

SAA Weekly: July 5

CALENDAR

Aug 20: School office re-opens (9:00 AM to 3:00 PM) for the rest of the month of August

Aug 30: Grade 8 orientation @ 10:00 AM (see details below)

Wednesday, Sept 5: First day of school for students. Students attend full day, regular school hours. School uniform required for Grades 1-10.

Sept 13 & Sept 14: School **not in session for students** (Diocesan Retreat for all staff members).

YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM ADMIN TEAM

As the 2017-2018 school year comes to a close the admin team (Mr. Chisholm, Mrs. Leggett & Mr Green) would like to pass along our thanks to the many people that played a role in making this school year such a success.

Firstly, to our **students** --Thank you for all the work you've done this year. Whether it was community service, dedication to your academics, or sports. You help make our school a community. For any of our students moving on to other schools and programs - thank you for the time you spent at SAA. A special farewell and congratulations to our graduates of 2018 - may God grant you many future blessings. The SAA community encourages you to pray daily, regularly receive the sacraments and stay connected to your faith and use it to be a source of inspiration to all you meet.

To our **staff** of SAA - many thanks for your dedication to Catholic education, and to the students and families we serve. The many hours you commit to creating a faith-centered, safe and supportive educational environment for the students of SAA is greatly appreciated.

To our Parents—the SAA mission is critical to school's success. Your level of engagement speaks to the value you place on providing your children with an education that is grounded in Catholic principles and values. A special thank you to our SAA families that will no longer have children attending SAA after this school year - please know that your support over the years has been greatly appreciated and we will continue to rely on your prayers and support as parent alumni. Many thanks to all those parents who played an integral role in bringing the new elementary playground installation to completion this past school year!

To **Fr. Derrick**, thank you for your commitment to Catholic education and St. Ann's Academy. During the past year, you have spent countless hours providing leadership, vision and pastoral support for our students, staff and parent community.

We wish our entire school community a relaxing and joy-filled summer!

STAFF FAREWELLS

A very heartfelt thank you to our SAA staff members, **School Principal, Mr. Chisholm, and High School Vice-Principal, Mr. Green**. They will be continuing their educational careers in other capacities. **Mr. Chisholm** has served as school Principal for the past 15 years and has provided exemplary leadership of SAA during his tenure. The many hours he gave for the betterment of our school – late nights, many weekends, and most summers – have been greatly appreciated! The school has thrived academically and financially under his guidance. His dedication to Catholic education in Kamloops will have a long-lasting impact. We wish him all the best in his new role as Executive Director of FISA based out of Vancouver.

Mr. Green has been the High School Vice-Principal and High School Athletic Director for the past 13 years, and has generously shared his time and talents in helping to shape our school into the great community it is today. We especially appreciate all of the time he has given to the High School Athletics programs – many late nights coaching and weekends of travel. These are the things that our students will remember always. We greatly appreciate his support of Catholic education and helping to enrich our school community. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

STAFF WELCOME

With the changes in administration, we also look forward to the **new staff** that will be joining the SAA community next year. **Mr. Patrick Niwa** will be assuming the role of SAA School Principal, and is relocating to Kamloops from the lower mainland this summer. He is looking forward to meeting everyone and working together to continue to provide an excellent Catholic education for our students. **Mr. Brent Arsenault** will take on the role of High School Vice-Principal and Athletic Director after serving as the High School Learning Resource Coordinator this past school year. Mr. Arsenault brings previous experience as an administrator to his new role at SAA.

Additional staffing updates will be included in the SAA Weekly at the end of August.

K-12 NEWS

SCHOOL CALENDAR – PRO D DAYS

Our school staff will be attending two Professional Development (Pro D) days over the weekend this coming school year. As such, they will receive a day off in lieu of for giving up their Saturdays to attend these important Pro D sessions. For example, to improve their understanding of technology and how it can be used as a tool to support learning, staff will be attending the Google For Education Summit on October 19 and 20 and will receive Monday, October 22 as a day off to recognize their weekend commitment. This means that there will be no school for students on this day, as the school will be closed. As well, the Western Conference of Catholic Religious Educators (WCCRE) is taking place November 16-18 in Kamloops. The WCCRE will provide valuable opportunities for staff to reflect and deepen their faith. Staff will receive days off on Monday, November 19 as well as Friday, March 15 in lieu of attending this conference. There will be no school for students on either of those days and the school will be closed. These professional development days are important to developing our staff and therefore we appreciate your understanding. Please refer to the online Google calendar for the full 2018-2019 [school calendar](#) found on the school website.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019

