

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept 19: School Council Meeting (6PM, Meeting Room)  
Sept 19: Grad Parents Meeting 6pm in Mr. Langevin's classroom  
Sept 20: Elementary Cross Country Meet (3-4:30PM, McArthur Island)  
Sept 21/22: **NO SCHOOL (Staff Retreat)**  
Sept 25: HS PLC Meetings  
Sept 26: Grade 8 Retreat at Harper Mtn.  
Sept 26: Rising Stars-first practice (8AM, Elementary Music Room)  
Sept 27: Elementary Cross Country Meet 3-4:30PM, Robert L Clemitson Elementary)  
Sept 27/28/29: Sr Boys Volleyball at VSC  
Sept 27/28/29: Sr Girls Volleyball at TRU  
Sept 28: Elementary Pizza Day (for those that pre-ordered)  
Sept 28: Dress Down Day For Charity - grades K-9 (please see details below)  
Sept 28: Elementary PLC Meetings (more details below)  
Sept 29: Elementary Crusader Wear Day (please see details below)  
Oct 2: HS PLC Meetings  
Oct 3: Elem Mass 9AM @ SHC **Mass Dress required.** Parents welcome to attend.  
Oct 4: Elementary Cross Country Meet (3:00-5:00 PM, Centennial Park in Westsyde)  
Oct 4: **Early Dismissal** (Elementary at 12:00 PM, HS at 12:30 PM, busses leave at 12:45 PM)  
Oct 5: HS Mass 9AM @ SHC. **Mass Dress required.** Parents welcome to attend.  
Oct 6: SAA Walkathon. **Dismissal at 1:00 PM**, busses leave at 1:15 PM.

## SCHOOL NEWS

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### WALKATHON INFORMATION

#### Walkathon Pledge Forms were sent home today (Friday, September 15)

On Friday, September 15, your child will receive a St. Ann's Academy Walkathon pledge sheet. The Walkathon will take place on **Friday, October 6**. **Students can continue to collect pledges after the Walkathon up until our Final Walkathon Assembly on October 31.** This event is our major school fundraiser and the funds collected this year will support the following initiatives: install additional drinking fountains and tables for outdoor eating. We are very appreciative of the generous donations from our families and the Kamloops community in support of our school.

#### Early Daily Draws

Students may start to bring in money and pledges on **Tuesday, October 10**. 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. Daily draw prizes

this year include gift cards to Subway, Aberdeen Mall and Starbucks. All money brought in prior to and including October 10th will be included in the **first draw**. On the morning of October 11, the students will receive from their classroom or homeroom teachers one draw ticket(s) for each \$25 they collect. They have until 2:00 pm that day to enter their tickets into the draw barrel (which can be found at the main office). Early draws will continue on October 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17.

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. Money turned in after October 26 will **not** go towards additional tickets for daily draws or towards class averages for fundraising amounts.

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.

Our goal this year is to raise \$30,000. We appreciate your support of this major school fundraiser.

**Unused pledge forms must be returned to the school.**

### [Walkathon Volunteers Needed for October 6, 2017](#)

Are you looking for some Parent Participation hours? We need your help!

We are in need of **parent volunteers** to help supervise at the various check-in stations along the Walkathon route. **Parent volunteers** are also needed to assist in the lunch preparations in the canteen. **If you are able to volunteer, please call the school at 250-372-5452 or email [officeadmin@st-anns.ca](mailto:officeadmin@st-anns.ca)**

Please note that all parent volunteers who help out at St. Ann's Academy **must have a current Criminal Record Check on file at the school office**. If you need more information, please contact our main office.

We thank our parent volunteers for their help in supporting this school event!

### [NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF FUNDRAISER](#)

There will be a **freezie fundraiser** to raise funds for the victims of the many natural disasters that have taken place over the last few weeks. On Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> freezies will be sold for a minimum donation of \$1.

High School freezies will be sold at lunch, and elementary freezies will be sold after school. Thank you for your generous support of this fundraiser.

## 2016-2017 SAA YEARBOOKS

The 2016-2017 school yearbooks have arrived and we are very excited to share them with our school community. Special thanks to Mrs. Bruneau, Ms. Reiswig and the yearbook team for the many hours they devoted to creating such an amazing keepsake!

Each family will receive one complimentary yearbook. Yearbooks will be sent home today with the eldest child. If you wish to purchase additional yearbooks, please contact Mrs. Bruneau at [alicia.bruneau@st-anns.ca](mailto:alicia.bruneau@st-anns.ca). The cost to purchase additional yearbooks is \$45.00 each.

## CRUSADER WEAR DAY

Once a month, all students have the opportunity to participate in 'Crusader Wear Day'. Students are encouraged to wear SAA Crusader shirts and/or pants to show off their school spirit. SAA Physical Education gym strip (in Elementary) may be worn during the warmer weather on Crusader Wear Day. Students may prefer to wear regular school uniform on these days instead of Crusader Wear. Our first Crusader Wear Day of the year will be held on

**Friday, September 29.** *Students are reminded to dress in accordance with our school dress code on non-uniform days.*

## SAA STORE

The SAA Clothing Store will be open next week, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm-3:00pm.

