



# ST. ANN'S ACADEMY

## September Calendar:

- Sept 6—First day of school (full day for all students)
- Sept 7—Meet the Teacher Night (Grades 1-12, 5:30-7:00pm)
- Sept 12—Welcome back BBQ (4:30-6 pm on the field/ gym)
- Sept 8 —Mass (8:45am in the SAA gym) **MASS DRESS**
- Sept 11—School Pictures (**Mass Dress** required)
- Sept 21/22—**no school** due to staff retreat
- Sept. 26- Grade 8 Retreat- Harper Mtn
- Sept 26—Rising Stars Choir (grades 4-7) first practice @ 8:00am in the elementary music room
- Sept 28—**K-9 Dress Down For Charity Day** (Terry Fox)
- Sept 28-Elementary Pizza Day (for those who preorder)
- Sept 29— Crusader Wear Day for staff and students

*An education you can have faith in!*

## Welcome Families to the 2017/2018 SAA School Year!

Dear Parents,

In just a few days we will be welcoming back the staff, teachers, parents and the students of St. Ann's Academy. I truly hope your summer holidays were restful and rewarding despite the smoky skies.

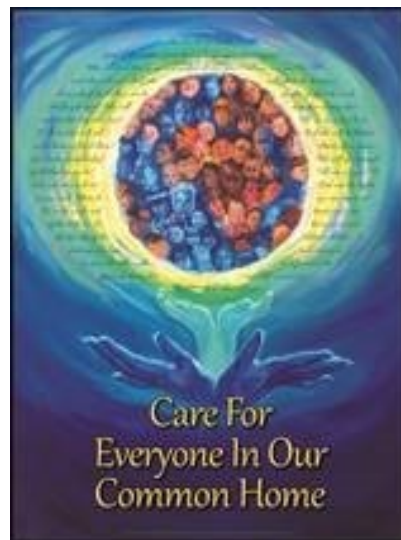
Our school theme for the 2017 – 2018 school year is **"Care for Everyone in Our Common Home"** which may sound quite similar to last year's theme, "Care for Our Common Home". Both of these themes start with the word "care" which is very prevalent in the catechism of the Catholic Church. As a member of St. Ann's Academy we all belong to a Christ-centered faith community that views Jesus Christ as our foundation. We share Jesus' vision and try to model our lives after Jesus' example of love. Catholics are called to care for one another and to use our unique gifts and talents for the good of our community and the world. It was the message Fr. Andrew left with us at the last Mass that he celebrated with our community. Fr. Andrew acknowledged and praised our students, staff and parents for how well they cared for each other and encouraged us to continue to be forgiving, merciful and to love one another.

As a Catholic school our primary purpose is to strengthen our community member's relationship with God, the world He created and His people through the teaching and modeling of our faith. With the ongoing support of Fr. Derrick (welcome back!), parents, staff and students - St. Ann's Academy will continue to play an important role in developing young people who are guided by moral values and possess a love of God, self and others. Ultimately our students are our

gift to the world as they model a life of faith, hope and love.

On behalf of the staff of St. Ann's Academy I would like to thank all the members of our community in advance for the many activities and events that will occur during this upcoming school year. May all our thoughts, words and deeds promote love for God and each other.

Shawn Chisholm  
Principal



2017–2018 School Theme

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Please join us in welcoming Fr. Derrick Cameron back to Kamloops! Father Derrick is the Pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral and Bishop's Representative to St. Ann's Academy.

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Wednesday, September 6

### High School:

Students will report to homeroom at the beginning of the day on Sept 6 and Sept 7 (for the first 40 minutes). Following homeroom, students will attend blocks A,B,C,D on Sept 6th and blocks E,F,G,H on Sept 7th. Homeroom lists will be posted on the bulletin boards outside Student Services. Finalized student timetables will be distributed and lockers will be assigned. Locks must be purchased from the school for \$10. Specific school supply requirements for each class will be discussed by teachers in the first class of each subject. Students must book appointments for Student Services at the school office if they need to discuss changes to their schedule. Last day for changes is Monday, September 25th.

### Elementary:

Students are asked to report to their homeroom for a full day of classes which commence at 8:30am (first bell rings at 8:22am). There will be an Elementary Assembly at 11:00 AM on Sept. 6.



