

JANUARY CALENDAR

Jan 28: Rising Stars Choir sings at Holy Family Parish (10:30 AM)
Jan 31: Pink T-shirt orders due into the office for Anti-Bullying Day (see details below)
Jan 31: **Early Dismissal Elem 12:00/ HS 12:30pm Buses depart @ 12:45pm**
Feb 1: Elementary and HS PLC Meetings
Feb 2: Dress Down Day Grades K-9 (Heart & Stroke Foundation – see details below)
Feb 2: Elem. Basketball Skills Session 7:30am @ SAA gym
Feb 2: Grade 8 Girls Basketball Tourney @ SAA
Feb 2: Tier 2 Elementary Girls Basketball Tourney @ OLPH
Feb 2: SAA Clothing Store open from 2-3:00pm
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 3:00-4:00 PM (for those who pre-registered)
Feb. 13: SAPA Mtg- 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 (12:50pm (rescheduled from Feb 2nd))

K-12 NEWS

Dear SAA Parents,

On Monday, February 12, 2018, SAA and OLPH will once again be participating in various aspects of the upcoming Kamloops Blazers home game vs. the Edmonton Oil Kings on Family Day. Both school communities are excited to have this opportunity to participate in this event and we wanted to provide some detailed information for our families ahead of the event. The SAA School Council will provide free game tickets for the first 300 student requests. Included with this free ticket is admission to the game, a Blazers t-shirt as well as an opportunity to "skate with the Blazers" after the game. Parents can purchase additional tickets at a reduced rate of \$10.00.

The Rising Stars from both schools have been invited to sing the National Anthem and are asked to wear their Rising Stars T-Shirts as well as their uniform bottoms. One parent for each Rising Star that is performing will receive a free ticket as well. Additionally, Bishop Joseph Nguyen will be dropping the puck for the ceremonial opening face off! Students are encouraged to wear their SAA wear to show their school spirit!

We will be emailing parents a link to a Google form early next week that will act as your ticket order for your family. Please take time to identify the number of free student tickets, a Rising Stars parent ticket (if applicable), or paid parent ticket required. Please plan on attending this great community building event!

Shawn Chisholm

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 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).

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 – only one week away! We have had a great response but are still in need of assistance. If you can spare some time, please consider volunteering.

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 **complete the Google Doc found at the link below** if you are able to help out by supervising at a station alongside a staff member.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ub9Hen6DtOV8Muu0zgcMKYtcAL98EIkB_1lbDMoHQw/edit?usp=sharing

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

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 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.

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 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 Wednesday, March 14 during the Talent Show.

DRESS DOWN DAY FOR CHARITY

Thanks to the generous support of our last Dress Down Day, **\$221.40** will be donated to the Royal Inland Hospital. 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.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

SAA INTERMEDIATE: **SWIM CLUB**

Any students from Grade 4 - 7 interested in joining the SAA swim club please return the permission forms (**found on the website**) and 15\$ Athletic fee (which includes an SAA swim cap) to Mrs. Blower by Feb. 2nd. Swim club is on Wednesdays at TCC from 3:00 - 3:45 on the following dates: Feb. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, Mar. 14th, Apr. 4th (there is no Swim Club on early dismissal Wednesdays or during Spring Break). Students must provide their own transportation to Wednesday Swim Club practices. Parents must pick up their children from Swim Club practices no later than 4:00 PM please. There is also a swim meet on April 18th during school hours for Swim Club students wishing to participate. Please note: Swim club is not the same as swimming lessons; students must be able to swim 2 lengths unassisted in the deep end.

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 20th -

27th! **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 one of three randomly drawn prizes!** For more information, please refer to the website abclifeliteracy.ca.

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL

Practices and Games for next week are as follows:

Monday, January 29	Tuesday, January 30	Wednesday, January 31	Thursday, February 1	Friday, February 2
Tier 2 Boys Practice (7:30-8:15 AM)	Tier 3 Boys Practice (7:30-8:15 AM)	Tier 1 Boys Practice (7:30-8:15 AM)	Tier 2 Boys Practice (7:30-8:15 AM)	Elem Skill Session Optional - all teams (7:30-8:15 AM)
			Tier 1 Girls 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 3 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)		
Tier 1 Boys HOME vs. KSA	Tier 2 Boys HOME vs. Sk'elep	Tier 3 Boys BYE (noon dismissal)	Tier 1 Girls HOME vs. Dufferin	Tier 2 Girls @ OLPH Tournament (12:40 PM onwards)
		Tier 3 Girls BYE (noon dismissal)	Tier 2 Girls AWAY @ RLC	

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.

CRAFT CLUB

Mrs. Iwaskow and Mrs. Dasilva are offering 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 below, 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. Thank you!

- 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

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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.

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 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.

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!

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/>