

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Nov 19: Rising Stars at OLPH Mass (10:30AM)

Nov 20: HS PLC Meetings

Nov 20: HS Pep Rally for Senior Boys Volleyball & Boys Soccer team- Afternoon

Nov 21: School Council Meeting @ 6pm, SAA Meeting Room

Nov 22: Elementary Art Club 3-4pm (for registered students)

Nov 22: Used Uniform Sale 2-3pm (Meeting Room)

Nov 22- 25th: Senior Boys VB Provincials

Nov 23: Elem PLC Meetings

Nov 24: Dress down Day for Charity (wear Brown & Green; please see details below)

Nov 25: **SAA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**, 12:00-3:00pm, SAA School and Gym

Nov 25: SAA Clothing Store will be open during the Bazaar from 12-3:00pm.

Nov 27: Science Club @ 12noon (for registered students)

Nov 27: Gr 6/7 Mandatory Ski Trip Parent Meeting (6:30-7:00PM in the Cafeteria)

Nov 29: **EARLY DISMISSAL** (Elem 12 noon/ HS 12:30pm- Buses Depart @ 12:45)

K-12 NEWS

St. Ann's Annual Christmas Bazaar and Family Fun Day

November 25th 12-3pm... only 9 days until the Bazaar!

Some items that are needed:

Baking, baking & more baking for the cake walk & tea room (**we ask that all items are peanut free**)

- Parents who have children in **Kindergarten through Grade 6**, please bring **cakes** for the cake walk
- Parents who have children in **Grade 7 to 9**, please bring **goodies** for the Tea Room (peanut free)
- Any baking that is brought in will equal **1 PPP hour** for purchased items & **2 PPP hours** for homemade items. Please make sure the items are clearly marked and are peanut free.
- Please **do not drop baking off at the school until Friday, November 24th, 2017**

DONATIONS are respectfully NEEDED!!!

- ◆ Items for the **white elephant sale** (NO clothing, BOOKS, computers, or electronics PLEASE)
- ◆ **“Secret Santa” donations** needed – please ask businesses for donations (small or large) or look around your house for something to re-gift (we won't tell the in-laws)
- ◆ Donations for the **themed baskets** kindergarten to grade 6 (boxes will be in classroom starting November 13th and all items need to be donated by November 23rd).

Themes for each raffle basket are as follows:

- Kindergarten – Tea/Coffee Basket**
- Grade 1 – Basket for Mom**
- Grade 2 – Sports Basket**
- Grade 3 – Basket for Dad**
- Grade 4 – Christmas Basket**
- Grade 5 – Game Night Basket**
- Grade 6 – Movie Night Basket**

- ◆ **Fishpond and bingo prizes** (small toys, etc.)
- ◆ **Bottles** for the bottle booth – preferably filled with sweets, but if you can't fill them, send us your empty jars (baby food size and up) and we'll fill as many as we can.

VOLUNTEERS!!! We need help in the following areas:

- ◆ Parking directors (11am to 3pm- two people to direct parking)
- ◆ Ticket sellers (2 for basket raffles, 4 for game tickets and door prizes)
- ◆ Cake Walk (6 helpers)
- ◆ Grade 12's and grade 11's (help run one of the games or activities)
- ◆ Set up Friday, November 24 (3pm to 5pm)
- ◆ Clean up Saturday (3pm until we are done - around 5pm)

If you are able to help please contact **Joel Loehr** at [\(250\) 374-8038](tel:2503748038) or jloehr2003@yahoo.ca

Remember many hands make light work!!

VENDORS for the Bazaar?

If you have a craft and would like to have a table, please email the information to Joel Loehr @ jloehr2003@yahoo.ca and a registration package will be sent.

DRESS DOWN DAY FOR CHARITY – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

The next Dress Down Day for Charity (*Grades Kindergarten to Grade 9*) will take place on **Friday, November 24** in support of **The Royal Canadian Legion**. Students are invited to bring in a loonie or a toonie in support of this charity and wear **brown** and/or **green colours** instead of their regular school uniform.

