

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb 4-9: Catholic Schools Week 2018 (See details below)

Feb 12: **Family Day- No School**

Feb 13: Red/Pink/White non-uniform day due to Valentine's Day celebrated early (see details below)

Feb. 13: Elementary Baking Club 3:00-4:00pm (for those who pre-registered)

Feb. 13: SAPA Meeting- 6:30pm

Feb 14: Ash Wednesday Mass 8:45am @ SAA

Feb 15: Elem PLC Meetings

Feb 15: Elem Pizza Day (for those who pre-ordered)

Feb 15: Kindergarten/ Grade 8 Information Night (for those entering in Sept. 2018) - 6:30pm @ SAA

Feb 16: Crusader Wear Day

Feb 16: Elem Assembly at (12:50pm rescheduled from Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Feb 19: HS PLC Meetings

Feb 20: School Council Meeting 6:00pm

Feb 20: Used Uniform Sale in Meeting room 2-3pm

Feb 21: Elem Smoothie Day for those who pre-order

Feb 21: Elem Art Club 3:00-4:00pm (for those who pre-registered)

Feb 22: Elem Student Led Conference 2:45-4:00pm in elementary classrooms (see details below)

## K-12 NEWS

### **BLAZERS FAITH GAME – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

On Monday February 12th, 2018 @ 2:00pm, St. Ann's Academy and OLPH will, once again, take part in certain events of the at the Kamloops Blazers Game vs. The Edmonton Oil Kings.

Each student registered at St. Ann's Academy will be entitled to one FREE ticket (includes a FREE Blazers t-shirt your child will receive at the game); many thanks to our St. Ann's Academy School Council for approving this funding to provide tickets for our students. If parents wish to purchase tickets for the game, when pre-ordered through the school, they are priced at \$10.00 each. One parent per family of a Rising Stars Choir member will receive a complimentary ticket as well.

Please note that supervision at the game is under the discretion of the parent and that staff members of St. Ann's Academy will not be responsible to supervise children at the game.

If you and your child(ren) plan on attending the game, please complete the Google Form at the link below, indicating the number of tickets you require. Payment will be collected later on for those purchasing tickets.

**Final date to order tickets will be 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.**

Link to Google Form to order tickets:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8ROIcorUif\\_RiN8joRYoQwXhku6pWihOc2HwUg-wlVc-3oQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8ROIcorUif_RiN8joRYoQwXhku6pWihOc2HwUg-wlVc-3oQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## **YOUNG AUTHORS' CONFERENCE - MAY 4, 2018**

The Young Authors' Conference is a full day conference held at Thompson Rivers University for aspiring young writers. Participating grade 4-12 students attend workshops facilitated by published writers, develop their writing skills, and collaborate with peers. To enter, a student must submit a **manuscript** of script, prose, or poetry to their classroom teacher (elementary students) or English teacher (high school students) by **April 6, 2018**. The school contact refers the manuscript to a school-based committee that selects outstanding compositions. Authors of these compositions are invited to attend the conference. Each year about 150 to 200 students participate in the conference. Criteria for the manuscript can be found at <http://sd73youngauthors.weebly.com/> or from classroom teachers. For any further questions, the Young Authors' Conference contacts at SAA are Mrs. Mary Dimopoulos (high school) [mary.dimopoulos@st-anns.ca](mailto:mary.dimopoulos@st-anns.ca) , and Mrs. Cecilia Kernan [cecilia.kernan@st-anns.ca](mailto:cecilia.kernan@st-anns.ca) and Mrs. Lori Zubak [lori.zubak@st-anns.ca](mailto:lori.zubak@st-anns.ca) (elementary).

## **SCIENCE FAIR INVITATION/GRADE 5**

Come view our amazing science projects made by St Ann's grades 8 & 9 and new this year some of our grade 5 students! Projects are displayed in the school gym on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We welcome parents and other family members to walk through the gym between the hours of 9:00am and 2:30pm to view the student's projects.

## **INVITATION TO JOIN US ON FRIDAYS FOR THE ROSARY**

On Friday mornings during Lent, parents, students and staff are invited to gather in the Chapel before school to say the Rosary together. It will begin at **7:50 AM** every Friday morning starting on Friday, February 16. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

As Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday both are on February 14<sup>th</sup> this year, at SAA we will be celebrating Valentine's Day a day early this year – Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> so that festivities can take place before Lent begins. Students are invited to wear red, pink and/or white instead of their school uniform. Donations are not required. Students are reminded to dress in accordance with our school Dress Code. For those students who wish to bring in Valentine's for their classmates, they will be asked to do so on February 13<sup>th</sup> (more details about Valentine's will be communicated directly to parents from Elementary classroom teachers).

