

SAA Weekly: September 8

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept 11: School Pictures – **Mass Dress** for all students please
Sept 12: Welcome Back BBQ 4:30-6:00pm
Sept 12: SAA Store open from 4:30-6:00pm (during the BBQ)
Sept 13: SAA Store open from 2-3pm
Sept 15: Walkathon Assembly (1:25, gym) – parents welcome!
Sept 19: School Council Meeting (6PM, Meeting Room) – parents welcome to attend!
Sept 19: Grad Parents Meeting 6pm in Mr. Langevin's classroom
Sept 19: Elementary Cross Country Meet (3-4:30PM, McArthur Island)
Sept 21/22: **NO SCHOOL** (Staff Retreat)
Sept 26: Elementary Cross Country Meet (3-5PM, Robert L Clemitson Elementary)
Sept 26: Grade 8 Retreat
Sept 26: Rising Stars-first practice (8AM, Elementary Music Room)
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; order forms are attached)
Sept 28: Dress Down Day For Charity grades K-9 (See details below)
Sept 29: Elementary Crusader Wear Day (please see details below)

SCHOOL NEWS

For latest updates and reminders, please follow us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/stannskamloops/>

UPDATES TO PARENT AND STUDENT HANDBOOKS

Updates to the Handbooks are noted in **blue font** below. Changes to the Handbooks have been approved by SAA School Council.

Elementary Electronics Policy

Items such as personal music players, cell phones and Smart phones should not be brought to class and **are not to be used within the school building for the duration of the school day (including recess and lunch).** **Cell phones and other electronic devices are not to be used on the playground during school-offered supervision times (8:00 AM to 3:00 PM) except to receive phone calls/texts from parents after 2:30 PM.** Parents must contact their child via the Main Office between the hours of 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM should they wish to pass on a message to their child. During field trips, the use of electronics during times of transportation for long distance trips are at the *discretion of the teacher*, but electronics/phones must not be used while field trips or athletic events are in progress (this includes school-organized after-school events).

In the event that a student is found to be in violation of this policy, the items will be confiscated by staff and stored at the office and will only be returned to parents. A

second violation of this policy will result in the item being confiscated once again and the student being required to serve 5 hours of school community service. Subsequent offences of this policy will require the student and parents meet with Administration and the school Pastor to determine the assignment of greater disciplinary consequences which may include more community service hours, a school suspension or possibly expulsion.

To support our students in this policy parents are asked not to contact their children on cell phones during school hours. If an emergency arises, contact the school office and students will be informed immediately.

ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE: Grades 1 – 7

Uniforms are mandatory, and this includes gym strip. All students in grades 1-7 are expected to follow this dress code. Kindergarten students do not wear a school uniform or SAA gym strip.

Boys:

- ✓ Blue pants or blue shorts
- ✓ White dress shirt, blue/white golf shirt (crested)
- ✓ School crested sweatshirts, sweaters, or hoodies (navy blue colour only)
- ✓ Closed toe and closed heel shoes and running shoes

Girls:

- ✓ Blue pants, tunic, shorts, skirt or skort
- ✓ White blouse, blue/white golf shirt (crested)
- ✓ School crested sweatshirts, sweaters, or hoodies (navy blue colour only)
- ✓ Closed toe and closed heel shoes and running shoes

Kindergarten:

- ✓ Play Clothes

Mass Dress

Boys:

- ✓ White collared dress shirt with school tie and navy dress pants or navy dress shorts
- ✓ Navy dress shorts and white collared short-sleeve dress shirt with school tie

Girls:

- ✓ White collared blouse with navy tunic, skirt, skort or navy dress pant

*SAA hoodies or sweatshirts must be removed during school Mass.

