

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb 26: HS PLC Meetings
Feb 28: Anti- Bullying Day (HS & Elementary Students wear pink - see details below)
Mar 1: Elem PLC Meetings
Mar 2: Grades K-9 Crusader Wear Day
Mar 5: **Re-registration packages due to office**
Mar 9: "Patterns" Dress Down Day For Charity K-9 students- see details below
Mar 9: Reconciliation (Grades 2-12), SAA Gym
Mar 12: Elementary Lenten Retreat, 8:45am, SAA Gym
Mar 12: Grad Transitions Presentations 1:30-2:30pm, SAA gym
Mar 12: High School PLC Meetings
Mar 13: Science Fair (Grades 5, 8 & 9) details below
Mar 13: Elementary Baking Club (3:00-4:00pm for those registered)
Mar 13: SAPA Meeting 6:30pm (Meeting Room)
Mar 13: School Council Meeting 6:00 pm (HS Study)
Mar 14: Talent Show (High School & Elementary)
Mar 14: Elem Smoothie Day for those who pre-ordered
Mar 14: Elementary Art Club (3:00-4:00pm for those registered)
Mar 15: Elem PLC Meetings
Mar 16: Report Cards for HS & Elementary students going home
Mar 16: Last Day of School before Spring Break (full day)
Mar 16: **School Mass (K-12), 8:45 AM SAA Gym.** Mass Dress not required (Green Day).
Mar 16: Non-uniform day (Green Day)
Mar 19-30: Spring Break
Apr 2: Easter Monday (no school)
Tuesday, April 3: School Re-opens after Spring Break

K-12 NEWS

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: Monday, February 26th @ 3:00 pm – High School music room
*High School auditions can also be made by appointment – please see Mr. Cuzzetto
Tuesday, February 27th @ 2:45 pm (last names A to M) – Elementary music room
Wednesday, February 28th @ 2:45 pm (last names N to Z) – 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.

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL: Monday, March 12th & Tuesday, March 13th @ 3:00 pm (SAA Gym)

Anti-Bullying Day – Wednesday, February, 28 – Wear PINK!

Anti-Bullying Day (a.k.a. **Pink Shirt Day**) is a day celebrated on various dates throughout Canada, including the last Wednesday of the month of February each year. It originally started as a protest against a bullying incident at a High School in Nova Scotia. Annually on this day, people participate by wearing pink to symbolize a stand against bullying.



We will recognize Anti-Bullying Day at St. Ann's Academy on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 and students will be encouraged to wear pink! For those who ordered a pink SAA t-shirt, t-shirts were sent home with your child on Monday, February 19.

RE-REGISTRATION PACKAGES

Students will be bringing home re-registration packages today. Packages have been distributed to the youngest/only child in each family. After completing the re-registration forms, please take a moment to look over your package before sending it back to the school. **In an effort to cut down on the usually months long processing time of our re-registration packages, this year, we will not be accepting incomplete packages.** Incomplete packages brought back to the school office will be returned home to be completed in full. Please have your completed package returned to the school office on or before 4:00pm on Monday, March 5th to **avoid the \$50.00 late application fee and to ensure your child's spot is reserved for the 2018-2019 school year.** Thank-you very much for your support!

DRESS DOWN DAYS (NON-UNIFORM DAY) – GRADES K-9

The next Dress Down Day (non-uniform day) will be held on **Friday, March 9, 2018** in support of AIDS. Students are invited to make a loonie or toonie donation and wear patterns – 'Pattern Panic'- instead of the school uniform.

CHANGES TO SCHOOL CALENDAR – IMPORTANT DATES

All changes have been made to the online calendar which can be viewed on our website at:

<http://st-anns.ca/>. Please make a note of the changes:

- The February 28th Early Dismissal has been moved to March 7th.
- Lenten Reconciliation is scheduled for March 9th (HS @ 10:00 AM; Elementary @ 10:45 AM).
- The Science Fair has been rescheduled to March 13th.
- The Talent Show has been moved to March 14th.
- The March School Mass has been rescheduled to March 16th @ SAA, 8:45 AM (in place of the separate Elementary and HS Masses originally scheduled for March).
- Non-instructional dates – April 25, 26, and 27. School will not be in session as teaching staff will be attending Professional Development in Kelowna with the CISND schools.

2017 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The 2017 Income Tax Receipts are available for pick up at the school office. Any receipt unclaimed by Tuesday, February 27 at 3:00 PM will be mailed. If you wish for your child to pick up the tax receipt, please let Mrs. Rombough know by sending her an email in advance at accounts@st-anns.ca.

