

February 2021 Newsletter

CALENDAR

Feb 8: SAA Store open from 2-3 pm

Feb 9: SAPA meeting at 6:30 pm (to join virtually email sapa@st-anns.ca for the link)

Feb 10: Early dismissal (primary @ 12:15 pm, intermediate @ 12:20 pm, high school @ 12:30 pm, bus departure @ 12:45 pm)

Feb 12: Dress for Charity Day (see details below)

Feb 15: Family Day - NO SCHOOL

Feb 17: Ash Wednesday Mass (students are asked to wear Mass attire)

Feb 22/23: Talent Show rehearsals (see details below)

Feb 22: Elementary student-led conferences via zoom (details forthcoming in a separate email to elementary families)

Feb 22: SAA Store open from 2-3 pm

Feb 23: School Committee meeting at 6 pm (to join virtually email school.council@st-anns.ca for the link)

Feb 24: Science Fair for students in Grades 5, 8, 9

Feb 25: Grade 4 MDI survey

Feb 26: Anti-Bullying Day a.k.a. Pink Shirt Day (please see details below)

ATTENDANCE - Reporting a student absence

Thank you to our parents for diligently reporting their child's absence(s). 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
- email attendance@st-anns.ca
- call the school office at 250-372-5452 (ext 118)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

As you know, we 'Kicked it Old Style' this week for CSW! Students and staff came to school in awesome themed apparel and enjoyed indoor and outdoor games, food, and comradery throughout the week. School spirit is alive at SAA.

On behalf of the CSW Committee, we want to thank all our students for the beautiful Valentine cards made for seniors in our community. The cards are being delivered to Pinegrove, Bedford Manor, Ponderosa Lodge, and Berwick on the Park to help brighten the seniors' day. God bless you all for your care and kindness!

Finally, a big THANK YOU to our Catholic Schools Week Committee for planning a fun-filled week for our students! Your dedication, creativity, and enthusiasm is commendable.

TALENT SHOW

The St. Ann's Academy Talent Show is just around the corner! The Talent Show is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021, during the school day and will include performances from both Elementary and High School students.

The Talent Show will look a little different this year... all acts will be recorded and a Talent Show video will be created and shared on March 10th. Auditions will still take place. Students are asked to please sign up to audition with their classroom teachers (Elementary) or at the T in the

cafeteria (High School) by February 16th. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 are invited to audition.

Audition details:

High School:

- High School auditions will be made by appointment. Please see Mr. Cuzzetto.

Elementary (in elementary music room):

- Monday, February 22 at 2:45 pm (K-3 cohorts)
- Tuesday, February 23 at 2:45 pm (4-7 cohorts)

After the auditions are complete, students will be notified later in the week to let them know if they were successful in their auditions. Students will then receive information regarding the time and day their act will be recorded for the Talent Show. Students **MUST** be present for their assigned recording time. If a student is absent at this time, they will not be recorded at a later date. Please remember to come prepared for your audition. This includes music, costumes, and any other materials that are essential to your act. For more detailed information about the Talent Show rules, please see the email attachment. Thank you from the SAA Talent Show Committee

SAPA RAFFLE

The SAPA Raffle is in full swing! Thanks to those families who have sold their booklets and returned them to the school office. If you would like an additional booklet to sell, please contact officeadmin@st-anns.ca. As per gaming rules, all sold and unsold booklets must be returned to the school prior to the draw date, which is March 10, 2021. Thank you for your continued support of SAPA. These funds improve school programming by purchasing equipment that enhances what SAA can offer our students.

DRESS FOR CHARITY – Friday, February 12th – Wear RED & WHITE

Students are encouraged to bring a toonie or loonie and wear red and white on February 12th in support of the **Heart and Stroke Foundation**.

ANTI-BULLYING DAY – Friday, February 26th – Wear PINK!

Anti-Bullying Day (a.k.a. **Pink Shirt Day**) is a day celebrated on various dates throughout Canada. It originally started as a protest against a bullying incident at a high school in Nova Scotia. Annually on this day, people participate by wearing pink to symbolize a stand against bullying. We will recognize Anti-Bullying Day at St. Ann's Academy on Friday, February 26th and students are encouraged to wear pink!

2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

This year, income tax receipts will be mailed to families. You can expect to receive your receipt(s) by mail in the near future.

SAA STORE

If you are looking to purchase Crusaderwear, SAA's very own store will be open the following dates:

- Monday, Feb. 8th from 2-3:00pm
- Monday, Feb. 22nd from 2-3:00pm

The store is set up near the west doors, between the high school field and the side gym entrance (near the whitish-grey colored portable).