

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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 26: Dress Down Day- In Support of the 'Pink Ribbon Charity Ball' (see details below)

Sept 27: Top Marks Customer Service Day 2PM SAA Meeting Room

Sept 27: Elementary Cross Country Meet 3-4:30PM (R.L.C. Elementary, Barnhartvale)

Sept 27/28/29: Sr Boys Volleyball at VSC

Sept 27/28/29: Sr Girls Volleyball at TRU

Sept 27: SAA Clothing Store open form 2-3pm

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.

## K-12 NEWS

### SAPA APPLE FUNDRAISER

SAPA is in the process of raising funds for an updated playground. An upcoming fundraiser begins next week where families have the option of ordering apples from Davidson Orchards. Fundraising information will be sent home with the youngest child in each family on Monday Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. Please return all orders to the office by Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks in advance for your support!

### MESSAGE FROM ACCOUNTS DEPT

Our bank is now using a cheque counter when we bring in our deposits. If you are writing a cheque to the school please print clearly and please do not put 'xx' at the end of the dollars line.

The machine has trouble reading the 'xx' so please put the cents or just put '00'. Also, please avoid using staples on your cheques. Thank-you for your cooperation!

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

St. Ann's Academy will be holding their Thanksgiving food drive for St. Vincent de Paul beginning Tuesday September 26 to October 5th. Please have students bring non-perishable food items to their classrooms. Thank you for your support of those in need.

## NUT-AWARE SCHOOL REMINDER

We are a Nut-Aware School. Just a friendly reminder: please **do not send nut products of any kind to school**, including peanut butter sandwiches. We have several students with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your assistance in helping to ensure a safe learning environment.

## WALKATHON INFORMATION

### Walkathon Pledge Forms were sent home Friday, September 15

On Friday, September 15, your child received 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.

Please ensure that your students permission forms are signed and into the office (high school)/classroom (elementary) in order for them to participate in this fantastic event!

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 **Monday, September 18**. 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!

Just a friendly reminder as well to ensure that your students permission forms are signed and into the office/ classroom in order for them to participate in this fantastic event!

### **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.*

### **DRESS DOWN DAY – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (PINK RIBBON BALL CHARITY)**

At the School Council Meeting last evening, they voted in support of adding another Dress Down Day for Charity next week in support of the Pink Ribbon Charity Ball. The Dress Down Day will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 26** and all students in **Grades K-9** are invited to bring in a loonie or toonie and wear **pink or white** (instead of the school uniform) in support of the Pink Ribbon Charity (which supports Breast Cancer research and the RIH). Thank you for your support.

## **ELEMENTARY NEWS**

## ELEMENTARY ART CLUB

High School Art Teacher, Ms. Reiswig, will be offering the Elementary Art Club again this year to allow students the opportunity to explore different kinds of art materials and creativity. Due to the limited space of the art room, there will only be **25 students** accepted, and these will be determined by the **first 25 registration forms handed in to the office.** The final due date for handing in the form is **Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.**

Elementary Art Club will run for one hour on Wednesdays, from **3:00 – 4:00pm** in the high school art room (first floor of the high school Exner building, in the art room).

Art Club registration form is posted on our school website at the following link: <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>

## ELEMENTARY BAKING CLUB

Elementary Certified Educational Assistants Mrs. Iwaskow and Mrs. Harrison will be offering the Elementary Baking Club again this year to allow students the opportunity to bake a variety of items and also experience some craft activities. Due to the limited space of the High School Home Economics room, only the **first 20 registration forms** received at the school office will be accepted. The final due date for handing in the form is **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.**

The Elementary Baking Club will take place on Tuesdays from **3:00 – 4:30pm** in the High School Home Economics room.

Baking Club registration form is posted on our school website at the following link: <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>

## 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 1:00 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 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 wills 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)

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### GUEST SPEAKER – Grades 11 & 12

*Retired* Brigadier-General Glenn Nordick and former Chief of Defense Intelligence for the Canadian Armed Forces will be speaking to the Grade 11 & 12 's about North Korea. All are welcome to attend in the St. Ann's gym from 11:10 to 12:15pm Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### HIGH SCHOOL CARNIVAL – SEPT. 27

The High School Carnival will take place Wednesday September 27th. It will be a fun afternoon for high school students filled with great activities and treats. Grade 8 and 9 students are not required to wear their uniforms for the day.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## AIR CADETS

This Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Kamloops squadran 204 Black Maria Air Cadet is hosting an open house from 1:00pm-4:00pm at 3350 Westsyde Rd at the Westsyde Neighborhood Centre (the old Westsyde Elementary school).  
Please contact Mike Campbell at 250-318-3649 for any further information.

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