

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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 13: Pancake Breakfast K-12 (Student Council) 7:45am
Feb 14: **Ash Wednesday Mass 8:45am @ SAA Mass Dress Required**
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 2nd)
Feb 19: HS PLC Meetings
Feb 20: Grade 7 Retreat
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

CARING FOR EVERYONE IN OUR COMMON HOME

St Ann's wishes to say thank-you to our wonderful parent & staff community for helping the following groups with your generous donations:

Alzheimer Society of BC: \$171.25

These donations were collected primarily on Dress Down Days and are so greatly appreciated by the these organizations- thank-you all very much!

SAPA SPRING RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

We will be sending home the SAPA annual Spring Raffle Fundraiser ticket booklets on Tuesday of next week. SAPA is respectfully asking each family to sell one ticket booklet of 10 tickets (\$5 per ticket). Again this year, our popular and excellent prizes should make these tickets easy to sell! Thank-you for your support!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – THANK YOU

[Thank you very much](#) to the MANY parent volunteers who gave time to cover supervision duties, help with Winter Sports Day, supervise at bowling and tubing, and help out in a variety of other ways. We are so THANKFUL to our parent community for all of your support, and for ensuring that Catholic Schools Week 2018 was so successful.

BLAZERS HOCKEY GAME

We look forward to seeing many St. Ann's Academy students join us at the Kamloops Blazers Hockey Game this upcoming Monday, February 12. Bishop Joseph will be dropping the puck, the Rising Stars choir will be singing the national anthem, and High School band students will also be performing. Students are encouraged to wear their SAA Crusader Wear to show their school spirit. Hope to see you there!

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

As Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday both are on February 14th this year, at SAA we will be celebrating Valentine's Day a day early this year – Tuesday, February 13th 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 13th (more details about Valentine's will be communicated directly to parents from Elementary classroom teachers).

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – SHROVE TUESDAY (FEB. 13)

On Tuesday, February 13, Shrove Tuesday (also known as 'Fat Tuesday'), the High School Student Council will be hosting a pancake breakfast beginning at 7:45 AM in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend as we mark the last day before the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday is February 14).

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.

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.

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

Thank you for your support of our last Dress Down Day for Charity where **\$334.65** was donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. 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.

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).

ELEMENTARY NEWS

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL

Practices and Games for next week are as follows:

| Monday, February 12 | Tuesday, February 13 | Wednesday, February 14 | Thursday, February 15 | Friday, February 16 |
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| <i>No Basketball BC Family Day</i> | Tier 3 Boys Practice (7:30-8:15 AM) | Tier 3 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM) | Tier 1 Girls Practice (7:30-8:15 AM) | Elem Skill Session Optional - all teams (7:30-8:15 AM) |
| | Tier 2 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM) | Tier 3 Boys AWAY @ South Sahali | Tier 2 Boys Practice (7:30-8:15 AM) | |
| | Tier 1 Boys HOME vs. Pacific Way | Tier 3 Girls HOME vs. South Sahali | Tier 2 Boys Practice (12:00-12:30 PM) | |
| | Tier 2 Boys AWAY @ Rayleigh | | Tier 1 Girls HOME vs. Pacific Way | |
| | | | Tier 2 Girls AWAY @ OLPH | |

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.

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 to your own "Parent Portal" which allows you to view your students attendance, current grade standing and assignment completion in each respective class. Please email: officeadmin@st-anns.ca if you did not receive a portal invitation.

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 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

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) or Mrs. Bruneau (alicia.bruneau@st-anns.ca).

HIGH SCHOOL GAMES THIS WEEK

- Monday:
- Tuesday: Grade 8 Girls @ Westsyde 6:30 pm / Grade 8 Boys @ South Kam 6:30 pm
- Wednesday: Senior Girls @ Ashcroft 6:00 pm/ Senior Boys @ Barriere vs Ashcroft 6:45 pm
- Thursday: Senior Boys @ Barriere vs TBA
- Friday:

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 8th. Contact: Ph. 250 372 2581 or Ph. 250 372 5470

Email: anabarsfic@yahoo.com or 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 16th 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 Cucina Catering. Students will be pre-selling lasagna's in the school foyer on February 19th & 20th!

Please contact Kathryn Rozek: krozek@shaw.ca , Cheyenne Kennedy: 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/>