

JANUARY CALENDAR

Jan 22: HS PLC
Jan 23: School Council Meeting 6pm
Jan 24: Elem Smoothie Day (for registered students)
Jan 25 & 26: Grad Photo Re-takes
Jan 25: Elem PLC
Jan 25: Reconciliation for 1st Communion Candidates (6:30pm SHC)
Jan 26: Elem. Basketball Skills Session 7:30am @ SAA gym
Jan 31: **Early Dismissal Elem 12:00/ HS 12:30pm Buses depart @ 12:45pm**
Feb 1: Elem/ HS PLC
Feb 2: Dress Down Day (Heart & Stroke Foundation)
Feb 2: Elem Assembly 12:50pm
Feb 2: Grade 8 Girls Basketball Tourney @ SAA
Feb 2: Tier 2 Elementary Girls Basketball Tourney @ OLPH
Feb 2: Elem. Basketball Skills Session 7:30am @ SAA gym

K-12 NEWS

CARING FOR 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:

Ronald McDonald House Charities: \$271.00

Royal Canadian Legion, Brand 052: \$278.82

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

PARKING REMINDERS

Parents are asked to please be mindful when backing up to park in the parking stalls near the school building. Please refrain from backing up where your vehicle (mainly trucks) goes well past the sidewalk as it could cause injury to students and families walking on the sidewalk. Thank you for your assistance.

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

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!

If you would like to **pre-order** a pink **SAA t-shirt** for this event, please complete the order form which can be found on the school website at <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>. Please return form and payment to the School Office on or before **Wednesday, January 31, 2018.** Students may also wear these **pink SAA t-shirts** during Crusader Wear Days throughout the school year.

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 take place at the end of February, but students may wish to start preparing now. 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 Friday, March 18th during the Talent Show.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – February 5 to February 9, 2018
Request for Parent Volunteers

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated in Catholic Schools across the world. This year, our theme for Catholic Schools Week is “Care For Everyone In Our Common Home”, and we are planning some great activities to celebrate how wonderful it is to attend a Catholic School. Permission slips will be sent home with students on Friday, January 12.

We are asking parents to help cover supervision duty for our dedicated Teaching Staff during Catholic Schools Week as a sign of our appreciation for all they do. (Due to confidentiality reasons, we cannot have parents cover supervision for our CEAs but we will show our appreciation for them in another way during this week).

Parent Volunteers are needed to help with **outside supervision (Elementary) and indoor supervision (High School) during the week of February 5 to February 9, 2018.** Parents are able to earn **Parent Participation Hours** for their supervision help during Catholic Schools Week.

In Elementary, we hope parents will be able to cover supervision from **8:00 to 8:20 AM, 10:15 to 10:30 AM, 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM** and from **2:30 to 3:00 PM**. We require **two parents** for each of these time slots for each day. If you have a current Criminal Record Check on file at the school office and would like to help out, please contact Mrs. Leggett at joanne.leggett@st-anns.ca.

In High School, we hope parents will be able 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

Parent Volunteers are also needed to help out with our **Elementary Winter Sports Day** that will be held outside during Catholic Schools Week on **Thursday, February 8, 2018**. Parents must have a current Criminal Record Check on file at the School Office. Please contact Joanne Leggett at joanne.leggett@st-anns.ca if you are able to help out by supervising at a station alongside a staff member.

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

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.

DRESS DOWN DAY FOR CHARITY

The next Dress Down Day for Charity (*Grades Kindergarten to Grade 9*) will take place on **Friday, February 2, 2018** in support of the **Heart and Stroke Foundation**. Students are invited to bring in a loonie or a toonie in support of this charity and wear **red/pink/white** instead of their regular school uniform. Students must adhere to our school dress code.

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 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!!

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 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

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 2018**

ELEMENTARY NEWS

TOP 5 THINGS I LOVE ABOUT SAA – forms due to office by January 26

Elementary students have been given forms where they can write about the Top 5 things they love about St. Ann's Academy. A selection of the responses will be read during morning announcements during Catholic Schools Week. The form can also be found on our school website at <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>.

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL

Practices and Games for next week are as follows:

Monday, January 22	Tuesday, January 23	Wednesday, January 24	Thursday, January 25	Friday, January 26
Tier 2 Boys Practice (7:30-8:15 AM)	Tier 3 Boys Practice (7:30-8:15 AM)	Tier 3 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)	Tier 2 Boys Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)	Optional Basketball Skills sessions (7:30-8:15 AM)
Tier 1 Boys Practice (3:00 to 4:00 PM)	Tier 2 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)			
Tier 1 Girls Practice (3:00-4:00 PM)	Tier 1 Boys HOME vs. KSA	Tier 3 Boys HOME vs. Summit	Tier 1 Girls HOME vs. Dallas	Tier 2 Boys @ OLPH Tournament (12:40 PM onwards)
	Tier 2 Boys AWAY @ OLPH 1	Tier 3 Girls HOME vs. Summit	Tier 2 Girls AWAY @ KCS	

Beginning Friday, January 26, Mr. Eichenberger, Mr. Pearce and some of our other basketball coaches are kindly going to offer Basketball Skill sessions **Friday mornings** from **7:30-8:15 AM** in the gym. Players from all teams are welcome to attend.

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

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Please be reminded that there is NO supervision provided for students before 8:00 am and after 3:00 pm. Please make arrangements to drop off and pick up your children between these hours. Students are allowed to be in the school for **supervised** sports activities, **supervised** clubs (homework, baking, etc.) and **supervised** events held outside of the regular schedule. Students are not to be wandering the school hallways after hours without adult supervision. Thank you for your attention to this request and for partnering with us to keep all students safe.

UNPLUG & PLAY FAMILY LITERACY WEEK







The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends parents prioritize creative, unplugged playtime for infants and toddlers. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends parents prioritize creative, unplugged playtime for infants and toddlers. Make sure to check out the awesome events happening in our community during Interior Savings Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week from January 21-28! **Students have brought home Unplug and Play Challenges which can be filled out and returned to their teacher by Friday, February 2nd for a chance to win a class prize!** For more information, please refer to the website www.abclifeliteracy.ca.

13TH ANNUAL CONFIRMATION RALLY

Faith Formation students and SAA Grade 7 students doing their confirmation this spring are asked to please register for the Confirmation rally @ OLPH taking place on Saturday February 17, 2018. Forms were handed out at the parents Confirmation meeting.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Games this Week:

 Monday:	Grade 8 Girls & Boys @ Home vs South Kam 5:00 & 6:30 pm
 Tuesday:	Junior Girls & Boys Basketball @ Merritt 5:00 & 6:30 pm
 Wednesday:	Senior Boys Basketball @ Home vs Clearwater 6:45 pm
 Thursday:	
 Friday:	Junior Boys Basketball @ Langley Christian Tournament
 Saturday:	Junior Boys Basketball @ Langley Christian Tournament

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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 LASANGE 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 lasagnes is in February. Students will be making the lasagnes with the help of Carmela from La Cuccina Catering.

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.

SIGNATURE CAKES

Looking for a cake for that special occasion? Check out **Signature Cakes @ www.signaturecakes.ca** Maria Lorraine is the owner/ artist and baker extraordinaire behind signature cakes! Maria is donating 25% of every cake ordered through our St Ann's community back to our school. Thank- you Maria for your generosity - happy baking!