

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Oct 9: **Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL**

Oct 11: Elementary Cross Country Meet @ Dallas Elementary (District Championships)

Oct 11: SAA Store will be open from 2-3pm.

Oct 12: Elementary PLC Meetings

Oct 13: K-9 Dress Down Day For Charity (see details below)

Oct 13: Elementary Assembly 12:50pm SAA gym. Parents welcome to attend.

Oct 17-20: Scholastic Book Fair (SAA library)

Oct 18: Top Marks- Customer Service Day- SAA Meeting Room 2:00pm-3:00pm

Oct 20: Crusader Wear Day (non-uniform day K-9)

Oct 23: HS PLC Meetings

Oct 25: Picture Re-take Day

Oct 26: Harvest Dance 5:00-8:00pm (see details below)

Oct. 27: **Professional Development Day. School not in session for students.**

Oct 30: HS PLC Meetings

Oct 31: **Orange & Black** Day (non-uniform day)

Oct 31: Walkathon Assembly 1:15pm

Nov 1: HS Mass 9am SHC **Mass Dress required.**

Nov 1-4: Sr Boys Soccer Provincials

Nov 2: Teacher Interviews (1-4pm, 5-7pm)

Nov 2: **2:00 PM Dismissal- Elementary only** (P-T Interviews – see details below)

Nov 3: **No School for Elementary students** (HS in session): P-T Interviews (details below)

Nov 3: Jr Boys & Girls UBC Ok.

K-12 NEWS

WALKATHON

Thank you to everyone who made the 2017 SAA Walkathon a great success today, despite the cool weather! Thank you to the many parent volunteers who helped to make the event possible by providing supervision and helping in the canteen. We also greatly appreciate the financial support we receive through our annual Walkathon!

Early Daily Draws

Students may continue to bring in money and pledges for the next few weeks. Your child will be entered into a random daily draw once for every \$25 that he/she collects in pledges. In order to be entered into the daily draws, the money and pledge forms must be turned into the main office by 9:00 AM each day. Elementary students may turn in their money and pledge forms to their classroom teachers while High School students may bring it directly to the office or Homeroom. Daily draw prizes this year include gift cards to Subway, Starbucks and Aberdeen Mall. All money brought in prior to and including October 10th will be included in the **first daily draw**. On the morning of October 10, the students will receive from their classroom or homeroom teachers one early draw ticket(s) for each \$25 they collect. They have until 2:00 pm that day to enter their tickets into the barrel. Early draws will take

place on October 10, 12, 13 and 16. We will continue to collect money up until October 31 but **to be entered in the final Walkathon prize draws, funds must be in by October 26.**

If your child collects \$100 or more in pledges, he/she will receive a special SAA t-shirt.

Elementary students should be supervised when collecting pledges door-to-door to ensure safety at all times.

All money and pledge forms must be returned to the school on or before Thursday, October 26 to ensure that students are entered into the draw for final prizes which will be drawn at our Final Walkathon Assembly on October 31.

Unused pledge forms must be returned to the school.

Our goal this year is to raise \$30,000. Funds raised will go towards installing more drinking fountains and enhancing the outdoor eating space on our fields. We appreciate your support of this major school fundraiser.

DRESS DOWN DAY FOR CHARITY – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Terry Fox Run held last Thursdays. **\$428.35** was generously donated and will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.

The next Dress Down Day for Charity (*Grades Kindergarten to Grade 9*) will take place on **Friday, October 13** in support of **Ronald McDonald House**. Students are invited to bring in a loonie or a toonie in support of this charity and wear **yellow and/or red colours** instead of their regular school uniform.

BUS STUDENTS SAFETY TALK & REMINDERS

SAA bus drivers and Administration will be meeting with SAA students who ride the SAA bus to school and/or home from the school to review bus safety guidelines on Tuesday, October 10. For those students who take the bus to school or home after school, please note that **food and drink is not permitted** to be consumed on the SAA school buses. There have been recent incidents of students leaving a mess on the bus from eating on board. Students will be permitted to drink water on the bus. Thank you for your cooperation.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS NOVEMBER 2 & 3

Parent-Teacher (P-T) Interviews for Elementary students only take place on Thursday, November 2 and Friday, November 3. November 2 will be a 12:00 PM dismissal for elementary students only. November 3 there will be no school for Elementary students (HS will still be session).