## DONATED UNIFORM SALE

The first Uniform Donation Sale will take place on Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> in the Meeting Room from 2-3pm. Families who have items they wish to donate are welcome to drop off items at the office before September 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **CANTEEN** – Mrs. Skiba is always looking for some helping hands in the canteen. You do not need to be a gourmet cook to assist her! She would like a regular person for Mondays, but will accept offers for most days. Please contact her at 250-372-5452 (ext 319) or stop by to see her if you are interested.
- **ONE TO ONE READING PROGRAM** – If you are interested in being part of this amazing program, please see below.
- **ELEMENTARY BOOK FAIR**- see details below.

## CANTEEN PUNCH CARDS

We have had a number of students come to the office and ask to borrow canteen tickets. Canteen Punch Cards should be **PRE PURCHASED**. When the students' punch card is full it is to go home with the student as a reminder for parents to send in a cheque or cash to purchase a new punch card. We thank you all for your attention to this matter.

## **PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM**

Please note the pre-paid Parent Participation Program cheques were deposited on Thursday, September 14th (for those who are not participating in the 2017-18 volunteer program).

## **UNIFORM INFORMATION**

The next Top Marks Customer Service Day is Thursday, September 27nd from 2:30-4PM in the meeting room. This is a great opportunity to touch base with the customer service representatives from Top Marks regarding sizing, returns, and so on.

## **CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS**

If you plan on volunteering at the school this year, please ensure that you have a **valid** Criminal Record Check (CRC) on file at the school. If you are not certain, please contact the school office. CRC's are valid for five years.

## **LIBRARY**

The Fall Scholastic "Wild Wild West" Book Fair is around the corner and volunteers are needed! If you are available at lunch (11:45pm-12:45pm) or after school (2:30pm-3:15pm) during the week of Tuesday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Mrs. Sucro at: [alison.sucro@st-anns.ca](mailto:alison.sucro@st-anns.ca) or drop by the library. Volunteers are also needed for set up on Monday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm and take down on Friday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. This is a great opportunity to earn PPP hours while getting to interact with our enthusiastic elementary students!

## **ELEMENTARY NEWS**

**Label All Belongings:** It is very important that all student items are clearly labelled. It makes it much easier to return lost items to the rightful owner when there is a name on the item. Students in Grade 1 through to Grade 7 get changed for Physical Education classes. Gym strip, school uniform, and gym strip bags must all be clearly labeled with your child's name. You may wish to consider ordering labels from *Mabel's Labels*. Mabel's Labels is the best-known brand of durable labels for all of your children's items! Keep uniform pieces, lunch and gym bags, supplies and shoes organized and out of the lost and found! They're extremely durable, they're laundry, dishwasher and microwave safe – and they're 100% guaranteed. Get ready for back to school by purchasing Mabel's Labels and supporting St. Ann's Academy at the same time!

Visit our link here: [http://mabelslabels.com/c/?type=fundraiser&b=2286&cur\\_website=base](http://mabelslabels.com/c/?type=fundraiser&b=2286&cur_website=base)  
We greatly appreciate your assistance with this!

## WALKATHON DISMISSAL TIME – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Elementary students will be dismissed from classes at **1:00 PM** on Friday, October 6, but parents may choose to sign-out their child earlier that day depending on when the class returns from the Walkathon (return times to the school vary by grade level due to varying distances being walked). Parents are asked to please sign-out their child with the classroom teacher directly. Supervision will be provided on the lower field from 1:00 to 1:15 PM. **Parents must pick up their child(ren) by 1:15 PM on Friday, October 6 as there is no supervision provided after that time.** SAA School buses will depart at **1:15 PM** on Friday, October 6.

## DRESS DOWN DAY – “TOONIE FOR TERRY”

Terry Fox is a Canadian hero and has created a legacy by running his “Marathon of Hope” in 1980. To date, over \$650 million has been raised worldwide for cancer research in Terry's name through the annual Terry Fox Run, held across Canada and around the world. On **Thursday, September 28**, Elementary students will be participating in the **Terry Fox Run at 1:45 PM** on St. Ann's Academy school grounds. Intermediate students (Grades 4-7) will run laps on the upper field while Primary students (Grades K-3) will run laps on the lower field. Students are asked to wear a **Terry Fox t-shirt, or a t-shirt in support of other cancer-related events, or other athletic clothing** with good outdoor running shoes, and bring in a **'toonie for Terry.'** Students should also have a water bottle. Thank you for your support.