High School Uniform (Grades 8 & 9)

Grade 8 & 9 – Regular Uniform

Boys:

- ✓ Navy or khaki pants or shorts
- ✓ White or blue shirts (long or short sleeved)
- ✓ White or dark green golf shirt (long or short sleeved)-crested
- ✓ Navy/gold tie
- ✓ Optional items: School crested vest, sweatshirt, hoodie or zip front jersey knit jacket (navy blue colour only)

✓ Optional item: Grade 8 students are permitted to wear Grade 7 Grad hoodie for Grade 8 year only

Girls:

- ✓ Navy or khaki pants, shorts
- ✓ Tartan or beige skort
- ✓ White or blue blouse (long or short sleeved)
- ✓ White or dark green golf shirt (long or short sleeved)-crested
- ✓ Knee socks if wearing a skort (navy, green or white)
- ✓ Optional items: School crested vest, sweatshirt, hoodie or zip front jersey knit jacket (navy blue colour only)
- ✓ Optional item: tie (tartan or green)
- ✓ Optional items: solid-coloured white, navy, dark green, grey, or black tights/leggings may be worn under skort
- ✓ Optional item: Grade 8 students are permitted to wear Grade 7 Grad hoodie for Grade 8 year only

Grade 8 & 9 - Mass Dress Uniform

Boys:

- ✓ White or blue collared dress shirt (long or short sleeved) with navy and gold tie
- ✓ Navy or khaki pants or shorts

Girls:

- ✓ White or blue blouse (long or short sleeved)
- ✓ Navy or khaki pants or shorts
- ✓ Tartan or beige skort (navy skort allowed in Grade 8 year only)
- ✓ Optional item: Tie (tartan or green)
- ✓ Optional items: solid-coloured white, navy, dark green, grey, or black tights/leggings may be worn under skort

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WELCOME BACK BBQ– Tuesday, September 12th

St. Ann's Academy School Council is hosting a Welcome Back family barbeque from 4:30-6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 12th. Complimentary burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided. We hope to see many of our families attend as we begin a new school year and share a meal as a St. Ann's Academy community.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY – Monday, September 11th

School Picture Day (individual and class pictures) will be taken on Monday, September 11th. **Mass Dress** is required. The Kindergarten class photo will be taken at a different date (TBD) when the whole class will be together, but Kindergarten students will have individual pictures taken on September 11th.

SAA STORE

Are you looking for a cool gift idea for your child or another family member? On Tuesday, September 12th, SAA's very own store will be open for your shopping convenience during the Welcome Back BBQ (4:30-6:00 PM). It will also be open on Wednesday, September 13th from 2-3:00PM, so stop by and check out the apparel!

UNIFORM DONATION SALE

The first Uniform Donation Sale will take place on Tuesday September 19th in the Meeting Room from 2-3pm. We are looking for 2 parent volunteers to help with this. If you're interested please call the school office or e-mail Mrs. Vicky Galea; vicky.galea@st-anns.ca Anyone who would like to donate used uniforms are invited to drop them off at the main office before September 19th. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

- **USED UNIFORM DONATIONS** – parent coordinator is needed (see details above).
- **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](tel:250-372-5452) (ext 319) or stop by to see her if you are interested.
- **WALKATHON VOLUNTEERS** – Please see below for more details.
- **ONE TO ONE READING PROGRAM** – If you are interested in being part of this amazing program, please see below.

PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

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

SAA ANNUAL WALKATHON – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

On Friday, October 6, St. Ann's will be having its annual **Walkathon**. This is the biggest fundraising event for St. Ann's during the year. In previous years the school community has come together to make the Walkathon a great success. This year should be no different! In order for the success to continue, the school needs the support of its community.

Walkathon Volunteers Needed for October 6, 2017

Are you looking for some Parent Participation hours? We need your help! We are in need of **eight parent volunteers** to help supervise at the various check-in stations along the Walkathon route. **Six 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](tel:250-372-5452) or email 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 need more information, please contact our main office. We thank our parent volunteers for their help in supporting this school event!

Walkathon Pledge Forms will be sent home

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.** The funds collected this year will enhance student learning at SAA. 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 Booster Juice. All money brought in prior to and including October 10th will be included in the **first early draw**. On the morning of October 11, 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 draw barrel (which can be found at the main office). Early draws will continue on October 11, 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**. We appreciate your support of this major school fundraiser.

Thank in advance for your continued support of our school,
Walkathon Committee

UNIFORM INFORMATION

The next Top Marks Customer Service Day will be coming up later in September - date to be announced. This is a great opportunity to touch base with the customer service representatives from Top Marks regarding sizing, returns, and so on.