P-T Interviews will run from 1:00-4:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, November 2 and from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM on Friday, November 3. The office will be sending out a link to families sometime next week so parents can begin booking their P-T Interview using the online booking site. If you are not able

to schedule a meeting during the offered times, please contact your child's classroom teacher directly about meeting at a different time.

For students who take the SAA school bus home, there will be a special bus run at 12:15 PM on Thursday, November 2 to transport Elementary students home. The HS bus run will remain the same as normal.

ELEMENTARY VOLLEYBALL – PRACTICE TIMES

Elementary volleyball practices for next week are as follows:

- Tuesday, October 10 - Tier 1 Boys and Tier 2 Boys
- Wednesday, October 11 - Tier 1 Girls and Tier 2 Girls
- Thursday, October 12 - Tier 3 Boys & Tier 3 Girls

**Final practice days and times will be determined at the end of next week. Some teams will practice at lunch or before school depending on gym availability.*

Games will begin the week of October 16th. The schedule is still being finalized but game days are as follows:

*Tier 1 Boys and Tier 2 Boys -Tuesdays

*Tier 1 Girls and Tier 2 Girls - Thursdays

*Tier 3 Boys and Tier 3 Girls - Wednesdays

For questions about Elementary Volleyball, please email joanne.leggett@st-anns.ca

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING – Grades 3-7

Good Luck to the Cross Country runners who will compete in the District Championships at Dallas Elementary on Wednesday, October 11. Information has been emailed to parents regarding details about the race and parking suggestions.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mayne at joanna.mayne@st-anns.ca

HALLOWEEN AT SAA – BLACK AND ORANGE DAY

Students are welcome to wear **black** and **orange** coloured clothing on Tuesday, October 31 instead of the regular school uniform. SAA students do not wear Halloween costumes to school but may choose to attend the Harvest Dance on October 26 and dress up in costumes for that event.

HARVEST DANCE – Thursday, October 26th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM

Ms. Makse and the Grade Seven class are organizing a **Harvest Dance** for Elementary students. This is a family-friendly event and often parents dress up for the occasion as well. Elementary students do not wear Halloween costumes to school but instead wear **black** and **orange** clothing on October 31st to school. The Harvest Dance is always a highlight of the year, and students are permitted to wear

Halloween costumes to this event. The event takes place Thursday, October 26th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in the school gym.

Cost for the dance is **\$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family**. Students are encouraged to dress up in Halloween costumes for the Harvest Dance; however please be considerate of our Catholic beliefs when choosing our costumes (**no weapons; not gory in nature or against our school values**). Families can pre-order pizza for that evening, and order forms will be sent home after Thanksgiving from classroom teachers. The order form is also posted on our school website at the following link: <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>

Families are asked to please bring a nut-free snack to share.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser for the Grade Seven class year-end field trip to Sunnybrae.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CAREGIVER PRESENTATION

Presentation from Chuck Nechtem; founder, therapist and president of Charles Nechtem Associates, Inc. Find out what Caregivers need! Achieving Lifelong Good Mental Health. Caregivers and staff-everyone is welcome, 6pm, Tuesday October 17th @ Cottonwood Manor.
Please RSVP to 250-374-1454

OKTOBERFEST

The 24th annual St John Vianney **Oktoberfest** will be October 14th, 2017 @ 6:30pm. This great event will help support St Vincent DePaul, Tanzania Mission & Parish projects. For tickets please contact: Casey @ 250-682-1069 or Julian @ 250-579-9560.

THE FIRST PAGE WRITING CONTEST for GRADES 7-12

Give a glimpse of the great Canadian novel of the year 2167. Write the first page of a book (limit 300-400 words) set 150 years in the future, with the protagonist facing an issue that's topical today and setting the scene for how it's all playing out in a century and a half.

Two winners, one from Grades 7-9 and one from Grade 10-12, will receive a one-year subscription to [OwlCrate](#), which sends fresh boxes of books to young readers across Canada on a monthly basis. In addition, each of the winner's school libraries will receive 50 free YA books.

This challenge is open to submissions from Nov. 9, 2017 starting at 9:00 a.m. ET and closes on Nov. 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. ET. Link: [Complete rules and regulations](#) |

HAVE QUESTIONS? Email cbcbooks@cbc.ca.

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