The 2018-2019 Google school calendar is now on the school website. You can find the school calendar on our website by visiting <http://st-anns.ca> and clicking on the link 'School Calendar' on the left side of the homepage.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be closed for the summer effective today (July 6) at 3:00 PM. The school office will re-open on Monday, August 20 at 9:00 AM. Office hours during the last two weeks of August will be 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

During the summer, our staff email addresses will be modified slightly. Staff email addresses will be changed to 'first initial of first name and last name' (no longer will include their full first name). An example is as follows: joanne.leggett@st-anns.ca will be changed to jleggett@st-anns.ca. Please be advised that current email addresses will still work, but we are hoping to gradually fade those out.

UNIFORMS GRADES 1-10 (2018/2019 School Year)

ALL students in grades **1-10** must be in uniform supplied by TOP MARKS, our current uniform supplier. Please visit the Top Marks web site at: www.topmarks.ca to purchase school uniform. The school password is **SAA01** (01 are #'s). Please place your child's uniform order as soon as possible if you have not already done so, to ensure delivery before the start of the next school year. For grades 1-7, SAA gym strip may be purchased directly through the SAA office. There is no required SAA gym strip for high school PE classes.

REPORT CARDS

High School report cards that have not been picked up will be mailed home on Friday, July 6. Elementary report cards (due to the larger size) will be left at the main office and can be picked up when the office reopens on Monday, August 20.

MOVING DURING THE SUMMER?

If any of our families are moving throughout the summer, please provide the office with your new address and phone numbers by emailing officeadmin@st-anns.ca. It is important that we have the most up-to-date contact information (including emergency contacts) for all families.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Each family will receive one copy of the 2017-2018 yearbook in September 2018. If your family would like to order additional copies for \$45 each, please email Miss Reiswig at: Monique.reiswig@st-anns.ca.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

STUDENT SUPPLY LISTS 2018-2019

Student Supply Lists for 2018-2019 were sent home with your child's report card and are also posted on our school website which can be accessed at the following link (<http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>). Student fees, which vary by grade level, are charged to cover costs of consumable workbooks. Please refer to your child's student Supply List to determine fees owing at the start of September.

CANTEEN CARDS

Students who had punches remaining on their Canteen Card at the end of this school year will have their cards stored at the main office and the punches will be transferred to the next school year. In September, canteen cards will continue to be sold for \$30.00 which is good for ten lunches at the canteen (\$3.00 per lunch). This does not include a drink. Canteen cards must be purchased through the school office. Elementary students may not use cash to purchase items at the canteen. New next year – High School students will also be able to purchase canteen cards!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND MUSIC FEES FOR NEXT YEAR

In preparations for the 2018-2019 school year, PE and Music forms were sent home with your child during the month of June. Forms and fees were due back to the school by **Thursday, June 14, 2018**. **If you have not sent in your child's fees for PE and/or Music, please do so the first week of September**. The forms are posted on our school website at <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE 8 ORIENTATION & SCHEDULES

SAA will be hosting a Grade 8 Orientation at **10:00 AM** on **Thursday, August 30**. This is a great opportunity for students to gather with fellow classmates (new and old), to get their schedules, and to become familiar with the school. As well, a discussion regarding how expectations are different in high school than elementary school will be had. Parents are encouraged to attend. Ms. Spina and Mrs. Pearce from the High School Student Services Department will be on hand to answer questions. The event will conclude with a BBQ lunch for students, parents, and staff.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BIG LITTLE SCIENCE CENTRE

Check out their educational summer camps @ <http://blscs.org/>

SWIMSKILL SUMMER CAMPS

Check out these fantastic swimming summer camps @ <http://www.kamloopsswimskill.com/>

KAMLOOPS RIBFEST

Looking for something fun to do in Kamloops Aug 10th-12th? Some of our students heading to Tanzania during the summer of 2019 will be volunteering at Ribfest this summer! Be sure to say hello if you see them at Riverside Park, they will be in the "Family Fun Section".

For more information on Ribfest click: <https://kamloopsribfest.com/>

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Please visit the link provided for the music in the park schedule which takes place at Riverside Park Rotary Bandshell from July 5th - Aug 30th from 7:00PM - 8:30PM: <https://cfjctoday.com/musicinthepark>