

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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: **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

THANK-YOU TO NET RETREAT FAMILIES

A special thank you to the following families for hosting the NET team these last two weeks:

Lori and Paul Mackey
Melissa and Shane O'Neill
Odette and Frank Caputo
Nico and Louise Smit

The NET team has been a blessing for all of us!

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 collecting will be communicated to parents from the classroom teacher.

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 or 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 Thanks for your interest!

ELEMENTARY NEWS

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 are due back by Friday, December 15 (late orders will **not** be accepted). 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 Thursday, December 21** due to the field trip; students must **bring a lunch from home.**

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

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 **TODAY**. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Mrs. Leggett at joanne.leggett@st-anns.ca

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 jewelry 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

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. On Monday, a link will be 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

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.

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 on Monday Dec 11th @ 12:45pm in the meeting room. 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. 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.

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 under News and Events.

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 @ 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/endcyberbullying 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 to learn more.