

## MARCH CALENDAR

Mar 8: **Re-registration packages due to office** (extension from Mar 5)  
Mar 9: "Patterns" Dress Down Day For Charity K-9 students- see details below  
Mar 9: Reconciliation (Grades 2-12), SAA Gym  
Mar 9: SAA Clothing Store open from 2:00-3:00 pm  
Mar 12: Elementary Lenten Retreat, 8:45am, SAA Gym  
Mar 12: Grad Transitions Presentations 1:30-2:30pm, SAA gym  
Mar 12: High School PLC Meetings  
Mar 13: Science Fair (Grades 5, 8 & 9) - see details below  
Mar 13: Elementary Baking Club (3:00-4:00pm for those registered)  
Mar 13: SAPA Meeting 6:30pm (Meeting Room)  
Mar 13: School Council Meeting 6:00 pm (HS Study)  
Mar 14: Talent Show (High School & Elementary) – see details below  
Mar 14: **No Canteen for Elementary** (due to Talent Show)  
Mar 14: Elem Smoothie Day for those who pre-ordered  
Mar 14: Elementary Art Club (3:00-4:00pm for those registered)  
Mar 15: Elem PLC Meetings  
Mar 16: Report Cards for HS & Elementary students sent home  
Mar 16: Last Day of School before Spring Break (full day)  
Mar 16: **School Mass (K-12), 8:45 AM SAA Gym.** Mass Dress not required (Green Day).  
Mar 16: Non-uniform day (Green Day; no donation required)  
Mar 19-30: Spring Break  
Apr 2: Easter Monday (no school)  
**Tuesday, April 3:** School Re-opens after Spring Break

## K-12 NEWS

### **SAA TALENT SHOW**

The St. Ann's Academy Talent Show will take place on **Wednesday, March 14**. We thank every student who auditioned for the Talent Show but due to our large student population, unfortunately, not all students who audition will be able to perform at the Talent Show. Students have been notified today if they were successful in their audition. Students will have also received information regarding the Act they will be performing in on Wednesday during the Talent Show.

**FULL Dress Rehearsals:** students must be in full costume (if relevant) and have music, equipment, etc.

\*Act 1 Dress Rehearsal – Monday, March 12 after school in the gym.

\*Act 2 Dress Rehearsal – Tuesday, March 13 after school in the gym.

### **Talent Show Schedule for Wednesday, March 14:**

Act 1 begins at 10:15 AM and runs until approximately 11:45 AM.

Act 2 begins at 12:45 PM and runs approximately until 2:15 PM.

All performances take place in the school gym

Due to the Talent Show schedule, the **canteen will not be available** for Elementary students on March 14. Parents are required to pack a lunch from home on March 14 for their child. The canteen will still be available for use by our High School students.

## FOOD DRIVE

The SAA *Food Drive for the St. Vincent De Paul Society* will run from March 5- March 15, 2018. We encourage all students to bring non-perishable food items for this important cause. Hampers will be located in each elementary classroom. For high school, each religion teacher will have a hamper in his/her classroom; high school students are asked to bring non-perishables to their respective religion class. Items will be collected until Thursday, March 15. As always, we thank you in advance for your support.

## RE-REGISTRATION PACKAGES

Re-registration packages were sent home with the youngest/only child in each family on February 23. After completing the re-registration forms, please take a moment to look over your package before sending it back to the school. **In an effort to cut down on the usually months long processing time of our re-registration packages, this year, we will not be accepting incomplete packages.** Incomplete packages brought back to the school office will be returned home to be completed in full. Please have your completed package returned to the school office on or before 4:00pm on **Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** (Rescheduled from March 5<sup>th</sup>) to **avoid the \$50.00 late application fee and to ensure your child's spot is reserved for the 2018-2019 school year.** Thank-you very much for your support!

## 2017 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

All unclaimed 2017 Income Tax Receipts were sent out in the mail this week. If you do not receive the tax receipt within one week, please contact Mrs. Rombough at [accounts@st-anns.ca](mailto:accounts@st-anns.ca).

## DRESS DOWN DAYS (NON-UNIFORM DAY) – GRADES K-9

The next Dress Down Day (non-uniform day) will be held on **Friday, March 9, 2018** in support of AIDS. Students are invited to make a loonie or toonie donation and wear patterns – 'Pattern Panic'- instead of the school uniform.

## SAPA SPRING RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

The annual Spring Raffle Fundraiser ticket booklets were sent home with the youngest child in each family last week. Please be sure to check your child's backpack for the tickets and contact the school office if you have not received the tickets for your child. SAPA is respectfully asking each family to sell one ticket booklet of 10 tickets (\$5 per ticket). For every booklet sold, you earn 1 PPP hour! The raffle prizes are incredible again this year and should make these tickets easy to sell! All ticket booklets (sold or unsold) **must** be returned to the main office by **Monday, March 5**. Draw date will be Friday, March 9 at the Elementary Assembly. All funds raised by the raffle fundraiser directly support student activities and projects. Thank-you for your support!