## PLC MEETINGS

Elementary teachers will have the opportunity to meet as part of a Professional Learning Community (PLC) again this school year. PLC meetings will take place one or two Thursdays each month from **8:00 to 8:45 AM**. The next PLC meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, September 28. Future elementary PLC meetings are noted on the school calendar. Students will be supervised outside on the lower playground until 8:40 AM to allow teachers the opportunity to meet, collaborate, and plan for ways to improve student learning. Supervision will be provided by other elementary staff members and the vice principal during this time. *If you do not wish for your child to go outside in the morning, please plan on arriving at school at 8:40 on PLC days.*

## RISING STARS CHOIR – Grades 4-7

For any student in grades 4 to 7 who wish to join the elementary school choir (Rising Stars choir), please attend the first rehearsal on **Tuesday, September 26th** at 8:00 AM in the Elementary Music Room. Please note that the regular rehearsal time will be held every Tuesday from 8 AM to 8:25 AM. Students should not arrive before 8:00 AM as there is no supervision provided before that time. Students will receive information about ordering Rising Star T-Shirts and upcoming dates at the first rehearsal. Please contact Mrs. Mahoney, Elementary Music Teacher, if you have any questions or concerns at: [charlotte.mahoney@st-anns.ca](mailto:charlotte.mahoney@st-anns.ca)

## CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING – Grades 3-7

Students in Grades 3-7 have the opportunity to participate in Cross Country Running. Permission forms and Athletic Contracts were passed out to interested participants and are due back to Mr. Nesci by **Tuesday, September 15**. All races take place after school hours. Students will be bussed to the races by SAA school bus but parents must pick up their child after the race. Please be sure to sign-out your child with one of the SAA supervisors after each race.

Cross Country Meets are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 19, 2017 @ McArthur Island (hosted by OLPH)
- Tuesday, September 26, 2017 @ RLC (Cliff Weathermon run)
- Tuesday, October 3, 2017 @ Westsyde Centennial Park (hosted by Arthur Stevenson)
- Wednesday, October 11, 2017 @ Dallas Elementary (District Championships)

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Nesci at [jason.nesci@st-anns.ca](mailto:jason.nesci@st-anns.ca)

## ELEMENTARY VOLLEYBALL – GRADES 4-7

Elementary volleyball season will be beginning soon and is open to all students in Grades 4-7. All tier will be playing **Triple Ball** this year. Games take place after school hours and teams will play against other schools in Kamloops. Practices can happen after school for some teams, while other teams will practice before school or at lunch. All students interested in playing school volleyball must attend the try-outs or let Mr. Nesci know if they can't attend due to special circumstances. *Every effort will be made to ensure that all students who wish to play elementary volleyball are placed on a team.*

Try-out dates are as follows:

Monday, Sept. 25 – **GIRLS** Volleyball try-outs from 3:00 to 4:15 PM (SAA gym)

Wednesday, Sept. 27 – **BOYS** Volleyball try-outs from 3:00 to 4:15 PM (SAA gym)

Tentative game days are as follows:

Tier 1 Boys and Tier 2 Boys – Tuesdays after school

Tier 1 Girls and Tier 2 Girls – Thursdays after school

Tier 3 Boys and Tier 3 Girls – Wednesdays after school

Practice days and times are to be determined once try-outs are completed and teams are formed. For more information, please contact the Elementary Athletic Director, Mr. Nesci, at [jason.nesci@st-anns.ca](mailto:jason.nesci@st-anns.ca)

### **Tutors Needed for the 2017-2018 One to One Reading Program:**

On behalf of the teachers, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the volunteer tutors last year who committed their time and efforts in to improving the literacy skills of our primary students. Reading fluency is a vital skill for young learners and our SAA community thanks you for being part of that learning process!

We would also like to thank Tamra Brouwer for volunteering to be the One to One Reading Coordinator this year. **Volunteer tutors** are needed to support Grades 1 and 2 students with their reading skills for the 2017-2018 school year. No experience necessary... just your love for children and reading!

#### **Commitment:**

1. Tutors must attend one of the free training sessions held at Henry Grube Centre:

- **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12noon**
- **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:30pm**

2. Be able to tutor for at least one hour a week during the following times: **Monday and Tuesdays 10:45-11:45; Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:45-9:45** for an 8 week period starting after Thanksgiving and running until the first week in December.

Please email Tamra at: [tamra.brouwer@icloud.com](mailto:tamra.brouwer@icloud.com) **ASAP** if this is something that interests you. Include in your email your preferred training session and what time/days you are available to tutor.

## **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

### **GRADE 12 PARENTS/GUARDIANS – GRAD MEETING**

The first grad meeting for parents will be held next week on Tuesday, Sept 19th at 6:00 pm in Mr. Langevin's classroom. **At least one parent/guardian for each student must attend this meeting.** No students of any age are to be at the meeting.

We will be going over the information for the year including dates, fundraisers and volunteer opportunities. Thank-you and we will see you on the 19th.

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