

APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

APRIL CALENDAR

Apr 4: SAA Store Open 2-3:00pm

Apr 6: **EARLY DISMISSAL** – K-3@12:00, 4-7@12:10, 8-12@12:30; bus departs @12:45

Apr 12: SAPA Meeting – 6:30pm via Zoom (Email sapa@st-anns.ca for the link to join)

Apr 11: Breakfast for the needy

Apr 11: SAA Store Open 2-3:00pm

Apr 12: Full School Chrism Mass – **MASS DRESS for ALL STUDENTS**

Apr 14: Living Stations of the Cross

Apr 14: Elementary Pizza Day – No Munch-a-Lunch for Elementary

Apr 15: **NO SCHOOL** – Good Friday

Apr 18: **NO SCHOOL** – Easter Monday

Apr 21: **DRESS DOWN for CHARITY** (Children’s Hospital –Jeans & Stuffies)

Apr 22: Group/Class Photos – **MASS DRESS for ALL STUDENTS**

Apr 25: Spring Into Reading Begins

Apr 25: Scholastic Book Fair Begins

Apr 26: Local School Committee Meeting – 6:00pm (Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for Zoom link to join)

Apr 26: Episode of ‘The Search’, via Zoom with the Faith Development Team (Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for Zoom link)

Apr 26: Literacy Exams for Grade 10

Apr 27: Literacy Exams for Grade 12

Apr 28: Numeracy Exams for Grade 10

Apr 29: **Crusaderwear**

Apr 29: Kindergarten Cupcake Sale

MAY CALENDAR

May 3: Teacher Appreciation Day in Canada

May 3-5: Grade 10 Retreat

May 4: **EARLY DISMISSAL** - K-3@12:00, 4-7@12:10, 8-12@12:30; bus departs @12:45

May 6: Last day of Spring into Reading

May 9: Last day of Scholastic Book

Fair May 9: Breakfast for the Needy

May 10: SAPA Meeting – 6:30pm via Zoom (Email sapa@st-anns.ca for the link to join)

May 12: PE Adventure Day
May 12: **DRESS DOWN for CHARITY** (Cure-wear jeans & pink)
May 13: **NO SCHOOL** – Pro D Day
May 17: House Spirit Day (Wear your house shirts & colours with uniform bottoms)
May 18: Elementary Mass (**Mass Dress for Elementary students**)
May 19: High School Mass (**Mass Dress for High School students**)
May 19: Elementary Pizza Day – No Munch-a-Lunch for Elementary
May 23: **NO SCHOOL** – Victoria Day Stat
May 24: Episode of ‘The Search’, via Zoom with the Faith Development Team
(Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for Zoom link)
May 26: Capstone Presentations by Grade 12s
May 27: **CRUSADERWEAR**
May 30: Sports Day Assembly
May 31: Local School Committee (LSC) Meeting -6:00pm (Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for Zoom link to join)

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELEMENTARY SPRING INTO READING is just around the corner!

*Events will take place between April 25th and May 6th.

- **Dress up as your Favourite Storybook Character (Monday, April 25th)**
Start planning your costume now. Students can pick their favourite storybook character and dress up like them for the day. Students must also bring the storybook that corresponds to their character to school. This will be a non-uniform day for all participants.
- **Virtual Scholastic Book Fair (Monday, April 25th - Monday, May 9th at 8:59pm PT)**
Purchase new books online and support the Library! The link is: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5175598>
- **Read-a-thon: (April 26th- May 5th)**
Students will be bringing home a special reading log to keep track of their reading. The results will be tallied and classes will be competing for house points. There will be prizes for the top readers from each class. Logs are due back to classroom teachers by Friday, May 6th!
- **Book Trivia (April 27th, May 3rd, and May 5th)**
Students will have the opportunity to test their book knowledge with brain-teasing questions.
- **Estimation Contest Begins (April 27th - May 6th)**

Students will have a chance to guess how many books there are in the Library during class library time for a chance to win a prize.

- **Sock Day (Thursday, April 28th)**

Wear your favorite funky reading socks to school with your uniform today!

- **Author Interviews (Friday, April 29th)**

Learn something new in class about a well loved author!

- **Read My Shirt Day (Monday, May 2nd)**

Wear a T-shirt with writing (appropriate for school) for others to read! Uniform bottoms must be worn today!

- **D.E.A.R. - Drop Everything and Read! (Friday, May 6th)**

Students will have quiet reading time in class.