*"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."*

Aristotle

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## Meet the Teacher Night—Grades 1-12

All families are welcome to attend the 'Meet the Teachers Night' on **Thursday, September 7th** (High School in the gym, Elementary in the classroom). There will be three sessions (5:30, 6:00 and 6:30pm); if you have children in multiple grades, you will be able to meet each teacher. Please note that Kindergarten parents do not need to attend as they will be meeting with the Kindergarten teacher separately. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Welcome Back BBQ—Tuesday, September 12th

St. Ann Academy's School Council is hosting a family barbeque on **Tuesday, September 12th** from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. The BBQ will take place on the upper field and/or the gymnasium. The Welcome Back BBQ is a great way to connect with our school community after the summer break. To assist in planning, please complete and return the **RSVP Google Form** that has been emailed to all families. Please RSVP by Friday, Sept. 8 to assist in our planning. We hope to see you there!

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## Special THANKS to our Maintenance Team!

Our school looks great because of the many people who worked very hard over the summer months in preparation for the new school year. Special THANKS to James Jackson, Jesse McKay, Matt Rich, Michelle Dressler and the wonderful student hires Michael Perszon, Carlos Ayala, and Duncan Chisholm, who all did some intense physical labour. Of special note are the updates done to the High School washrooms near the gymnasium and the Elementary Boys washroom (work is still ongoing).



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# SAA STAFF

## ADMINISTRATION

Principal: Mr. Shawn Chisholm  
Elementary Vice Principal: Mrs. Joanne Leggett  
High School Vice Principal: Mr. Byron Green

## HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 8 Blue (Room 218): Mr. Dean Pearce  
Grade 8 Gold (Room 216): Miss Katie Smylie  
Grade 9 Blue (Room 228): Mr. Rob Larson  
Grade 9 Gold (Room 229): Mrs. Mary Dimopoulos  
Grade 10 Blue (Room 212): Mr. Jason Eichenberger  
Grade 10 Gold (Room 227): Miss Alicia Fernandez  
Grade 11 Blue (Room 326): Mr. Mike McCarthy  
Grade 11 Gold (Room 328): Miss Monique Reiswig  
Grade 12 Blue (Room 329): Mr. Kevin Langevin  
Carpentry, Music & Religion: Mr. Tony Cuzzetto  
Learning Resource Coordinator & Math: Mr. Brent Arsenault  
Math & Religion: Mrs. Kari Bos  
Student Services: Ms. Domenica Spina, Mrs. Kristi Pearce  
Certified Education Assistants: Miss Amanda Bond, Mrs. Jami Bursey, Mrs. Ruth Grinder, Mrs. Shannon Litke, Ms. Michelle Maisonneuve, Miss Pina Pirrodi, Mrs. Silvana Rennie, Mrs. Shawna Salwach, Mrs. Jamie Wiley

\*Please visit the website for individual High School teaching assignments <http://st-anns.ca/secondary/>.

## ELEMENTARY

Kindergarten (Room 301): Mrs. Margaret Langevin  
Grade 1 (Room 302): Mrs. Karen McCarthy  
Grade 2 (Room 304): Mrs. Joanna Mayne  
Grade 3 (Room 306): Mrs. Jill Blower  
Grade 4 (Room 307): Mrs. Jennifer Sjokvist  
Grade 5 (Room 308): Mrs. Helen Ferguson  
Grade 6 (Room 206): Miss Kaelene Santos  
Grade 7 (Room 208): Ms. Angela Makse  
Music: Mrs. Charolette Mahoney  
Physical Education & Athletic Director: Mr. Jason Nesci  
Learning Resource Coordinator: Mrs. Lisa Hanlon  
Certified Education Assistants: Mrs. Christina Bergeron, Ms. Carla Bodor, Mrs. Suzanne Da Silva, Mrs. Jennifer Harrison, Mrs. Delores Iwaskow, Mrs. Cecilia Kernan, Mrs. Adriana Lord, Ms. Sarah Story, Mrs. Sharon Torrans, Mrs. Lori Zubak

## SUPPORT STAFF

Bus Drivers: Mr. Al Iwaskow, Mrs. Debra Noel  
Canteen: Mrs. Mila Skiba  
Daycare: Mrs. Susan Berdusco (Manager), Mrs. Merela Flanagan, Mrs. Tricia Mackey  
Library : Mrs. Ali Sucro  
Maintenance: Mr. James Jackson (Manager), Mr. Jesse McKay, Mr. Matt Rich, Ms. Michelle Dressler  
Office Administrators: Mrs. Vicky Galea, Mrs. Delphine Rombough, Mrs. Kathryn Rozek