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – February 5 to February 9, 2018**

### **\*Request for Parent Volunteers\***

**Thank you** to everyone who has already kindly offered to assist with supervision for our teaching staff during Catholic Schools Week! We have had an incredible response but are still in need of assistance with one time slot in Elementary and a variety of time slots for High School supervision.

Elementary – we need one parent to cover supervision on **Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 11:45 AM-12:15 PM**. Please add your name to the Google Doc if you are available:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ub9Hen6DtOV8Muu0zgcMKYtcAL98EIkB\\_1lbDMoHQw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ub9Hen6DtOV8Muu0zgcMKYtcAL98EIkB_1lbDMoHQw/edit?usp=sharing)

A final schedule will be emailed out to the Elementary parent volunteers this weekend with more details.

In High School, parents are still needed to cover supervision from **8:00 AM to 8:20 AM** (one parent), **11:10 to 11:25 AM** (two parents) and **12:45 to 1:30 PM** (two parents). If you have a current Criminal Record Check on file at the school office and would like to help out, please contact Mrs. Evelyn Bennett at [evy.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:evy.bennett@gmail.com)

**Thanks** in advance to our parent community for their support of Catholic Schools Week 2018!

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK NEWS

Elementary students are asked to please wear their **SAA School Uniform** (Mass Dress is only required for Grade 2 students attending the 8:30 AM Mass) for Mass on Sunday, February 4, 2018 to open Catholic Schools Week 2018. Masses will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 8:30 AM, 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM, as well as at Holy Family Parish at 10:30 AM. Students attending the Masses will be given a special ticket to be redeemed for a prize at school.

Pancake breakfasts are free of charge and will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings beginning at 7:30 AM in our school cafeteria, thanks to the many volunteers from our staff!

**Theme Days:** Each day of Catholic Schools Week, there will be a different dress theme and students are invited to dress accordingly. School uniforms are not required to be worn during Catholic Schools Week. **Students must adhere to our school dress code – no leggings, spaghetti straps or skirts shorter than 4 inches above the knee, please.**

- **Monday – Retro 70's & 80's.** Students may wear clothing typical of this time period.
- **Tuesday – PJ Day.** Students are invited to wear their PJ's to school and for bowling.
- **Wednesday – Free Dress for Elementary; Jersey/Hat Day for High School.** Elementary students can choose to wear free dress; High School students may dress in a sports jersey and/or wear hats on this day.
- **Thursday – Jersey and Hat Day for Elementary; Free Dress for High School.** Elementary students may wear a sports jersey and/or a hat. Elementary students should dress in active clothes to be prepared the Winter Sports Day; High School students can choose to wear free dress comfortable for tubing.
- **Friday – Blue & Gold** Students may wear our school colours: Blue & Gold.

The full schedule of the week's activities can be found on the school website at <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>.

The Grandparents Tea that has been traditionally held during Catholic Schools Week has been moved to Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and is now called the Strawberry Tea. More details will be sent out about this event at a later date.

## KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 8 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

SAA will be hosting Kindergarten and Grade 8 Parent Information events on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 PM. The Kindergarten meeting takes place in the Kindergarten classroom while the Grade 8 meeting takes place in the high school study room. Please encourage friends and family who might be considering enrolling their child for Kindergarten or Grade 8 in September 2018 at St. Ann's Academy to attend these information sessions.

## SAA TALENT SHOW

The St. Ann's Academy Talent Show will take place on **Wednesday, March 14** (rescheduled from March 7). Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 are invited to audition. Auditions for High School will take place on Monday, February 26 in the High School Music Room or by appointment with Mr. Cuzzetto, and auditions for elementary will take place Tuesday, February 27 and Wednesday, February 28 in the Elementary Music Room. We thank every student who will be auditioning for the Talent Show but due to our large student population, unfortunately, not all students who audition will be selected to perform at the Talent Show.

After the auditions are complete, students will be notified later in the week to let them know if they were successful in their audition. Students will then receive information regarding the Act (morning or afternoon) they will be performing in on Wednesday, March 14 during the Talent Show.

