

# DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

## **DECEMBER CALENDAR**

Dec 7: Trimester 2 begins (Grade 8/9 elective switch)

Dec 8: SAPA meeting 6:30-7:30 pm (please email [sapa@st-anns.ca](mailto:sapa@st-anns.ca) for zoom link to attend)

Dec 10: **Mass** (students please wear Mass attire)

Dec 10/11: Grad photos

Dec 11: Crusaderwear Day, report cards home

Dec 15: School Committee meeting 6:00- 8:00 pm (please email [school.council@st-anns.ca](mailto:school.council@st-anns.ca) for zoom link to attend)

**Dec 18: Early dismissal** (K-3 @ 12:10 pm, 4-7 @ 12:20 pm, High School @ 12:30 pm, bus departure @ 12: 45 pm), **Red/Green Day** (no donation required)

## **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

Please consider supporting families in need this holiday season. You likely received an email from your child's teacher this week about collecting items (food and gift cards). As always, we thank our families for your generous donations.

## **GIVING TREE**

We encourage our students to bring new toques, hats, mitts, socks, scarves for our giving tree. These items will be given to the homeless the week before Christmas. Thanks for your generosity.

## **PICTURE RETAKES**

Students who had retakes done were given their Lifetouch proofs at the beginning of the week.

Families wishing to place an order with Lifetouch may do so online (instructions for placing your order can be found in the photo package) or students may bring their order to the office.

## **2020 ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

As many of you have guessed, our annual elementary Christmas concert cannot proceed this year as usual. However, that does not mean your children will miss out on their chance to perform!

The SAA 2020 Christmas concert, Christmas Around the World, will be held virtually and shared online.

Preparations are already underway in music class, and the final video will be shared with families before the Christmas break. Individual details will be coming home for each grade level, but in the meantime, there have been many students asking for ways that they can practice at home. The following website contains all the resources your child needs if they would like to practice their concert songs.

<https://sites.google.com/olphschool.ca/2020-christmas-concert/>

## **COFFEE HOUSE**

Families can look forward to a videotaped edition of Coffee House 2020. This will be shared with the school community before Christmas break.

## **LOST & FOUND**

Students are encouraged to have a look at our lost and found tables set up in the hallway by the cafeteria and elementary wing. We have many items, which will be on display until Friday, December 18th at noon. After that time, any items that are left will be donated to charity.

### NEWS FROM THE SAA OFFICE

The one and only Mrs. Galea will be retiring from the attendance desk on December 18th, and we would like to wish her much joy and freedom in her retirement! Mrs. G, thank you for your years of warm greetings, love for the students, and requests for hot caramel beverages. We will miss your sense of humor and abundance of emojis from [attendance@st-anns.ca](mailto:attendance@st-anns.ca)! May God continue to bless you as this new phase of life begins.

### ATHLETICS

Thank you to our volunteer coaches, Mrs. Broadway, Mrs. Balison, Marina Caputo, Natalie Pietramala, Tracey Dabrowski, Mr. Larson, and Mr. C, who provided volleyball and soccer skills sessions during the fall season. Your time and expertise were much appreciated, especially considering the Covid restrictions on extracurricular opportunities these days.

### WALK-A-THON 2020

The final results are in and we are delighted to announce that we raised \$26,241 for this year's event! We are so very grateful to the entire SAA community for their support at this challenging time. A big thank-you to Mrs. Evelyn Bennett for tracking, counting, and depositing all of the money that was collected. The walk-a-thon committee is determining where the funds will be allocated and will share this information as soon as a final decision has been made. Once again, thank you for your generous support!

### DRESS DOWN DAYS

The monthly non-uniform days for charity continue to bring spirit to the school and much-needed cash for many local charities. To date, the following organizations have received donations from our school:

- The Mustard Seed - \$415.70
- Kamloops BC SPCA - \$501.26
- The Terry Fox Foundation - \$828.65