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# MEDIC/ALLERGY ALERT INFORMATION



Several of our St. Ann's Academy students have severe and potentially life-threatening allergies, primarily to peanuts and other types of nuts. While we cannot guarantee an allergen free environment, in consultation with local health professionals, we feel the best way that we can reduce the risk of an accidental exposure to these students is to respectfully ask for the cooperation of our parents and students to:

- avoid sending peanut butter or products with peanuts or nuts listed in the ingredients
- discuss as a family the importance of being vigilant in reading ingredient labels and determining healthy and nutritional alternatives to peanuts, nuts and their by-products.

Your cooperation and understanding of this matter is greatly appreciated.

## What is an Allergy?

Allergies occur when the immune system becomes unusually sensitive and over reacts to common substances that are normally harmless. Examples are:

**Foods** - eggs, milk, peanuts/nuts, shellfish and some food additives (MSG)

**Stings** from bees, wasps, hornets and some ants

**Medications** - penicillin, sulfa drugs

**Exercise**

**Latex** (gloves/medical devices)

## What is Anaphylaxis?

- Occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen causing a severe, life-threatening allergic response.
- Reactions commonly occur within 10 - 30 minutes but can be delayed for 2 - 3 hours.
- Affects various organ systems including the skin, respiratory and cardiovascular.

Please refer to <http://www.anaphylaxis.ca/> for complete information.

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## SAA Parking Guidelines:

The upgrades to our SAA Parking lot were received very well last year. Here are some important reminders for all of our parking lot users:

Stopping and leaving your vehicle in the drop off circle is forbidden and presents an unnecessary safety risk for our students. With the visitor stalls remaining in front of the school and the new, additional parking stalls at the west end of the parking lot designated for morning and afternoon parent overflow parking, there is no need to park in the drop off zone.

The south side of the upper parking lot is designated for staff parking - so please do not take a staff member's spot - especially when there are now sufficient spaces allocated for our parents.

Student parking is clearly marked at the west end of the lot and I ask that our parents not use these student-designated parking stalls.

Our new parking area has angled parking (this allowed us to save as much of our playing field as possible) and there is only one-way traffic through this area with a loop at the far west end of our lot.

Congestion leaving the school is still a reality as there is only one entry/exit point for the school. Much of the congestion is often caused when access to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. is difficult due to traffic volume. A solution to this problem that many of our parents are using is to take a right turn as they leave the school and then the first left turn to travel behind the hospital. If you then make a right turn at the first stop sign you will be able to access Columbia St. via the roads at the bottom of the hill.

While our expanded on-site parking will improve the traffic flow at SAA, I do not believe it will make it disappear. Therefore, I ask that all of our parking lot users remain patient and know that civility will be the minimum standard of behavior expected when parking lot disputes occur.



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## DRESS CODE:



Students in grades 1-9 are required to wear school uniform for the 2017-2018 school year. Students in other grades are required to abide by the school dress code. Please review with your child the school dress code in the Parent Handbook (which can be found at [st-anns.ca](http://st-anns.ca) website by clicking Parents tab and then Parent Handbook). A great majority of our students comply with the school dress code and come to school dressed in a manner that is tasteful and modest. With consistent direction and support from parents, teachers and administration, universal student dress code compliance will be achieved.

## GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

**SUPERVISION:** St. Ann's Academy provides supervision of its students between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm daily. Beyond these times, supervision of your children is not provided. Alternate arrangements must be made to ensure their safety; before 8:00 am and after 3:00 pm they should be with a friend/relative/neighbour.