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 from St. Ann's with their fundraising, here are two great ideas that will help with your Christmas shopping:

1.) Purdy's Chocolates

Click on the link below and you can order any item that is available in the store-front. 25% of the purchase price is profit for the mission. (Deadline: November 24th) www.purdysgpp.com/672993

2.) Chapters

Monday, November 20 at 6 PM - 8:30 PM

Come and spend a night at Chapters where 20% of all sales during this time will support the mission. Alternatively, you can purchase a gift-card online and these too support the mission. Order gift cards online at: <https://indigo.flipgive.com/.../111286-tanzania-youth-group-2...>

SUN RIVERS BUS ROUTE

St. Ann's Academy is once again looking into the possibility of offering our St. Ann's Daily bus service to the families living in Sun Rivers. The bus pick up and drop off site TBD. Pick up time would be approx. 7:40 am and return drop off would be approx. 3:30 pm.

We require about 10 families to financially commit to this service for the entire school year in order to pursue this option further. Please email accounts@st-anns.ca if you are interested.

NET TEAM HOST FAMILIES

The grade 7-12 students will be having NET retreats this year. We are in search of families who are willing to host a minimum of two NET team members from November 27th-December 9th.

Hosting involves providing a room for the team members, as well as dinners and breakfasts. Lunches on weekdays will be provided by the school. Because several of the team members are 18 years old, we are particularly looking for families where the host parents are willing to have or already have criminal record checks with the school. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Mrs. Bruneau @ alicia.bruneau@st-anns.ca

POINSETTIAS

Our wonderful Grade 12's are selling BEAUTIFUL poinsettias just in time for the holidays!

Deadline for orders is Nov 22nd. Price per plant is \$13, flowers are available in three colors; Red, White & Pink! Please contact a grade 12 student or Mr. Langevin directly to place an order:

kevin.langevin@st-anns.ca Thank-you for your support!

SOCIAL MEDIA & CYBERBULLYING

Parents are advised to monitor and be aware of the challenges students face daily in the online world. Please read the following information and discuss with your children about the potential dangers of social media:

- Do not allow your children to have any friends/followers on any social media (Facebook, Instagram, snap chat) unless **you (the parent) have met them personally (face-to-face)**. Please look at your child's friend's list and have them delete any unknown followers. A number of children often admit to having followers that they do not know. Limit the number of 'friends' your child is allowed to have on Facebook, and ensure your child is a friend with them in real life. As well, just because a student is a classmate of your child's, it does not mean that they are necessarily a "friend". A friend needs to be someone you trust.
- Students should not be sharing their password with anyone but their parents, not even their siblings or other close relatives

- Do not post ANY negative comments on social media. Even when gaming online, do not involve yourself in negative conversations as you never know who will be listening.
- All social media comments CAN BE TRACED. Even if your child types a comment, and decides not to send it, just the typing of the comment (even if it is deleted) can be traced. Technology exists that allows messages to be traced to the exact phone and location (even a desk in a classroom) to find where the message was sent from.
- Cyber bullying is not considered bullying in the old-fashioned school playground sense of the word where you may just get sent to the office to face consequences. Due to public media around cases such as Amanda Todd, the public is demanding that people who cyber-bully face criminal charges for harassment and abuse. The government has agreed and children as young as 12 years old will be charged.
- Please remind your children to **never, ever plan to meet anyone they do not know** that they have met through social media. At times, people post false pictures and give false identities to hide their true self in order to entice a young person to meet them.
- Check your child's profiles to ensure that they do not have any personal information included on it (School, age, address, etc.).