## UNIFORM DRIVE FOR TANZANIA

During Catholic Schools Week, you can help send a child to school in Tanzania by purchasing a uniform for only \$5. Donations can be brought to the classroom teacher or to the office. Uniforms will also be on sale during the pancake breakfasts and in the canteen at lunch. Thank you for your support of this annual fundraiser for our mission school, St. Gaspar, in Tanzania

## ELEMENTARY NEWS

### DROPPING OFF AND MEETING YOUR CHILD

Last week, a letter from School Council was emailed to all Elementary parents detailing a new policy about student drop off and pick up. This policy will be implemented on February 13, 2018. For more details, you can view the letter in detail at <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>. Thank you for helping us to keep our hallways safe and orderly as well as promoting your child's independence.

### ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL

Practices and Games for next week are as follows:

Monday, February 5	Tuesday, February 6	Wednesday, February 7	Thursday, February 8	Friday, February 9
Tier 2 Boys Practice (7:30-8:15 AM)	Tier 3 Boys Practice (7:30-8:15 AM)	Tier 3 Boys HOME vs. Bert	Tier 2 Boys Practice	Elem Skill Session

Tier 2 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)	Tier 2 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)	Edwards	(7:30-8:15 AM)	Optional - all teams (7:30-8:15 AM)
Tier 1 Boys Practice (3:00 to 4:00 PM)	Tier 1 Boys HOME vs. S.Sahali	Tier 3 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)	Tier 1 Girls AWAY @ Juniper	Tier 1 Boys @ Brock Tournament (4:00 PM)
Tier 1 Girls Practice (3:00-4:00 PM)	Tier 2 Boys AWAY @ Dallas	Tier 3 Girls HOME vs. Bert Edwards	Tier 2 Girls AWAY @ Rayleigh	

Mr. Eichenberger, Mr. Pearce and some of our other basketball coaches are kindly offering Basketball Skill sessions **Friday mornings** from **7:30-8:15 AM** in the gym. Players from all teams are welcome to attend. Attendance is optional.

### **ELEMENTARY STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES**

On **Thursday, February 22, 2018** all Elementary classes will be conducting **Student Led Conferences**, at which time your son/daughter will be showing you some of the work they have done, and discussing with you some of the other aspects of school they have been involved in so far this year. This is the first year that intermediate grades are hosting Student-Led Conferences which will replace Interim Reports. Student-Led Conferencing is a more effective way for your child to show you about their learning and compliments the redesigned BC curriculum very nicely.

Your children have been working very hard in their classrooms and will be very proud to show their work to their parents. We encourage all parents to attend with their child. These conferences are an opportunity for you to visit with your child in their classroom and are not intended as a formal meeting with the teacher. Only parents of Kindergarten students need to pre-book appointments this year. Please note that the conferences are an opportunity for your child to proudly show you all he/she has been working on at school. If you have questions about your child's academic progress or other questions for the classroom teacher, please set up a separate appointment time with the teacher.

#### **Kindergarten Parents**

Parents of Kindergarten students must sign-up in advance via the Google Doc that was emailed out directly to you from Mrs. Langevin.

Due to limited space in the Kindergarten room, there will be a maximum of 4 conferences happening at a time. Conferences are scheduled for 15 minutes. Kindergarten conferences will begin at **2:45 PM** with the last conference taking place at **4:15 PM**.

#### **Grade 1-7 Parents**

Parents of students in Grades 1-7 do not need to sign-up ahead of time for conferences and are welcome to visit the classrooms anytime between **2:45 PM and 4:00 PM**. The student-led conference takes about 15 minutes.

### **KAMLOOPS BLAZERS VISITING SAA**

On Monday, February 5, members of the Kamloops Blazers will be visiting elementary students. They will play a floor hockey game with students in the gym to help kick off CSW 2018!

### **KAMLOOPS HOMELESS MAT PROJECT**

The SAA elementary students are collecting plastic bags in their classrooms for “The Homeless Mat Project”. The bags will be sorted, flattened, and cut at school. They will then be passed on to some wonderful volunteers who will use the strips of plastic to crochet lightweight waterproof sleeping mats for people who find themselves without a home. We are asking students to bring clean, non-biodegradable plastic bags to their classrooms throughout the remainder of the school year. Thank you for your support of this initiative!

