'S IN "ITALY"**

Join us in the St Ann's Gym on New Year's Eve from 6-9pm for a fun-filled family night! Appetizers, activities for children and bingo for adults as well as an exciting early 9pm countdown will make this night spectacular! Prices are; \$25 per family/ \$10 per person. Please purchase tickets at the St Ann's office or phone Domenica at 250-320-8319. This wonderful event is a fundraiser for a group of students in the school travelling to Italy in the spring of 2019.