

# SAA Weekly: July 7

## CALENDAR

Aug 21: 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 6:** First day of school for students. Students attend full day, regular school hours.

Sept 21 & Sept 22: School **not in session for students** (Diocesan Retreat for all staff members).

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

As the 2016 -2017 school year comes to a close the admin team (Mrs. Leggett, Mr Green & I) 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** - please know that we believe every student can and will learn because of what we do and we are always trying to do that better. For any of our students moving on to other schools and programs - thank you for the time you spent at SAA. A special farewell to our graduates of 2017 - 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 the **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.

A very heartfelt thank you to our SAA staff that will not be returning to SAA for the 2017 – 2018 school year – **Mr. Beaton, Mr. Perszon, Dr. Leahy, Mr. Mayne and Mrs. Dolha**. Mr. Beaton is retiring after many years of dedicated service to SAA and Catholic schools throughout Canada and he will be sorely missed by our students, staff and parents (many of whom he has taught). Mr. Mayne is also retiring after years of dedicated, compassionate service directly supporting SAA students in both our elementary and high school divisions. Mr. Perszon's kind nature and student advocacy will be missed as he leaves his position in Student Services to focus more time on his private counselling practice. Dr. Leahy will be sharing her passions and talents with the post-secondary world after completing her PhD. Mrs. Dolha will continue her teaching career with SD 73 after sharing her talents with SAA as the High School Learning Resource Coordinator this past school year.

With these departures we also look forward to the **new staff** that will be joining the SAA community next year. **Mrs. Brewer-Pearce** is completing her Master's degree and will move just down the hall from the main office to serve in the High School Student Services department next year, working alongside Ms. Spina. **Mr. Brent Arsenault** will take on the role of High School Learning Resource Coordinator after serving the Prince George Diocese for many years as a talented Catholic school principal.

**Parent support** of the SAA mission is critical to school's success. Our parents' level of engagement speaks to the value they place on providing their 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. 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.

To **Fr. Andrew**, our words cannot express our level of appreciation for your commitment to Catholic education and St. Ann's Academy. During the last six years Fr. Andrew has spent countless hours providing leadership, vision and pastoral support for our students, staff and parent community. On a personal note, Fr. Andrew has been a great friend and adviser and I will certainly miss his sense of humour, his work ethic and the spiritual direction he shared with honesty and compassion. God bless you as you continue your priestly duties in Quesnel and we hope you can arrange to visit SAA whenever you are in Kamloops.

Wishing our entire school community a relaxing and joy-filled summer,

Shawn Chisholm, SAA Principal

# SCHOOL NEWS

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be closed for the summer effective today (July 7) at 2:00 PM. The school office will re-open on Monday, August 21 at 9:00 AM. Office hours during the last two weeks of August will be 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## REPORT CARDS

Students who did not attend the last day of school on June 28, and therefore did not receive their report card, had the opportunity to pick up their report card at the main office this past week. High School report cards that have not been picked up will be mailed home on Friday, July 7. 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 21.

## 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](mailto:officeadmin@st-anns.ca). It is important that we have the most up-to-date contact information (including emergency contacts) for all families.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018

The 2017-2018 Google school calendar is now on the website. We will no longer be posting a PDF calendar, as dates are subject to change and we want families to have the most up-to-date schedule. 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.

## YEARBOOK ORDERS

Each family will receive one copy of the 2016-2017 yearbook in September 2017. If your family would like to order additional copies for \$45 each, please email Mrs. Bruneau at [alicia.bruneau@st-anns.ca](mailto:alicia.bruneau@st-anns.ca)

# ELEMENTARY NEWS

## STUDENT SUPPLY LISTS 2017-2018

Student Supply Lists for 2017-2018 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.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND MUSIC FEES FOR NEXT YEAR

In preparations for the 2017-2018 school year, PE and Music forms were sent home with your child on Monday, June 12. Forms and fees were due back to the school by **Thursday, June 22, 2017**. **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 **Wednesday, 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**

### **VACATION BIBLE SPORTS CAMP**

Dates: July 10-14 & 17-21

Where: SAA

Cost: \$50 (morning only), \$75 (afternoon only), \$125 (all day)

Registration form can be found on our website at <http://st-anns.ca/wp-content/uploads/Participant-Registration-Form-2017.pdf>

### **BIG Little Science Centre**

Have you checked out their summer camps? Visit <http://blscs.org/> for camp details!