Please note the Spring Into Reading 2022 Calendar of events will be found on our school website closer to the date.

CUPCAKE SALE

On Friday, April 29th, the Kindergarten class will be holding a Cupcake Sale to raise money for missions. All cupcakes are \$1. Students are limited to 1 cupcake each.

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Virtual Scholastic Book Fair is just around the corner! Shop online from **Monday, April 25th to Monday, May 9th @ 8:59pm PT** to purchase the latest great books at great prices! All books sold help our library earn rewards for new resources!! Please follow the link to start browsing!

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5175598>

All orders will be shipped directly to the school (that means free shipping for everyone) and orders will be distributed to students once they arrive. The Library appreciates all of your support! Thank you!

Birthday Book Club

Just a reminder that the Birthday Book Club has returned for elementary students. All NEW book donations (valued under \$15.00 - Please no board books) must be handed into the Library by **Friday, June 3rd, 2022!**

SAA STORE - The upcoming dates and times of store hours are as follows: **Monday, April 4th from 2-3:00 and Monday, Apr 11th**. The store will be set up right inside the main doors, just outside the front office. This is a chance to pick up your SAA Crusader wear! We also have House Shirts in stock now, so if your son or daughter has lost or outgrown his or her house shirt, a new one can be purchased through the store or the front office for \$12. Please note that the SAA Store does not sell uniform items.

FROM THE FAITH CORNER

LENT

Lent began on March 2 (Ash Wednesday) and ends on April 14th (Holy Thursday). The Lenten season is inspired by the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert preparing for his own sacrifice. During these 40 days, many people will give up something they love, like chocolate, and many also abstain from eating meat other than fish on Fridays. But others like to spend the time reflecting and praying about something important to them, thinking about how they can become better or more prayerful people or how they can share Jesus' love with the world. Below, find some suggestions for prayer.

LENTEN PRACTICE of PRAYER

Jesus took his disciples up the mountain, and they saw him transfigured, in His glory. Jesus invites us to this "mountain-top" experience, especially during Lent. In the Bible, mountains are places of prayer and revelation, and during Lent we can take some time to look closer at Prayer, one of the 3 disciplines. In a special way, let us ask Jesus in Prayer to reveal himself to us, so that we can grow in friendship with Him!

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/perspectives-on-lent/articles/8-ways-to-pray-during-lent/>

SAA FAITH DEVELOPMENT TEAM – The Faith Development Team of SAAs invites you to join them on the FOURTH Tuesday of the month, via ZOOM, as they continue the 7-part series 'The Search'. The Search is a groundbreaking series that tackles the key questions of every human heart: "Why are we here?", "What's life all about?", "What happens when we die?" In this series, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. Whether you're a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, 'The Search' will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about! Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for the Zoom link to **join us for the next sessions, on Tuesday, April 26th and Tuesday, May 24th**. Note that it is not necessary to do all parts of the series...join us for one or for all! Please find below, the link to *all* of the sessions if you would like to view it at your own convenience.

<https://www.augustineinstitute.org/program-categories/the-search>

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BISHOP & Fr. DERRICK

The dispensation of the faithful in the Diocese of Kamloops from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will be lifted starting Saturday, April 9th 2022. All Catholics are obligated (hopefully we want

to come willingly!) to be in person at Mass. I encourage everyone to make a good confession as well. Also, a short video on the spiritual life: <https://youtu.be/pBf3MexGaQw> Fr. Derrick

[Bishop Joseph - Letter to the Faithful of the Diocese -March 14, 2022](#)

Please find below a CCCB Media Release (in English and French).

Canada's Catholic Bishops Welcome Pope Francis' Apology to Indigenous Peoples: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/canadas-catholic-bishops-welcome-pope-francis-apology-to-indigenous-peoples/>

Les évêques catholiques du Canada entendent les excuses du pape François aux peuples autochtones:
<https://www.cccb.ca/fr/media-release/les- eveques-catholiques-du-canada-entendent-les-excuses-du-pape-francois-aux- peuples-autochtones/>

NEWS FROM THE SAA OFFICE

RAFFLE WINNERS – A big thank you to all who supported this important fundraiser for our school and congratulations to the winners of the raffle prizes!