Our children are living in a new era and need to be taught how to act responsibly on social media. Parents are the most important educators around this new technology.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

W.I.T.S. PROGRAM

Cst. Winkels, our RCMP school liaison, will be visiting our primary classrooms (Kindergarten through Grade 3) to discuss the **W.I.T.S.** program. *"The WITS Primary Program teaches children in Kindergarten to Grade 3 to make safe and positive choices when faced with peer conflict. The WITS acronym - **W**alk away, **I**gnore, **T**alk it out, and **S**eek help - provides a common language that children and the adults in their environments can use to talk about and respond to peer victimization"* More information about the program can be found at <http://www.witsprogram.ca/schools/> . The website also shares strategies in how to use the W.I.T.S. program at home.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Ann's Academy Elementary Christmas Concert will take place on **Thursday, December 14th**. There will be two performances this year: **1:00 PM** (time has been moved earlier, from 1:30 to 1:00 PM) and **6:30 PM**. Family members are encouraged to attend the afternoon performance if possible as our evening performance is often packed to capacity. Thank you.

It is very important that all students participate in both concerts as each student is crucial to the overall success of the concert. Their classmates and teachers count on the participation of all students! Please note that doors to the gymnasium will open **thirty minutes prior** to each performance.

Students are asked to report to their classroom no earlier than 6:00 pm for the evening concert (supervision will be available beginning at 6:00 pm).

We know that this is a very busy time for all families. We truly appreciate your support of your child and the school. It is really important for students to return to school to perform in the evening concert at 6:30 pm.

Best Concert Dress

Mrs. Mahoney, our elementary Music teacher, requests that all students come in their best concert dress unless they are one of the actors in the musical. Costumes will be provided to the actors.

Please note that students are asked to wear "**Best Concert Dress**" which refers to the following:

- **Blue jeans are not permitted**
- Dresses must be knee-length
- **Refrain** from wearing make-up, large pieces of jewelry or high heels
- Small stud earrings are permitted

On Thursday, December 14, students should come to school in their 'Best Concert Dress' for the Christmas Concert as the afternoon performance begins at 1:30 PM. *Students do not have to wear regular school uniform on December 14th.*

The Grade 7 Band will be playing during the afternoon performance while the Rising Stars Choir will be singing at the evening performance on Thursday, December 14. Band students and Rising Stars members wear the same formal dress as everyone else. Rising Stars **do not wear** their Rising Stars t-shirts.

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING – GRADE 6 & 7 PARENTS

There is a **mandatory parent meeting** for all parents of students in Grades 6 & 7 on **Monday, November 27 at 6:30 PM** to discuss the upcoming ski/snowboard trip to Harper Mountain. The meeting will take place in the High School Cafeteria. Parent attendance is required at this meeting as the following important topics will be discussed: safety protocol, behavior expectations, appropriate clothing (helmets are mandatory), cost of the trip and ski/snowboard safety rules. The meeting should last for approximately thirty minutes. The Grade 6 & 7 ski/snowboard trip is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, January 11 and Friday, January 12, 2018** at Harper Mountain, and parents are encouraged to join us! If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Mrs. Leggett at joanne.leggett@st-anns.ca

ELEMENTARY VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Congratulations to the Tier 3 Girls Volleyball team and the Tier 3 Boys Volleyball team (as well as teacher sponsors Ms. Makse and Mrs. Sjokvist as well as parent volunteers Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Smerchinski and Mrs. Hyde) on their great seasons. Players are asked to return their washed jerseys to their coaches as soon as possible. The Tier 3 Volleyball season has now concluded. More details to come later on about a possible team party wrap-up.