**EARLY DISMISSAL:** Please ensure that all students are picked up within 15 minutes of dismissal, as there is no supervision available for students after this time. Most early dismissals will follow the staggered pattern with Elementary students dismissed at 12:00 pm and High School students at 12:30 pm. St. Ann's buses will leave promptly by 12:45 pm. Please refer to the online school calendar for dates and dismissal times or for a concise list visit our website at <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>

**COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL STAFF:** St. Ann's Academy promotes a transparent relationship with its community members. Together, we join in the educational journey of our students. We promote positive, pro-active interactions between parents and teachers. Should you require a meeting with a teacher or administration, please contact the teacher in advance (by email, note or phone) to set a mutually agreeable date/time. 'Drop-ins' can be quite disruptive and may conflict with teacher obligations/duties. Thank you for helping minimize classroom disruptions during the day. **All visitors to the school must check in at the school office please.**

**ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES:** School begins each day with a warning bell at 8:25 am, followed by our National Anthem, Morning Prayer and Daily Announcements promptly at 8:30 am. All students should be in their classroom before 8:30 am. If this is not possible, students are asked to stop at the school office for a late slip prior to proceeding to lockers or classroom. The school must be notified first thing in the morning if a student is absent for the day. Call 250-372-5452 and press "1" to reach the direct line and 24 hour voicemail for the attendance secretary. You may leave a message on this line at any time. If students are absent from school for a half day or longer, they must bring a note from home explaining the absence before returning to classes. Students who need to leave the school for an appointment must bring a signed and dated note to the office from their parent/guardian. The office will then provide an administration slip to the teacher to dismiss the student from class at the appropriate time. If a student doesn't feel well or gets hurt at school, they must report to office and they will be looked after. Parents will be contacted as required.

**STUDENT PICK UP:** We ask all K – 7 parents who wait for their children inside the school at the end of the day to wait for them by the main office. This strategy really helps the teachers focus the children's attention on end-of-day housekeeping items. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this!

**LOCKERS AND LOCKS:** All of our students from Gr. 6 – 12 will be supplied with a full length locker this year. Of course, these lockers are the property of the school, and as such, students need to keep them clean and in a condition that allows it to be used well into the future. All locks to be used in the school are supplied by the school. These locks will be available during home-room on Sept 6 & 7 and then at the office after that date for high school students. Elementary teachers will provide locks to their students. A **\$10 deposit** is required for each lock and this deposit will be refunded when the student leaves the St. Ann's community and returns the lock in good working order. Non-school locks will be removed by the second week of school.

**TRAFFIC CIRCLE:** Please remember that the **traffic circle is only for student drop off - drivers must not leave their vehicle and enter the school.** Please also turn off your vehicle while you are waiting for pickup – it's planet friendly! **Please also refrain from using the bottom parking lot as it is reserved for bus & staff traffic during the school day.** Excess traffic in this lot presents safety concerns for our students. ***For our first day back (Sept 6), the upper field will be made available for the anticipated increase in parking requirements.*** The following day the normal parking protocol will prevail as our field will be required for P.E. classes.

**BUS INFORMATION:** St. Ann's families will be given priority for the seating capacity available however, to guarantee your spot on the bus please complete the appropriate bus forms found on our website. The school bus fee is \$50.00 per month per student to a maximum of \$100.00 per month per family. The full monthly fee applies regardless of the number of times your child rides the bus. As we are not able to utilize pre-authorized debit or credit card payments for these fees, please arrange to either pay in full or provide post-dated cheques dated for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month, for the entire school term by September 15, 2017. Bus route schedules are available on our website under the General Information tab. Daily bus passes are \$3.50 per trip and are available from the school office. This must be pre-arranged and the student(s) **MUST** have a note from home to purchase these tickets.

**CANTEEN NEWS:** Check out our website for detailed daily menus. In addition to the daily menu, the canteen offers choices (for High School Students only) of items such as cheese buns, sandwiches, tossed salads, veggies & dip, bagels & cream cheese, and milk. **High School students** may pay cash at the canteen or purchase a sheet of meal tickets from the office \$30.00 for a sheet of 10 tickets. All daily entrees are \$3.00 each. **Elementary students** are asked to purchase a Canteen Punch Card for \$30.00 at the school office. Elementary teachers will hold the cards in the classroom for students to avoid loss. As cards are used up they will be sent home with the student, indicating that the parent may purchase a new card. The punch card is the equivalent of 10 canteen purchases valid for one of the daily entrees. Elementary students may not substitute other items available at the canteen (these items are for high school students and staff only). We have three new water fountains for all students to enjoy, whether it's a sip of water, or filling up their entire bottle! **Elementary students are not allowed to use cash for purchases at the canteen.** If students only purchase lunch on a very occasional basis (i.e. less than 10 times in a year) individual tickets may be pre-purchased at the school office; however we encourage families to purchase punch cards for each of their children. The milk program for elementary students is offered in addition to the canteen punch card. The milk program will start on October 2, 2017 and the monthly order forms from will be available on the website by Sept. 15.