EARLY BIRD DRAW (\$100 Cash) - Andrew Worsfold
MOST TICKETS SOLD (\$100 Cash) - Jayda Sangha
1st PLACE PRIZE (\$1500 Cash) – Rosie Falco
2nd PLACE PRIZE (Sun Peaks Staycation) – Tina Beerda
3rd PLACE PRIZE (Traegar Smoker BBQ) – Loretta Verbruggen

MUNCH-A-LUNCH – Please be sure to send payments for munch-a-lunch to payments@st-anns.ca and to indicate who and what it is for in the message section.

ATTENDANCE - At the beginning of the new school year in September the start time for school was changed from 8:30 am to 8:25 am. This means students should be arriving at 8:20 am at the latest in order to be present in their classes by 8:25. If students are arriving after 8:25 am they will need to stop by the office for a late slip so they are not marked absent. Thank you all for making this necessary adjustment in your schedules.

REPORTING A STUDENT ABSENCE - Thank you to our parents for diligently reporting their child's absence(s). Please note that it is very important for student absences to be

reported and for students to check in at the office if they're coming late or leaving early. In the event of something such as a fire drill (or worse an actual fire!), we have to ensure that *every* student is accounted for. Your children's safety is important to us :) A friendly reminder that we have a number of ways to report a student's absence. Parents may:

- ☒ use the school app
- ☒ use the website attendance notification feature on the website (st-anns.ca)
- ☒ email attendance@st-anns.ca
- ☒ call the school office at 250-372-5452 (ext 118)

BUSES - A reminder that if your son or daughter only rides the bus occasionally, he or she MUST have a bus pass from the school office. The bus passes are \$3.50 and they must be shown to the driver or the student will not be permitted to ride the bus that day. Please also note that even if bus usage is only occasional, students must be pre-registered to ride that particular bus, as space is limited.

COVID TEST KITS – St. Ann's was provided with enough Covid tests for each student who attends the school. These tests were distributed to the students on March 9th. If for some reason you didn't receive one, please see Arlene at the office to pick your test kit up.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you have lost your school photo proofs or would simply like to place an online order, here are the instructions to do so:

- Go to my.lifetouch.ca and select the button that says "**Start Using Student ID**"
- Then enter our school information: Kamloops, BC, St. Ann's Academy
- Then enter the student information: Student Name, Student # and select

Parent/Guardian (NOTE: the office can provide you with your child's student # if you don't have it) This will then show you the digital version of your child's proofs and from there you can look through the items and packages to place an order.

WATER BOTTLES - Please remember to send your children to school with their own water refillable water bottle. It has become a bit of a habit that students come to the office to request cups for water. Although we will continue to provide them if absolutely necessary, we would like to minimize how many cups we are giving out each day. Thank you!!!

CANTEEN – The April Canteen Menu is attached below. Please note that the Canteen menus are also available on the [SAA Website](#) as well as on the [SAA Calendar](#).

ELEMENTARY PIZZA DAYS

Our upcoming elementary pizza day is **Thursday, April 14th**. Please note that even if you haven't ordered pizza yet for the upcoming months you are still able to do so. Only those students who have pre-ordered will receive pizza on those days. Your son or daughter should have brought home a monthly order form from their classroom teacher but below is the link to also print more forms, for your convenience. The canteen will be closed for grade K-7 on these 2 days so if you have not

ordered pizza for your child, please pack them a lunch from home. Also, the elementary pizza day which had to be canceled in December has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 2nd.

<https://st-anns.ca/wp-content/uploads/Monthly-Elementary-Pizza-Order-Form.pdf>

SCHOOL PICK-UP

Thank you parents for your continued patience with our pick up lines! We're getting the hang of it! HOWEVER, please DO NOT use the roundabout for pick up or drop off. The roundabout is reserved for buses and students with special needs. It is NOT to be used by anyone else. We also kindly ask that you don't pull into spots along the south wall (on the far side of the parking lot from the school) as these are specifically assigned to staff. We've had a few staff show up to work and vehicles are parked in their spots. Please use the designated Visitor spots if you need to park. Thank you!!

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE SAA APP FROM THE APP STORE? Download it today for quick access to school information!

ATHLETICS

Senior girls' soccer has started - anyone from grade 8-12 can try out, check the athletic calendar for upcoming practices.

High school golf team will be starting soon - see Mrs. Mallais if you want to join the team. You must have your own set of clubs to participate.

There will be badminton drop-ins during lunch and after school coming up, check the athletic calendar for dates and times.