

MARCH CALENDAR

Mar 16: Report Cards for HS & Elementary students sent home

Mar 19-30: Spring Break

Apr 2: Easter Monday (no school)

Tuesday, April 3: School Re-opens after Spring Break

Apr 4 – Elementary Basketball Team Party 3:00-4:30pm (see details below)

Apr 9: HS PLC Meetings

Apr 9: Spring Into Reading begins - Elementary (see details below)

Apr 10: **Elementary Mass SHC 9:00am – Mass Dress Required**

Apr 10: 1st Communion Share a Meal parents Meeting 7pm, grade 2 classroom

Apr 10: SAPA Meeting 6:30pm

Apr 11: Early Dismissal Elem 12:00pm, HS 12:30pm, SAA buses depart 12:45pm

Apr 11: Elementary Relay Fest @ TCC (more details to follow)

Apr 12: **HS Mass SHC 9:00am – Mass Dress Required**

Apr 12: Elem PLC Meetings

Apr 13: Dress Down Day for Charity (BC Children's Hospital)

Apr 13: Elementary Assembly 12:50pm

K-12 NEWS

SPRING BREAK

On behalf of all SAA staff members, we would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and restful Spring Break, and a joyous Easter. School will re-open **Tuesday**, April 3rd (full day).

SAA TALENT SHOW

Congratulations to the many students (and staff!) who shared their wonderful talents of song, music, and dance with us during the annual SAA Talent Show today. Wonderful job by everyone! Thank you to the many parents and family members who attended the performances, and special thanks to the staff members for their efforts in organizing this great school event!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS

Congratulations to all Grade 5, Grade 8 and Grade 9 students who participated in the HS Science Fair held March 13 at SAA! Special congratulations to the following students who will be participating in the Regional Science Fair at TRU on April 10 & 11, 2018:

Grade 5 – David, Sarah, Brennan and Nash

Grade 8 – Kasha, Lolita, and Kayla

Grade 9 – Jana, Adam, and Patrick

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).

ONE TO ONE READING VOLUNTEER

We are in need of at least 1 more tutor for the 2017/ 2018 One to One Reading Program: Reading fluency is a vital skill for our young learners! Some young learners jumped several reading levels and were able to move in to the next grade with confidence! You could be part of this! We are looking for tutors who are available on one of the following days: Mondays from 1-2pm ; Tuesdays 10:45-11:45; Wednesday and Thursdays 8:45-9:45 (8 sessions from April 16th – June 8th). If this is something that might interest you please email Tamra at: tamra.brouwer@icloud.com

ELEMENTARY NEWS

SUPERVISION REMINDER

Outdoor supervision is provided for students between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM during the school week. Parents are reminded that students should not be dropped off at school before 8:00 AM and students need to be picked up after school by 3:00 PM. **Elementary students arriving before 8:00 AM are to stay outside in the mornings as often teachers are meeting before school and preparing for the day. Supervision begins at 8:00 AM.** Students are to be outside during non-instructional times where proper supervision is scheduled. While we understand the occasional event occurs which might cause you to be late in picking up your child, we ask that you let the office and classroom teacher know in advance. Many times, teachers have meetings or other school-related events happening before and after school, and students are not to be in the hallways or cafeteria without supervision. Elementary students were reminded of the supervision expectations at the Assembly this afternoon. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

ELEMENTARY REPORT CARDS

Elementary Report Cards have been sent home with your child today (Friday, March 16). The format used for elementary report cards has changed and a letter explaining the changes was sent out to parents earlier in the week. Parents are asked to review the report card with their child and keep the report card at home. Parents are then asked to sign the envelope and return the signed envelope (not the report card) to their child's teacher after spring break.

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL TEAM PARTY - Wednesday, April 4

All students who played elementary basketball this season are invited to attend a team party open to all Tiers (boys and girls) on **Wednesday, April 4**. Students should wear their SAA gym strip. Pizza, chips and drinks will be provided at no charge. The party will take place from 3:00 to 4:30 PM in the SAA gym and cafeteria. Players will participate in fun skill competitions until 4:00 PM, with pizza being provided around 4:15 PM.

SPRING INTO READING MONTH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

After spring break, an exciting month of literacy focused events will take place.

***Read-a-thon: (April 9-May 4)**

Students will be bringing home a special reading log to keep track of their reading. The results will be tallied in the hallway and classes will be paired with their buddy class.

***Surprise Readers (Tuesdays)**

Various members of our school community will be surprising classes with their favorite story books.

***Drop.Everything.And.Read (Mondays)**

Students will have to listen carefully for D.E.A.R. announcements to signal whole school reading sessions.

***Book Swap (April 16-20)**

We will have tables set up in the front hall where students can "bring a book, take a book".

***PJ, Storybook and Stuffy Day (Wednesday, April 18th)**

***Dress up as your Favorite Storybook Character/Bring a Book Day (Tuesday, April 24)**

Start planning your costume now. Students can pick their favorite storybook character and dress up like them for the day.

***Visiting Author: Marcie Nestman (<http://www.marcieneestman.com/>)**

Playwright Marcie Nestman will be running drama workshops with our primary students on May 3rd.

***NEW* this year: Book Trivia on Thursdays**

Students will have the opportunity to test their book knowledge with brain-teasing questions.

The Spring Into Reading Calendar can be viewed at <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/> for more details.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

KISSIM

Looking for a fantastic Summer Music Camp? Look no further than Kamloops Interior Summer School of Music! Please click link for more information! <https://www.kamloopsmusiccollective.info/>

2018 DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT

'Stand Firm', Youth Retreat for grades 7-12 on April 27th 6:15pm until April 29th from 10am. Retreat takes place at St John Vianney Parish. Register by March 15th to avoid late fee. Register by emailing DYR.Kamloops@gmail.com or by phoning Adele Huculak at 250-376-3351.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KAMLOOPS PRO-LIFE DINNER

The Pro-Life Dinner will be held at OLPH Parish Centre, on April 21st, 2018 starting 6:30 pm. Cost of the tickets are \$30.00 each. The guest speaker will be Dr. Christopher Inegbedion the Head of Psychiatry at Royal Inland Hospital. His topic will be Life Choices as well as Garry Howell, President of the Pro-Life Society.