MILK ORDERS – NOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR

We will not be offering a Milk Program this school year as the local dairy is not currently producing milk. Milk will not be sold in the canteen at this time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

Please note that the **Fall Book Fair** will be taking place in the library from **Tuesday, October 17th to Friday, October 20th**. Please come visit our library for our first book fair of the year!! There will be no library classes during this week.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

AIR QUALITY HEALTH INDEX – guidelines for student safety

Elementary students will be kept indoors when the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI), as indicated by Environment Canada on its website, reaches 7 or higher. We want to ensure the safety of our students and prevent them from engaging in strenuous activities during unstructured times (recess, lunch ,etc.). You can access the website at the following link: https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/bcaq-007_e.html.

Please see below for important reminders...

Morning Routine: There is a morning supervisor outside each day beginning at 8:00 AM. When students arrive at school in the morning, they are to go directly outside to the playground. Students with classrooms upstairs must drop their backpack by the sign and go outside. They should not be hanging up their backpacks on the hooks before 8:20 AM. Students in grades 6 and 7 may drop their backpacks by their lockers and go outside. They should not be opening their lockers before 8:20 AM.

Staff members attend morning prayer and also attend meetings in the mornings before school and therefore are not available to supervise inside the school until after 8:20 AM. Thank you for your support.

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

We greatly appreciate your assistance with this!

Crusader Wear Day: Once a month, Elementary 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. Physical Education gym strip 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**.

Dress Down Days: During the school year, there will be a 'Dress Down Day' held each month with the intent on collecting money for charity. Each Dress Down Day will have a certain theme and students are invited to bring in \$1.00 to donate to the charity that is being supported each month. Students do not have to wear school uniform on these days but instead can dress in the theme (such as athletic wear or Terry Fox t-shirts on **September 28** this month). For students who wish to dress in something other than the theme and not wear a school uniform, they are asked to bring in \$2.00 to support the charity. *Please note that dress code must always be followed and students are expected to dress in appropriate clothing.* Students are also welcome to dress in school uniform if they choose to not donate the money to charity that month.

Toonie for Terry: Terry Fox is a Canadian hero and has created a legacy by running his "Marathon of Hope" 34 years ago. 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.

Non-Uniform Days/Free Dress Days: Non-Uniform Days are also referred to as Free Dress Days. On these occasions, students are permitted to wear something other than school uniform. For

example, on days when your child has skating, he/she may dress in something other than school uniform that is conducive to skating. Your child's teacher will communicate these dates to you directly.

Pizza Ordering Information: To raise money for their Sunnybrae trip in June our grade 7's are responsible for the pizza lunch program here at St Ann's. All pizza orders for the first pizza day of the year need to be in by Monday, September 18th. Attached to this email are the order forms. You have the option of ordering monthly or for the year.

PLC Meetings: Elementary teachers will have the opportunity to meet as part of a Professional Learning Community (PLC) this coming school year. PLC meetings will take place one or two Thursdays each month from 8:00 to 8:45 AM. Future elementary PLC meetings are noted on the school calendar. The first PLC meeting of the year will be held on **Thursday, September 14**. 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.

ELEMENATARY CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING TEAM

- ✓ Do you enjoy running long distances?
- ✓ Are you in Grade 3,4,5,6 or 7?
- ✓ Can you commit to **Tuesday** and/or **Wednesday** afterschool meets?
- ✓ Do you want to build strength and endurance?
- ✓ Do you enjoy the challenge of competition?

**If you do, then join the St. Ann's
ElementaryCross Country Running Team
and become a
*CROSS COUNTRY CRUSADER***

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)

-All Meets take place after school. Students will be bussed to the events but parents must pick up their child from the Meet. Please be sure to check out with one of the SAA supervisors before taking your child home.

-Permission slips will be coming home next week!

****Gymstrip, outdoor runners and water bottle are required at all meets****

Please email Mr. Nesci if you have any questions at 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 25th from 9am-12noon**
- **Thursday, October 5th 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 **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 PARENT/GUARDIANS:

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. During the meeting, information for the year including dates, fundraisers and volunteer opportunities will be discussed. Thank-you. See you on the 19th.

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