SAPA SPRING RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

The annual Spring Raffle Fundraiser ticket booklets were sent home with the youngest child in each family on Tuesday of this week. Please be sure to check your child's backpack for the tickets and contact the school office if you have not received the tickets for your child. SAPA is respectfully asking each family to sell one ticket booklet of 10 tickets (\$5 per ticket). For every booklet sold, you earn 1 PPP hour! The raffle prizes are incredible again this year and should make these tickets easy to sell! All ticket booklets (sold or unsold) **must** be returned to the main office by **Monday, March 5**. Draw date will be Friday, March 9. All funds raised by the raffle fundraiser directly support student activities and projects. Thank-you for your support!

UPCOMING VACATIONS

With Spring Break just around the corner and some students leaving early for vacation, we kindly ask that you email Mrs. Galea: attendance@st-anns.ca or vicky.galea@st-anns.ca at the attendance desk to inform her of your student's upcoming absences **prior to the absence**. Thank-you very much!

LOST AND FOUND – PLEASE CLAIM BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

The Lost and Found table is overflowing again. We will be donating all unclaimed items to charity on Wednesday, March 7. **Please claim items before 12:30 PM on March 7**. Remaining items will be donated to charity. It is very important that student belongings are clearly labelled with student name which helps us to return items to the proper owner. This goes for our High School students as well.

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, and Mrs. Cecilia Kernan cecilia.kernan@st-anns.ca and Mrs. Lori Zubak lori.zubak@st-anns.ca (elementary).

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.

TOP MARKS UNIFORM FITTER NEEDED

Top Marks, your uniform supplier, is looking for people who are interested in joining their fitting team. In particular, people who are dependable and would be available to work from 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm, on some Mondays to Thursdays in May and June. Not all weeks will have four days of work. Not all weeks will have work. Exact dates of work will be confirmed by March 30th, working with your schedule. If you are able to work certain days and not others they will work with you to find a mutually convenient schedule. Duties of fitters are: assisting parents selecting the appropriate clothing for their children in correct sizes. Support from experienced fitters will be provided. Wages are \$12.50 per hour. If you are interested in this position please contact: Lorraine Mitchell at Top Marks by phone at 204-979-1049 or email her at Lorraine@topmarks.ca and she can provide more details. Applications accepted until March 30th. Thank-you

ELEMENTARY NEWS

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the **Tier 3 Boys** and **Tier 3 Girls** Basketball Teams on their very successful basketball seasons. Tier 3 players are asked to return their washed jerseys as soon as possible. These teams are not competing in playoffs and their basketball season has concluded for this year. Well Done, Crusaders!

Tier 1 & 2 Boys and Girls teams will compete in Elementary Basketball District Playoffs. If they win the game in the first round, they will play in the next round. Should they lose the first game in the playoffs, the team will be finished playing for the season (first-round knock-out). **GOOD LUCK, CRUSADERS!**

Practices and Games for next week are as follows:

Monday, February 26	Tuesday, February 27	Wednesday, February 28	Thursday, March 1
Tier 1 Boys Practice (7:30-8:15 AM)	Tier 1 Girls Practice (7:30-8:15 AM)	Tier 1 Girls HOME vs. L. George	Tier 1 Boys HOME vs. TBA
Tier 2 Boys Practice (7:30-8:15 AM)	Tier 2 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)		
Tier 2 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)	Tier 2 Boys Game @ HOME Teams TBA	Tier 2 Girls AWAY @ RLC	
Tier 2 Boys HOME vs. L. George			

Thanks to everyone who attended the basketball skill sessions on Friday mornings. They have concluded for this school year.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

A reminder that the **TRU entrance scholarship** deadline is **March 1, 2018**. Please submit scholarship applications to the student award and financial support office by 4:00pm. Please see attachment for further information and application form.

SCIENCE FAIR INVITATION - LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Come view our amazing science projects made by St Ann's grades 8 & 9 and, new this year, some of our grade 5 students!

Have an interest in Science or Math? We are looking for volunteer judges with a science or math background that could possibly spare a few hours and help judge some amazing science fair projects, which will be a great way to earn those PPP hours!! Please contact the office or Miss. Smylie at Katie.smylie@st-anns.ca if interested. Thank- you!! All projects will be displayed in the school gym on March 13th. 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.

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.

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

GRAD TRANSITIONS – PARENT PRESENTATION

Attention Grad parents, family members and SAA Staff: The Grad class of 2018 would like to invite you to their Grad Transitions Presentation taking place on Monday, March 12th from 1:30pm-2:30pm in the St Ann's Academy Gym. Please RSVP to Domenica.spina@st-anns.ca by March 5th if you are able to attend.