## UPCOMING VACATIONS

With Spring Break just around the corner and some students leaving early for vacation, we kindly ask that you email Mrs. Galea: [attendance@st-anns.ca](mailto:attendance@st-anns.ca) or [vicky.galea@st-anns.ca](mailto:vicky.galea@st-anns.ca) at the attendance desk to inform her of your student's upcoming absences prior to the absence. Thank-you very much!

## **LOST AND FOUND – PLEASE CLAIM BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7**

The Lost and Found table is overflowing again. We will be donating all unclaimed items to charity on Wednesday, March 7. [Please claim items before 12:30 PM on March 7.](#) Remaining items will be donated to charity. It is very important that student belongings are clearly labelled with student name which helps us to return items to the proper owner. This goes for our High School students as well.

## **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](mailto:mary.dimopoulos@st-anns.ca), and Mrs. Cecilia Kernan [cecilia.kernan@st-anns.ca](mailto:cecilia.kernan@st-anns.ca) and Mrs. Lori Zubak [lori.zubak@st-anns.ca](mailto:lori.zubak@st-anns.ca) (elementary).

## **CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS**

Looking for ways to earn some PPP hours? Mrs. Skiba in the canteen is looking for volunteers, please contact her at: [mila.skiba@st-anns.ca](mailto:mila.skiba@st-anns.ca) if this is something that might interest you!

Just a friendly reminder that PPP hours must be completed by May 15<sup>th</sup> or notification received to Vicky Galea at the front office of anticipated completion date eg. Class field trip taking place in June. PPP checks will be deposited on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, no refunds will be issued after this date.

## **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.

## **TOP MARKS UNIFORM FITTER NEEDED**

Top Marks, your uniform supplier, is looking for people who are interested in joining their fitting team. In particular, people who are dependable and would be available to work from 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm, on some Mondays to Thursdays in May and June. Not all weeks will have four days of work. Not all weeks will have work. Exact dates of work will be confirmed by March 30<sup>th</sup>, working with your schedule. If you are able to work certain days and not others they will work with you to find a mutually convenient schedule. Duties of fitters are: assisting parents selecting the appropriate clothing for their children in correct sizes. Support from experienced fitters will be provided. Wages are \$12.50 per hour. If you are interested in this position please contact: Lorraine Mitchell at Top Marks by phone at 204-979-1049 or email her at [Lorraine@topmarks.ca](mailto:Lorraine@topmarks.ca) and she can provide more details. Applications accepted until March 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank-you

# ELEMENTARY NEWS

## TALENT SHOW – NO CANTEEN FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Due to the Talent Show schedule, the canteen will not be available for use by elementary students on Wednesday, March 14. Students are reminded to please bring a **packed lunch from home** on that day. High School students will still be permitted to purchase items at the canteen on March 14.

## ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the **Tier 1 Girls and Tier 2 Boys** Basketball Teams on their very successful basketball seasons. Well Done, Crusaders! Team members are asked to return their washed jerseys as soon as possible to their respective coaches.

Good Luck to the Tier 1 Boys & 2 Girls basketball teams as they continue with District Playoffs next week. If they win their next game, they will play in the next round. Should they lose a game in the playoffs, the team will be finished playing for the season (first-round knock-out). **GOOD LUCK, CRUSADERS!**

Practices and Games for next week are as follows:

Monday, March 5	Tuesday, March 6	Wednesday, March 7	Thursday, March 8
Tier 2 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)	Tier 2 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM)	Noon Dismissal No Basketball	Tier 1 Boys HOME Teams TBA
Tier 1 Boys HOME vs. Barriere (3:00 PM)	Tier 1 Boys Practice (3:00-4:00 PM)		
Tier 2 Girls AWAY @ OLPH (4:00 PM)			

Thanks to everyone who attended the basketball skill sessions on Friday mornings. They have concluded for this school year.

## BASKETBALL TEAM PARTY - Wednesday, April 4

As the basketball season runs late this year, we will have to schedule the team party for after Spring Break. 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.

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### **SCIENCE FAIR INVITATION - LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Come view our amazing science projects made by St Ann's grades 8 & 9 and, new this year, some of our grade 5 students! Have an interest in Science or Math? We are looking for volunteer judges with a science or math background that could possibly spare a few hours and help judge some amazing science fair projects, which will be a great way to earn those PPP hours!! Please contact the office or Miss. Smylie at [Katie.smylie@st-anns.ca](mailto:Katie.smylie@st-anns.ca) if interested. Thank- you!! All projects will be displayed in the school gym on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We welcome parents and other family members to walk through the gym between the hours of 9:00am and 2:30pm to view the student's projects.

### **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](http://www.chabc.bc.ca) under News and Events.

### **GRAD TRANSITIONS – PARENT PRESENTATION**

Attention Grad parents, family members and SAA Staff: The Grad class of 2018 would like to invite you to their Grad Transitions Presentation taking place on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm-2:30pm in the St Ann's Academy Gym. Please RSVP to [Domenica.spina@st-ans.ca](mailto:Domenica.spina@st-ans.ca) by March 5<sup>th</sup> if you are able to attend.