



February Newsletter

News From the SAA Office

NEW: Tax Receipts

Please note that once tax receipts arrive they will be sent home with your family courier (usually the youngest member of the family). They are not completed on site and we are waiting patiently for them to arrive at the school.

NEW: Lenten Calendar

The CISKD has put together a beautiful lenten calendar to help us prepare for the beauty of the Easter Season. Please find it [here](#). Feel free to print, share and follow together with other family and friends who may not be familiar with lent or St. Ann's Academy.

NEW: Radon Testing

We have correspondence for parents from Interior Health. Please review it from our website [here](#).

NEW: Re-Registration

Tis the season for re-registration. We currently have wait lists for students in most grades. Re-registration packages will be coming home with the family couriers later in the month. Please watch your email for details. We will be opening up seats after the deadline so if your re-registration package is late coming back there may not be seats available for your student(s).

Feeding our Futures Grant

“As busy parents deal with global inflation, school food programs can help reduce the pressure on their wallets while tackling student hunger,” said Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care. “Working with local schools to make sure our kids are fed and ready to learn will make a real difference for families and communities.”

The Province's new *Feeding Futures* funding grant invests in building and expanding local school food programs. St. Ann's Academy has received a grant from the Ministry of Education **with the intention of assisting low income families who need help to reduce the challenges of rising food costs**. If you would like to self-identify as needing assistance, please fill out the survey found [here](#). Please note all information provided is confidential.

[Bussing Services](#)

If your child needs to ride the bus occasionally, they **MUST** have a bus pass from the school office. Bus passes are \$7.50 and must be shown to the driver. Unfortunately, the student will not be permitted to ride the bus that day unless they have a ticket.

If you pay monthly please note that your February payment is now due.

[Payments by E-Transfer](#)

Please note that when paying by e-transfer, **you can combine amounts** and send just one e-transfer. There is no need to send separate e-transfers for different things. Within the description, please label as: **Family Name, Description of Payment** . The email address for e-transfers is payments@st-anns.ca

[NEW: Elementary Student Led Conferences](#)

On Monday, February 26th from 2:45-4:00 pm, elementary school parents are invited to participate in student-led conferences. Students have been working hard in their classrooms and are looking forward to hosting parents to discuss and showcase their school accomplishments. We encourage all parents to attend with their child.

Please remember, these conferences are an opportunity for you to visit with your child in their classroom and are not intended as a formal meeting with the teacher. If you have questions about your child's academic progress or other questions for the classroom teacher, please email to set up a separate appointment time.

[Swim Club](#)

Mrs. Blower is pleased to announce that our Intermediate swim club is returning for 2024! Anyone in grades 4-7 who is able to swim 2 laps (50 m) unassisted in the deep end is welcome to join. Please note these are not swimming lessons. Practices will be Mondays from 3:15pm- 4:00pm. Parents are responsible for getting their student(s) to the pool.

Find out more [here](#) or fill out the permission form [here](#).

[From SAPA](#)

Did you also know that the hours spent **attending the The St. Ann's Parent Association (SAPA), the St Ann's Academy Parent Support Group (PSG)'s monthly meeting count towards your volunteer hours**? If you contribute additional time then those hours further add up and hopefully match or equal the hours that are needed to reach.

Many hands usually equals light work and the Parent Support Group is looking for willing and able parents and guardians to assist in organizing and running the 2024 Spring Raffle. We have approximately 6 meetings left this year and we hope to see as many parents and guardians who can attend.

Athletics

Basketball season is in full swing! Parents and students please check out the [High School Athletics Website](#) for practice and game times.

Navigate the top tabs for the Athletics Calendar, tournament information, league game information for each team, Crusaders In the News and much more.

Breakfast for the Needy

As part of the SAA Campus Ministry, high school students under the supervision of Ms. Spina offer the Breakfast for the Needy program. The breakfast is hosted the third Tuesday of each month from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. This program is a great way for students and families to engage and support those in need in our community. While students do the cooking and cleaning, we are in need of parent volunteers to assist and support them. Come for an hour or stay for the whole event! Thank you for all your support in advance. - Ms. Spina

Upcoming Dates

- February 20
(Volunteers Needed)
- April 16
- May 21
- June 18

Drama Production

We are once again revving up for the annual St. Ann's Players Drama Production. Students have been rehearsing since the middle of November and the performance dates are set for Wednesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 14 - the week before spring break. In the meantime we are hoping the SAA community might, once again, be able to help us in our search for a few pieces of furniture and props:

- old fashioned love seat or 3-seat sofa
(borrow or take off your hands forever)
- 1 rectangular living room table;
- 3 very small square or circular end tables;
- tall artificial plants in planters;

If you might have any of the above items please email Mr. Beliveau at kbeliveau@st-anns.ca before bringing the items to school.

We look forward to inviting the community to Agatha Christie's *AND THEN THERE WERE NONE* this March!

Student Hiring Opportunity

SAA is looking for motivated, self-directed, responsible high school students for the paid position of the student setup/cleanup crew! The setup/cleanup crew position involves both setting up and dismantling for various events held within our school. Students may be required to work morning, evening and weekends. Students will be paid via stipend upon the completion of the event at the office. Please email Mrs. Daley (kdaley@st-anns.ca) with your expression of interest and resume.

Yearbook - Looking for Photos

Do you have photos of events around our school that you would like to share with the yearbook team? You can submit them online at hjeshare.com. If you'd like to frequently contribute, you can also download the HJ eShare app! Use our school code, **stanns2024**, to login and start sharing your photos. Remember to look out for your shots in our next yearbook!

From the Faith Corner

SAA FAITH DEVELOPMENT TEAM –The St. Ann's Faith Development Team is a small group of parents and staff who support the discovery and deepening of the Catholic Faith in our school community. We do this with the help of "Faith Reps", parents who are open to sharing and fostering our faith in the parent community, helping link other parents to school and parish resources.

Our Faith Reps this year are:

Malwina Tomczyk (K)

Stephanie & Simon Feeley (Elementary)

Carmel Hukulak (Elementary)

Samantha Cooper (Elementary)

April Johnson (High School)

Andy Cyr (High School)

Danielle Sykes (High School)

Steve & Cheryl Frith (High School)

JOIN US! Parents, students, and Staff are invited to join us on **Tuesday mornings from 8-8:25 am in the Chapel** as we pray intentionally for our St Ann's community. Come for a minute, or stay the whole time - all are welcome!

Don't know where the Chapel is? Ask our friendly office staff, or try these directions: straight past the cafeteria, over the walkway, down the stairs and through the doorway straight ahead, then left down the hallway to the second-last door on your right! (We'll be praying you find the way 😊)

If you have any questions about events or opportunities, please contact the office, or email fdt@st-anns.ca.

Important Calendar Dates

February Highlights:

- Feb 19: Family Day - School Closed
Family Day Blazer Event details to follow
- Feb 20: Breakfast for the Needy - Volunteers Needed - email Ms Spina dspina@st-anns.ca
- Feb 23: Dress Down Day for Heart & Stroke Foundation - Wear your Red, Pink & White
- Feb 26: Elementary Student Led Conference 2:45pm - 4pm
- Feb 27: Grad Photo Retakes
Local School Committee
- Feb 28: Early Dismissal Day
Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 29: Reconciliation