Volleyball Practices and Games for next week are as follows:

| Monday, Nov. 20 | Tuesday, Nov. 21 | Wednesday, Nov. 22 | Thursday, Nov. 23 |
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| Tier 1 Boys Practice (3:00-4:00 PM) | Tier 2 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM) | Tier 1 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM) | Tier 1 Girls Playoff Game @ Arthur Stevenson <i>If team wins, will play again at 3:45pm</i> |
| | Tier 1 Boys Playoff Game @ RLC <i>If team wins, will play again at 3:45pm</i> | | |
| Tier 2 Boys Practice (3:00-4:00 PM) | Tier 2 Boys Playoff Game @ OLPH (4pm start time) <i>If team wins, will play again at 4:45pm</i> | | Tier 2 Girls Playoff Game @ Lloyd George <i>If team wins, will play again at 3:45pm</i> |

Playoff information: If the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Teams win next week, they will advance to the Semi-finals (Tier 3 teams do not participate in Playoffs). Semi-finals and Championship games will be held at Brock Middle School on November 29 for both **Tier 2 teams**. Semi-finals and Championship games will be held at Brock Middle School on November 30 for **Tier 1 teams**.

Transportation to all games will be provided by bus. Parents are expected to pick up their child after the game at the host school. For the playoff round, if the team wins the first game, they will play a second game that day. If they lose the first game, they will be ready to go home earlier. Please be at the host school early and come out and cheer on the Crusaders in the playoff round.

If you are sending your child home with another parent, you **must notify the coach ahead of time**. We are not permitted to release a student to another parent without permission.

Please contact your child's volleyball coach if your child can not attend a practice or a game, or if you have any further questions. [GO CRUSADERS GO!](#)

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

HS BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The HS Boys Volleyball Team will also be hosting BC Provincial Boys A Chamionship at TCC & TRU Nov 23rd to 25th. We are looking for volunteers to work the entrance during the games to the tournament. Please contact: Mr. Green if interested: Byron.Green@st-anns.ca

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Senior Girls will be travelling to Kelowna for their Okanagan Senior Girls Volleyball Championships Nov 17th- Nov 18th! Good Luck Girls. Go Crusaders!

FORUM FOR YOUNG CANADIANS

The Forum for Young Canadians is Canada's premier civics education program for students aged 15-19 years old. This is an intensive academic adventure immersing students in the exciting world of national politics and public affairs. Participants get to meet the Senators, Members of Parliament and other decision-makers who impact their daily lives and see them in action. Please visit www.forum.ca for additional information. The deadline for registration is Nov 24th.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2018 KVA PACK YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLUB TRYOUTS – GRADES 6-12

Club volleyball compliments Volleyball Canada and Volleyball BC competition programming. Club volleyball is a highly organized, provincial and national competitive volleyball network designed to provide training and playing opportunities for young pre-college athletes, both male and female outside the regular high school season. December Tryout Information: KVA PACK Volleyball Club Tryouts Information and Registration for each gender and age grouping can be found at the Kamloops Volleyball Association Website: <http://www.kamvolleyball.ca/youth.h>

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY CWL

Saint John Vianney CWL is hosting a Paint night fundraiser on Tue. Dec 12th, 2017. Please click on the link below to buy your tickets. https://www.paintnite.com/events/_10018999

MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

The Canadian Mental Health Association has created a program called Bounce Back to help youth (and adults) bounce back from low mood, stress and anxiety. This free self-help program, by doctor referral, incorporates video, skill-building workbooks and telephone coaching. For more info, talk to your doctor, visit www.bouncebackbc.ca (access code bbtodaybc) or call [1-866-639-0522](tel:1-866-639-0522)

MIDNIGHT & MASKS

New Year's Eve Masquerade at OLPH Parish Centre Dec 31/2017. Event begins @ 6pm with Cocktails followed by Dinner & Dance @ 7pm. Ticket prices are \$50/ adult, \$25/ child or \$140/ family (2 adults, 2 children- \$15 each additional child). Menu & Details located on Facebook: OLPH School Kamloops. Tickets available at OLPH School T: 250-376-2343 **OR** contact Maria Cuglietta @ 778-220-1770

POTENTIAL OUTDOOR SKATING RINK

Skating & Shiny Fans!

The Kamloops Outdoor Skating Association (KOSA) welcomes those that support the creation of a centralized, artificial ice arena in Kamloops to attend the Kamloops City Council Public Input Budget Meeting at the Sandman Centre - Tuesday, November 21 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.