



ST. ANN'S ACADEMY
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SEPTEMBER MID-MONTH NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept 13 & 14: **No School** for students (SAA staff attending Faith-based retreat)
Sept 17: Walkathon Opening Assembly 1:25 PM
Sept 18: Yearbooks sent home (see details below)
Sept 18: Grad Parents Meeting 6pm in Mr. Langevin's classroom
Sept 19: Elementary Cross Country Meet (3-4:30PM, McArthur Island)
Sept 19: School Council Meeting (6:00 PM, Meeting Room)
Sept 20: SAPA Meeting (6:30 PM, Meeting Room) – all parents welcome to attend
Sept 20: Elementary PLC Meetings (more details below)
Sept 20: HS PLC Meetings
Sept 21: Crusader Wear Day for staff and students (see details below)
Sept 24: **HS PLC Meetings**
Sept 25: Grade 8 Retreat at Harper Mtn. (permission slips sent home today)
Sept 25: Rising Stars-first practice (8AM, Elementary Music Room)
Sept 26: Elementary Cross Country Meet (3-5PM, Robert L Clemitson Elementary)
Sept 27: Elementary Pizza Day (for those that pre-ordered)
Sept 27: Dress Down Day For Charity - grades K-10 (please see details below)
Sept 28: Orange Shirt Day (see details below)
Oct 1: School Photos (**Mass Dress required**)
Oct 1: HS PLC Meetings
Oct 2: Elementary Cross Country Meet (3-4:30PM, Centennial Park)
Oct 3: **Early Dismissal** (Elementary at 12:00 PM, HS at 12:30 PM, busses leave at 12:45 PM)
Oct 4: Elementary PLC Meetings
Oct 5: SAA Walkathon. **Dismissal at 1:00 PM**, busses leave at 1:15 PM.
Oct 8: Happy Thanksgiving (No School)
Oct 9: Elem Mass 9AM @ SHC **Mass Dress required**. Parents welcome to attend.
Oct 11: HS Mass 9AM @ SHC **Mass Dress required**. Parents welcome to attend.
Oct 19 & 22: Pro D for teaching staff (**No School**)

K-12 NEWS

STAFF RETREAT – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

All St. Ann's Academy staff members will be attending a faith-based retreat beginning this evening. Therefore, there will be **NO SCHOOL** for students on Thursday, Sept. 13 and Friday, Sept. 14. Enjoy your long weekend!

LOWER PARKING LOT – ONLY TO BE USED BY STAFF AND SAA BUS

Parents are reminded that the lower parking lot is NOT to be used by parents. There is very limited space in the lower parking lot, and our SAA staff members and SAA school buses must

have access to this space at all times. Please use the upper parking lot at all times. We sincerely thank you for your cooperation.

SAPA FALL FUNDRAISER – DAVIDSON ORCHARDS

Our St. Ann's Parents' Association (SAPA) is organizing the apple fall fundraiser with Davidson Orchards again this year. All funds raised go to support student extracurricular events and other SAPA initiatives to enhance our school community. Information about the apple fundraiser from Davidson Orchards will be sent home **Monday, September 17**. Thanks in advance for your support!

SAA WEEKLY—FREQUENCY

In an effort to streamline communication, we plan on sending home the SAA Weekly (school communication email) twice monthly. We will send the SAA Weekly home on the first Friday of each month, with a Mid-Month Newsletter in the middle of each month. Of course, you will continue to receive emails as more pressing topics come up during the school year. Clear and effective communication is very important to us.

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STAFFING UPDATE

We regret to inform you that Mrs. Kopper, our Elementary Music Teacher, will only be continuing in her joint role at SAA and OLPH until Friday, Sept. 21. We are seeking to fill this specialist music position as soon as possible. We thank Mrs. Kopper for her service to our school community.

WALKATHON INFORMATION

On Monday, September 17, your child will receive a St. Ann's Academy Walkathon pledge sheet. The Walkathon will take place on **Friday, October 5**. ***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 initiatives that have been determined from student input. Last year, thanks to your generous support, we were able to meet the request of students and installed two additional drinking fountains and tables for outdoor eating on the upper field. 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 9**. 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 9th will be included in the **first draw**. On the morning of October 10, 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 take place on October 10, 11, 12, 15 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. 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 Friday, 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 5, 2018](#)

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 contact Ms. Spina at dspina@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!

ORANGE SHIRT DAY – K-10 (Non-Uniform Day)

For the first time, all students and staff will be observing Orange Shirt Day on Friday, Sept. 28, to show solidarity with our First Nations People. The day serves as an opportunity to honour and remember children of residential schools and an initial way of responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action in schools. The schools of the Kamloops Diocese will be acknowledging this initiative on Friday, September 28, 2018, and we invite our greater community to join us in wearing an orange shirt to show their support in honouring children of residential schools on September 28th and/or September 30th.

The movement was inspired by a student from the Williams Lake area, Phyllis Webstad, who attended St. Joseph's Indian Residential School from the age of 6. She tells her story of how her shiny new orange shirt was taken away on her first day of residential school. September 30 was chosen because it marks a time in history where children were taken from their families and homes and placed in residential schools. This opportunity sets the stage for learning about residential schools, as well as anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. Orange Shirt Day serves as an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools, and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

We will not be collecting any donations for this Non-Uniform Day.

2017-2018 SAA YEARBOOKS

The 2017-2018 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 Tuesday, September 18th with the youngest child in each family. If you wish to purchase additional yearbooks, please contact Ms. Reiswig at mreiswig@st-anns.ca. The cost to purchase additional yearbooks is \$45.00.

CRUSADER WEAR DAY – K-10 (Non-Uniform 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 21**. *Students are reminded to dress in accordance with our school dress code on non-uniform days.*

TOP MARKS UNIFORM – CUSTOMER SERVICE DATES

Top Marks Customer Service dates are as follows:

Tuesday September 25th, Tuesday October 9th, and Tuesday October 23rd. All Customer Service events take place in the SAA Meeting Room from 2:00-3:30 PM.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

WALKATHON DISMISSAL TIME – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Elementary students will be dismissed from classes at **1:00 PM** on Friday, October 5, 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 5 as there is no supervision provided after that time.** SAA School buses will depart at **1:15 PM** on Friday, October 5.

DRESS DOWN DAY FOR CHARITY – “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 27**, 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

Any student in grades 4 to 7 who wish to join the elementary school choir (Rising Stars choir) are asked to please attend the first rehearsal on **Tuesday, September 25th** 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. Please contact Mrs. Langevin, our Kindergarten teacher who has offered to help with the choir during the transition time as we look to fill our Elementary Music position, if you have any questions. You can reach Mrs. Langevin at mlangevin@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. Pearce or Mrs. Mayne by **Monday, September 17**. Practices will continue to be held after school on Mondays from 2:35-3:00 PM on the lower field. All Cross Country 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:

- Wednesday, September 19 @ McArthur Island (hosted by OLPH)
- Wednesday, September 26 @ RLC in Barnhartvale (Cliff Weathermon run)
- Tuesday, October 2 @ Westsyde Centennial Park (hosted by Arthur Stevenson)
- Wednesday, October 10 @ Dallas Elementary (District Championships)

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Pearce at dpearce@st-anns.ca or Mrs. Mayne at jmayne@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** again 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. Pearce 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:

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

Thursday, Sept. 27 – **GIRLS** 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. Pearce, at dpearce@st-anns.ca