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### **PARENT PORTAL**

We have launched our Parent Portal for MyEd BC. You should have received a link from MyEd BC giving you access your own “Parent Portal” which gives you access to view your students attendance, current grade standing and assignment completion in each respective class. Please email: [officeadmin@st-anns.ca](mailto:officeadmin@st-anns.ca) if you did not receive a portal invitation.

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### **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.

### **LAW SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

High school students are invited to submit an essay on how social media interacts with the rule of law. Winner receives \$1,000 and runner up receives \$500! Details: [ow.ly/sh0A30hIFEm](http://ow.ly/sh0A30hIFEm)

### **DRY GRAD FUNDRAISER**

<https://www.paintnite.com/events/beach-moonlight-at-halston-pub-10046619>

Paint night fundraiser for Mature Students interested in art. Venue is open until 10pm- students are allowed into the building as it is closed to the public for this private event. Please click on the above link for more information.

### **ITALY TRIP SPOTS AVAILABLE**

Several spots have opened up for our faith-based trip to Italy during spring break of 2019. The trip will be from March 18-28, 2019, and the group will be visiting various cities, including Rome, Venice, Siena, Florence, and Assisi. The cost of the trip is \$4,175, which includes airfare, accommodations, transportation, group tour guide, entrance fees, travel insurance, all breakfasts and a few other meals. If your child is currently in grade 9, 10, or 11, and would like to go, please contact Ms. Spina ([domenica.spina@st-anns.ca](mailto:domenica.spina@st-anns.ca)) or Mrs. Bruneau ([alicia.bruneau@st-anns.ca](mailto:alicia.bruneau@st-anns.ca)).

### **HIGH SCHOOL GAMES THIS WEEK**

- Monday: Senior Boys & Girls @ Desert Sands 5:00pm & 6:45pm  
Grade 8 Girls & Boys Basketball @ Home vs Westsyde 5:00 & 6:30pm
- Tuesday: Junior Girls & Boys Basketball @ Home vs NorKam 5:00 & 6:30pm
- Wednesday: Senior Boys Basketball Playoffs @ Home 5:00 & 6:45pm
- Thursday:
- Friday: Senior Girls Cross Zone Tournament @ Home
- Saturday: Senior Girls Cross Zone Tournament @ Home

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **FAMILY FUN DAY AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 @ SHC**

COME ONE, COME ALL! Bring your family and friends. Please join members of our community for Saturday morning Mass at 9:00-9:30 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral followed by a delicious pancake breakfast and fun activities downstairs. RSVP by February 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact: Ph. 250 372 2581 or Ph. 250 372 5470

Email: [anabarsfic@yahoo.com](mailto:anabarsfic@yahoo.com) or [susan.berdusco@st-anns.ca](mailto:susan.berdusco@st-anns.ca)

### **TANZANIA MISSION TRIP 2019**

The next group is up and running, with plans of installing another water system in a village in 2019! If you would like to help these students out consider attending the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Dinner & Dance on February 17, 2018. Cocktails at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm tickets are \$80 per person (with tax receipt for \$45). To purchase tickets please contact: Margaret or Kevin Langevin 250-573-2229, Kelly Tries 250-314-1429 or Anna & Lloyd Babcock 250-579-8888.

Come enjoy a fantastic evening have some great food and hear some inspirational stories...all for a wonderful cause!

### **TANZANIA MISSION TRIP 2019 LASAGNA FUNDRAISER**

Fantastic Fundraiser from our students headed to Tanzania for those of you looking to stock your freezer and make dinner-time a little easier! Delivery for lasagna is in February. Students will be making the lasagna with the help of Carmela from La Cuccina Catering. Students will be pre-selling lasagna's in the school foyer on February 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>!

Please contact Kathryn Rozek: [krozek@shaw.ca](mailto:krozek@shaw.ca) , Cheyenne Kennedy: [kennedy.chey@hotmail.com](mailto:kennedy.chey@hotmail.com) , Mr. or Mrs. Langevin or any one of the students traveling to Tanzania for more information.

### **KAMLOOPS MAKERSPACE**

Hobbyist, inventor, artist, innovative person...does this sound like your child? Would spending time in a kitchen, hack room, electronics room, metal shop, wood shop, clay space and kiln room, design lab or craftorium be of interest to her/him? If so, consider taking your child to Kamloops Makerspace to check out their community workspace! A weekly open house takes place every Wednesday from 5-9PM. For more info and location, please visit <http://kamloopsmakerspace.com/>