

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct 23: HS PLC Meetings

Oct 24-26: Grade 12 Retreat @ Harper Mtn.

Oct 25: Picture Retake 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: Top Marks Customer Service Day: 2-3pm Meeting Room

Nov 1-4: Sr Boys Soccer Provincials (Pending Qualification)

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

Nov 2: **12:00 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 Volleyball @ UBC Ok.

Nov 6: HS PLC Meetings

Nov 7: Elem Mass 11am (note change in time) @ SHC. **Mass Dress required.**

Nov 8: Early Dismissal Elem 12:00pm / HS 12:30pm / Buses leave at 12:45pm

Nov 9: Elem PLC Meetings

Nov 10: Remembrance Day Ceremony (10:45-11:30, SAA gym) **All students in Mass Dress**

Nov 13: **Remembrance Day Stat- School not in Session**

Message from Mr. Chisholm

Dear SAA Parents,

I am happy to report that St. Ann's Academy received a Student Learning Grant from the Ministry of Education towards the end of the 2016 – 2017 school year (approximately \$11,000). These funds supported the purchase of upgraded technology for our High School Study Hall, the Library and the Learning Resource Centers in both the Elementary and High School divisions. Our community, and all K-12 schools across BC, are very appreciative of this one-time grant intended to better support students with the implementation of the new provincial curriculum.

Sincerely,

Shawn Chisholm

Principal

K-12 NEWS

SAPA FUNDRAISER – PAINT NITE

SAPA is hosting a Paint Nite event to raise funds for the elementary playground. The Paint Nite will take place on Thursday, November 9th, 7pm @ Romeos in the Coast Hotel. To register, open the following link: <https://www.paintnite.com/events/-10018193>

LEGION YOUTH REMEMBRANCE CONTEST

The Legion is hosting a Remembrance Day contest for all students in Grades 1 to 12. Students are invited to create an art piece, written work or video to express their thoughts about Remembrance. Criteria for entries and entry forms can be found on our school website at <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/> All entries must have a completed entry. Completed work and entry forms should be submitted to Mrs. Ferguson by Friday, November 10th.

WALKATHON – Final Week to Collect Pledges

Thank you to everyone for your support of our annual Walkathon. We are getting closer to our final goal of \$30,000 but still have a ways to go. We will continue to collect money up until October 31 but **to be entered in the final Walkathon FINAL 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.

TOP MARKS CUSTOMER SERVICE DAY

We will be having our last customer service day for the year on **Wednesday, November 1st** in the Meeting Room from 2-3pm.

After this date any returns you may have will be shipped back by the school office on the 15th of each month.

HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITY

St. Ann's Academy is very happy to have our lovely international students for the school year. We are looking for a homestay family for a grade 11 female student on the South Shore. Homestay families are required to supply a room, three meals a day, and a warm, welcoming environment. Homestay families receive \$750 per month per student. For more information, please contact Mrs. Bernita Leahy @ Bernital@telus.net

Thanks for your interest.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The High School Principal's Awards will take place on Wednesday, November 1st at 10:00 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral (after high school Mass). This is a ceremony honoring grade 9 to 12 students who maintained 90% or higher during the 2016/17 school year. We encourage parents of all recipients to attend this ceremony (and reception to follow in the basement) to celebrate these wonderful achievements by our SAA students!

SOCKTOBER

Grade 11 student Natalie Pietramala is holding a 'sock drive' for the homeless shelter during the month of October. Please bring in donations of new socks. The donation bin is set up in front of the office. Thanks for your support!

HS GAMES THIS WEEK:

Monday:

Tuesday: Junior Boys Volleyball @ Clearwater 5:00 & 6:00pm

Wednesday: Grade 8 Girls Volleyball @ South Kam 5:00, 6:00, & 7:00pm

Senior Boys Volleyball @ Home 5:00 & 7:00pm

Thursday: Junior Girls Volleyball @ NorKam 5:00 & 6:00 pm

Friday: TRU Junior Boys 10:00 am

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. Yesterday, a link was sent out to all families so parents can begin booking their P-T Interview using the online booking site. The link can be accessed here:

https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St_Ann_s_Academy

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 NEWS

Volleyball Practices and Games for next week are as follows:

| Monday, Oct. 23 | Tuesday, Oct. 24 | Wednesday, Oct. 25 | Thursday, Oct. 26 |
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| Tier 3 Boys Practice (12:00-12:30 PM) | Tier 3 Girls Practice (12:00-12:30 PM) | Tier 1 Girls Practice (3:00 – 4:00PM) Tier 2 Girls Practice (3:00-4:00 PM) | Tier 2 Boys Practice (12:00-12:30 PM) |
| Tier 1 Boys practice (3:00-4:00 PM) | Tier 1 Boys Game @ Juniper | Tier 3 Boys Game @ Pacific Way | Tier 1 Girls Game @ Arthur Stevenson |
| | Tier 2 Boys Game @ HOME | Tier 3 Girls Game @ Dallas | Tier 2 Girls Game @ Beattie |

Transportation to all games will be provided by bus. Parents are expected to pick up their child after the game at the host school. Most games will finish by 4:30 PM if not earlier. Please ensure that your child returns the permission slip, Athletic Contract and \$10.00 fee for busing to their coach as soon as possible.

Parents are asked to please pick up their children on time from all practices and games.

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!**

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

LOGOGRAPH: KAMLOOPS ART GALLERY

Logograph is an after-school art program put on by the Kamloops Art Gallery. Logograph meets every Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 PM in the studio at the art gallery to make art both independently and in collaboration. Past projects include making graphic novels as well as painting windows in the library. Program is free and materials are provided as well as snacks. Program is for youth ages 12-24. Please email Miles Buckminster @ milesbuckminster@gmail.com or go to the Kamloops Art Gallery Website for more information.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE

Dessert Extravaganza Fundraiser will take place on October 27th put on by the Pregnancy Care Centre Society of Kamloops. Guest speaker will be Dr. Laura Lewis on Beyond the Stethoscope.

In addition to your attendance at their event the center is looking for donations of pies and/or other desserts. Please contact Kathy Dahl @ kathysdahlhouse@gmail.com for more information.

TRU OPEN HOUSE

TRU Open House: featuring over 50 booths, displays, info sessions and tours!

Saturday, October 21st

9AM - 3PM

Please click on this link for more information: <https://www.tru.ca/openhouse.html>

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