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## ELEMENTARY INFORMATION

**Dress Down Days for Charity:** During the school year, there will be a 'Dress Down Day' or 'Free Dress Day for Charity' 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 29 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. The first Elementary Free Dress Day for Charity will be in support of the **Terry Fox Run** and will be held on **Thursday, September 28**. Watch for more information in upcoming SAA Weekly's.

**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. Classroom teachers will advise parents of upcoming Free Dress Days for their students.

**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 29th**.

**Student Supply Lists – fees due:** Included with your child's year-end Report Card was a **Student Supply List** for the following grade. There are a few items (grade specific) that parents must purchase for their child for the beginning of the school year (September 2017). Please refer carefully to the Student Supply List for the appropriate grade and send in a separate cheque for each child to the classroom teacher on the first day of school. The majority of school supplies will be supplied by the School. Student Supply Lists are posted on the St. Ann's website and can be accessed at the following link (<http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>).

**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.

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## MABEL'S LABELS

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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&fb=2286&cur\\_website=base](http://mabelslabels.com/c/?type=fundraiser&fb=2286&cur_website=base)



Register today for **Bishop Joseph's First Annual Heaven's Open Golf Tournament** at the Dunes at Kamloops Golf Course to help support SAA, OLPH and the R.I.H. Foundation! Registration forms can be found on our website at <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>.

**Volunteers Needed:** A great way to complete Parent Participation Hours is to help out with the First Annual Heaven's Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 23. Please contact Mr. Green at [Byron.green@st-anns.ca](mailto:Byron.green@st-anns.ca) if you are able to help out.

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## ELEMENTARY CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING TEAM



Do you enjoy running **long** distances (Gr.3/4:1.2-1.5k and Gr.4/5/6:1.7-2.4k)?

Are you in **Grade 3,4,5,6 or 7?**

Do you want to build strength and endurance?

Do you enjoy the challenge of competition?

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

First race will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19. at Mc Arthur Island.

Permission slips will be coming home soon!

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## High School Fall Sports

Volleyball Practices & Try-out dates:

- Sr. Girls—Monday, Sept. 4 4:00-6:00pm & Thursday, Sept. 7 7:00-9:00pm
- Jr. & Sr. Boys— Tuesday, Sept. 5 6:00-8:00pm & Thursday, Sept. 7 7:00-9:00pm
- Jr. Girls—Tuesday, Sept. 5 4:00-6:00pm; Wednesday, Sept.6 & Friday Sept. 8 3:00-5:00pm
- Grade 8 Girls—Wednesday Sept 6 & Friday, Sept. 8 3:00-5:00pm
- Grade 8 Boys - Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 6 @ Break in the meeting room.

High School Boys Soccer— see Mr. Cuzzetto

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## FORMS

We welcome you to check out our website [www.st-anns.ca](http://www.st-anns.ca) where you can find all the forms mentioned below...

- Elementary Student Supply Lists <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>
  - Liturgy Schedule <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>
  - Early Dismissal Schedule <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>
  - September Canteen Menu <http://st-anns.ca/canteen/>
  - Bishop Joseph's Heaven's Open Golf Tournament Registration Form <http://st-anns.ca/saa-weekly/>
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## TOP MARKS - Customer Service Dates

Customer Service Representatives will be available to assist with uniform exchanges and orders on the following dates at St. Ann's Academy:

- Thursday September 7th 5:15-7:15 PM- open for parents during Meet the Teacher Night.
  - Wednesday September 27th 2:00-3:00 PM
  - Wednesday October 18th 2:00-3:00 PM
  - Wednesday November 1st 2:00-3:00 PM
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UNIFORM EXCHANGE



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## TUITION AND PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

To our families who provided pay in full tuition cheques, please be aware that these cheques will be cashed on Thursday, September 7th. Also, the pre-paid Parent Participation Program cheques will be deposited on Thursday, September 14th (for those who are not participating in the the 2017/18 volunteer program).

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## SAA PRESCHOOL

Preschool orientation will be on Wednesday, September 6th from 8:45 to 9:30 AM. Preschool classes begin Monday, September 11 and Tuesday, September 12th. A friendly reminder to please park in the Upper Parking Lot and use the visitor parking spots.

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*“The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love.”*

Pope Francis