

JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY CALENDAR

Jan 20: Elementary Pizza Day

Jan 21: **Crusaderwear**

Jan 24: SAA Store Open - 2-3:00pm

Jan 25: Local School Committee Meeting – 6:00pm (Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for Zoom link to join)

Jan 25: Grade 10 Numeracy Exams

Jan 26: Grade 12 Literacy Exams

Jan 27: Grade 8 Information Night via ZOOM (Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for details)

Jan 28: **NO SCHOOL** – Pro D Day

Jan 31: **Catholic Schools Week Begins!**

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb 3: Grad Photo Retakes

Feb 8: SAPA Meeting – 6:30pm via Zoom (Email sapa@st-anns.ca for the link to join)

Feb 9: **EARLY DISMISSAL** – K-3@12:00, 4-7@12:10, 8-12@12:30; bus departs @12:45

Feb 10: Full School Mass – **MASS DRESS for ALL STUDENTS**

Feb 14 & 15: Talent Show Auditions

Feb 16: Science Fair – Grades 5, 8 & 9

Feb 17: Elementary Pizza Day

Feb 18: **NO SCHOOL** – Pro D Day

Feb 21: **NO SCHOOL** – Family Day (STAT Holiday)

Feb 22: Local School Committee Meeting – 6:00pm (Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for Zoom link to join)

Feb 23: Pink Shirt Day

Feb 25: **Crusaderwear**

Welcome back and Happy New Year St. Ann's Families!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – January 31-February 4- This will be an exciting and fun week for the students to celebrate being a part of a Catholic school! Pancake breakfasts, dress down theme days, games and events! Stay tuned for more details about this week of celebration and fun activities.

GRADE 8 INFORMATION SESSION – This information session will take place on the evening of Thursday, January 27th via ZOOM. If you are the parent of a Grade 7 student, you will receive additional information about this session via email. If you know of any other grade 7 students or parents who might be interested in joining the Grade 8 class at St. Ann's in September please pass this information along to them. Anyone interested is welcome to attend!

LIBRARY NEWS

UNPLUG & PLAY FAMILY LITERACY WEEK 2022

The 11th annual Interior Savings Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week takes place from January 23rd to January 30th, 2022. This year's Unplug and Play week will be a mix of in-person and virtual activities with the message of 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 reduce recreational screen time for the week and reflect on the experience. Students who hand in their Unplug and Play Challenges by Friday, February 4th will be entered in a draw to win prizes!**

Birthday Book Club

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!**

High School Study Sessions

The Library is open at lunch for High School students on the following days:

Tuesdays - Grade 8's and 9's

Thursdays - Grade 10's, 11's, and 12's

Bring your lunch and enjoy a quiet place to work or study!

SAA STORE The upcoming dates and times of store hours are as follows: **Monday, Jan 24th from 2-3:00.** 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! Please note that the SAA Store is only for the purchase of Crusader Wear/Spirit Wear and does not sell uniform articles.

FROM THE FAITH CORNER

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 third session, on Tuesday, January 25th. 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 the last session, Session 2, if you would like to view it at your own convenience.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cokl7LV84ro>

1st HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

If your son or daughter is in Grade 2 or Grade 7 and he or she is planning to receive First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please ensure that Fr. Derrick is aware of your wishes and that you have contacted him at frderrickc@gmail.com. Please keep these students in your prayers as they journey this year to prepare to receive these sacraments. This is a very special time for these students and their families!

NEWS FROM THE SAA OFFICE

ATTENDANCE – REMINDER FOR 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). 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.

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!!!

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

CANTEEN – The February 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 days are Thursday, January 20th and Thursday, February 17th. 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!!

NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

Basketball season is upon us! For those playing elementary basketball, just a reminder to pay your \$20 fee (best paid by e-transfer) and \$100 uniform deposit (best paid by cheque), if you have not yet done so.

We are still missing some SAA sports team uniforms and jerseys so please take a look around your house for any that may have not been returned.

Thank you St. Ann's Families for your thoughtful and generous well wishes and gifts at Christmas! Your words and gestures of gratitude for our SAA Staff was so appreciated by all!



AT THE CANTEEN – February 2022

Tues Feb 1	Ham & Cheddar Sandwich and Tomato Soup
Wed Feb 2	Nuggets
Thurs Feb 3	Potato Wedges (Veg)
Fri Feb 4	Hotdogs
Mon Feb 7	Potato Wedges (Veg)
Tues Feb 8	Maria's Veggie Burgers (Veg)
Wed Feb 9	Early Dismissal – NO CANTEEN
Thurs Feb 10	Lasagna
Fri Feb 11	Nuggets
Mon Feb 14	Hotdogs
Tues Feb 15	Greek Salad & Greek Tomato Soup (Veg)
Wed Feb 16	Creamy Baked Penne & Mushrooms (Veg)
Thurs Feb 17	Pizza (HS), Elementary Pizza Day (NO CANTEEN K-7)
Fri Feb 18	No School – NO CANTEEN
Mon Feb 21	No School – NO CANTEEN
Tues Feb 22	Nuggets
Wed Feb 23	Chili & Cornbread
Thurs Feb 24	Shepherd's Pie
Fri Feb 25	Hotdogs
Mon Feb 28	Chicken Burger