

JANUARY MID-MONTH NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

Jan 15-29: Munch-a-lunch ordering for February is open!

Jan 22: Dress for Charity Day (See details below)

Jan 23-30: Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week (See details below)

Jan 26: School Committee meeting @ 6 pm (email school.council@st-anns.ca for the link to join the meeting)

Jan 28: **New Kindergarten Information Night/Grade 8 Information Night**
(See details below)

Jan 29: Crusaderwear Day

Jan 31-Feb 6: Catholic Schools Week!

Feb 1-2: Grad Retakes

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

Feb 10: Early Dismissal (K-3 @ 12:10 pm, 4-7 @ 12:20 pm, 8-12 @ 12:30 pm, bus departure @ 12:45 pm)

Feb 12: Red/White Day

Feb 15: Family Day (No school)

SAPA SPRING RAFFLE - The SAPA Spring Raffle is launching today! Look for your raffle books coming home with the youngest child in the family on Monday, January 18th.

Prizes are fantastic again this year:

- 1st Prize: \$1500.00 cash
- 2nd Prize: Sun Peaks Condo Staycation
- 3rd Prize: Broil King Pellet Smoker Grill

Tickets are \$5 each and come in books of 25. Each family will get one book sent home with the youngest sibling. If you want more than one booklet, please let us know how many in addition you would like and they will be assigned to your family. There will also be three additional \$100 Gift Card draws for handing your fully sold ticket books.

Early Bird: Hand in your completely sold book by **January 29th** for your chance to win a prize.

Most Sold: Student who sells the most tickets wins a prize.

Handing in Your Booklet: All books due back at the office by **February 26th**. Get your booklet back and get in on the draw.

DRESS FOR CHARITY DAY - January 22nd (Grades K-12)

For our next Dress for Charity Day, students are invited to dress in a Hawaiian or tropical themed clothing instead of the school uniform. Please bring in a loonie or toonie to support juvenile arthritis. Please note that on non-uniform days, students must still adhere to the dress code. Students may wear untorn jeans or khakis, leggings under a skirt, a skirt, or a dress. T-shirts and sweatshirts may have logos

or symbols providing they are not offensive.

MUNCH-A-LUNCH - Ordering for February lunches will be open from January 15th to 29th. Elementary families, you should have received an email on Friday with instructions and February's menu.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (Jan 31-Feb 5) - Be on the lookout for an email being sent sometime this week regarding the exciting events of Catholic Schools Week!

HAVE A TRICYCLE? - We are looking to borrow tricycles for Catholic Schools Week fun! If you have one you'd be willing to lend us, please call or email the office (250-372-5452 or officeadmin@st-anns.ca) and arrange to drop it off by January 29th. Thank you!

NEW KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT - Families who have a child entering kindergarten in September are invited to join us for an information night taking place on January 28th at 6:30 pm. Stay tuned for more specific information to be shared soon.

GRADE 8 INFORMATION NIGHT - For parents with Grade 7 students, mark your calendars on January 28th, when we will be hosting an information night for families interested in having their child attend SAA for Grade 8. The virtual session will begin at 6:30 pm. More information will be shared with families in the near future.

BASKETBALL SKILL SESSIONS - Students are invited to attend! Please see the schedule below for days and times that sessions are offered.

- Grade 4/5 students - Thursdays from 3-4 pm
- Grade 6/7 students - Tuesdays from 3-4 pm
- Grade 8/9 girls - Mondays from 3-4:30 pm
- Grade 8/9 boys - Thursdays from 4:15-5:45 pm
- Grade 10-12 girls - Tuesdays from 7:30-9 pm, Fridays from 3-4:30 pm
- Grade 10-12 boys - Mondays from 7:30-9 pm, Thursdays from 7-9 pm

YEARBOOK PHOTOS - Mrs. Nadeau is looking for pictures of students at their first communion and confirmation as well as flashback photos of the Grade 12 students. Any photos can be emailed to hnadeau@st-anns.ca

LIBRARY - UNPLUG & PLAY FAMILY LITERACY WEEK 2021

The 10th annual Interior Savings Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week takes place from January 23rd to January 30th, 2021. This year's Unplug and Play week will

require you to plug in (a little) to play and have fun but the focus remains on family activities and finding a healthy balance between active family time and recreational screen time. **Elementary students will be bringing home Unplug & Play Challenges with all the information about Unplug & Play Week. Students are encouraged to fill out their challenge form and return it to their teacher by Friday, February 5th for a chance to win randomly drawn prizes!**

HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT - Please click the link to enjoy some musical highlights from the High School Music Department. Kudos to the students and Mr. C for putting a great video together!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZL5pluXrco&feature=youtu.be>

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT - For those of you who did not receive the link, you are invited to watch the heart-warming elementary concert by clicking

<https://youtu.be/8qHXDugTw04>

THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY!

St. Ann's Academy has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies. **Grade 4 students** are invited to complete the MDI during class time between: **January 11th and March 5th, 2021**. Parent FAQs: <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/parent-guardian-resources/> If you don't want your child to participate please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.

SAA STORE - Looking for Crusaderwear? Our SAA store will be open Monday, January 18th and Monday January 25th from 2-3PM. The store will be set up by the portable entrance in the upper parking lot. Parents visiting the store are asked to park in the visitors parking area and walk around to the west side of the school near the portable doors.

WORKSAFE BC VIDEO CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The [2021 WorkSafeBC Student Safety Video Contest](#) has been launched. **There is \$10,000 in prize money up for grabs, to be shared by students and their schools.** Some important points about this year's contest:

- The contest website, including full details, rules, and the contest entry form can be found [here](#)
- The contest promotes the positive role that youth can have in preventing the spread of COVID-19
- The theme of this year's contest is **I am doing my part** (focused on how young workers can do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases in the workplace)
- Contest is open to students in grades 8-12
- To ensure health protocols are followed, students must work independently and film the videos themselves rather than as part of a team. These self-filmed entries can be live action, documentary-style, animation, stop motion...whatever creative style that students can imagine!
- Entries are to be submitted by a teacher sponsor
- Contest deadline is **5 pm, Wednesday, March 31, 2021**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - The 59th Annual Charity Appeal has begun! Visit KOfCDraw.net/C1614 if you would like to purchase tickets for your chance to win \$100,000. The draw takes place on January 30, 2021.