



ST. ANN'S ACADEMY  
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## Welcome from the St. Ann's Parents' Association (SAPA)

### What is the St. Ann's Parent's Association?

The St. Ann's Parent Association (or SAPA as it is known) is an active group that represents all the parents and guardians for registered children. Our main role is to support the school community and enhance its programs. SAPA works to raise funds for extracurricular activities in sports and arts in both the elementary and high school grades. SAPA also hosts events throughout the year including the Welcome Back to School ice cream bar for all families, the Christmas Bazaar, Paint Nights and staff appreciation functions.

### Who is part of the St. Ann's Parent Association?

All Parents and guardians of students at St. Ann's are voting members of SAPA. There are a few parent volunteers that make up the SAPA executive: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Gaming Officer and Fundraising Coordinator. They all have 2 - year terms, then need to run for re-election.

### What is a SAPA meeting like?

SAPA meets for one hour at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month in the St. Ann's meeting room. Meetings are only from Sept to June, while school is in session. This meeting provides updates regarding upcoming organized events and how we are spending our annual budget. We also brainstorm to increase our current fundraising initiatives and/or try new fundraisers. At this meeting everyone has a voice and a vote regarding spending and initiatives. Current initiatives include providing money to student scholarships, extracurricular activities like intramural sports, baking club, chess club, year end trips, music, busing for events and many more. We occasionally take on capital projects such as raising the funds for our beautiful new playground.

### SAPA and Parent Participation Hours?

By attending a SAPA meeting or volunteering at any of our fundraising and/or community building events, you receive one PP Hour for every hour your family helps out. Plus you have fun!

### Are you interested in finding out more about SAPA?

Meeting minutes and the SAPA Handbook that governs how decisions are made are on the school website at [www.st-anns.ca/sapa/](http://www.st-anns.ca/sapa/) The executive are also available to answer any questions through email at [sapa@st-anns.ca](mailto:sapa@st-anns.ca) or in person if we see you at the school or an event.,