

March 2021 Newsletter

CALENDAR

March 1: Re-registration packages sent home with the youngest child in each family
March 2: Teacher Appreciation Day
March 3: Talent Show recording (see details below)
March 5: Dress for Charity (see details below)
March 8: Term 3 begins – Grade 8 & 9 elective change (students can check their student portal or the bulletin board outside Student Services for their third term elective)
March 8: Primary Family Music Night for K-3 families from 6-7 pm (more information forthcoming)
March 9: virtual SAPA meeting @ 6:30 pm (if interested in participating, please email sapa@st-anns.ca for the link)
March 9: Mass cancelled (rescheduled to Tuesday, March 30th)
March 10: Virtual Talent Show
March 10: SAPA raffle draw date...good luck to those who bought a ticket!
March 11: Reconciliation
March 12: Crusaderwear Day
March 12: Re-registration packages due by noon
March 12: Report cards home
March 12: Early Dismissal (K-3 @ noon, 4-7 12:10 pm, high school 12:30, bus departure 12:45 pm)
March 15-26 Happy Spring Break everyone!
March 29: School back in session after spring break
March 30: Chrism Mass - rescheduled from March 9th (Mass attire required please)

BUILD-A-BRICK FUNDRAISER

Our Catholic Schools Week fundraiser to help build a Kindergarten classroom in Thailand raised \$1132. We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone in our school community who so generously supported this cause! Sister Ernilyn sends back her best wishes and says, "Wow! Thanks be to God for your generosity. Extend our heartfelt gratitude to all!" 🙏🥰❤️

PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM – update

We've been receiving some questions about the Parent Participation Program hours. Some parents have wanted to know which opportunities SAA could provide to help them meet their obligation and what would happen if, because of COVID, they were unable to meet 20-hour minimum. As the intent of PPP is to encourage parents to be part of the school community and to become involved, it would be counter-productive to deposit those cheques. The purpose of program is not intended to be a money maker for the school.

Unless something significant changes and restrictions are lifted, the assumption will be made that all our families had the intention of completing their hours; therefore, cheques will be returned. If parents wish to donate those funds, it would be gratefully accepted; however, it is not an assumption, nor is it an expectation. The decision to return the cheques will be made at the beginning of April.

SAPA RAFFLE

We are getting closer to the SAPA Raffle draw time! Thanks to those families who sold their booklets, and to those who asked for and sold additional booklets; your support is greatly

appreciated. As per gaming rules, all sold and unsold booklets must be returned to the school office prior to the draw date, which is March 10, 2021. If you have misplaced your booklet, please contact SAPA at sapa@st-anns.ca to make arrangements about regarding your misplaced booklet. Thank you.

TALENT SHOW

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

Students who will be participating in the Talent Show should have received information regarding their recording time on March 3rd. 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. Questions about the Talent Show? Please email mdimopoulos@st-anns.ca.

DRESS FOR CHARITY – Friday, March 5 – Wear **BLUE & STARS**

Our next Dress for Charity Day will be held on **Friday, March 5th**. Students are invited to bring in a loonie or toonie donation in support of the **Make-A-Wish Foundation** and dress in **blue and/or clothing with stars** rather than the regular school uniform. Thank you for your support of this charity!

2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts have been mailed to families. You can expect to receive your receipt(s) by mail early next week, if you haven't already received yours.

ST. JOSEPH TABLE

During the year of St. Joseph (which has been declared by Pope Francis until Dec. 8), St. Ann's academy has made a St. Joseph's table to honor and thank him and his family. This table will be displayed at the front entrance of the school. On this table there will be many things that represent St. Joseph. Each class will bring their item to the table in his honor.

The St. Joseph table was also meant to feed and help the less fortunate in our community. At certain times of the year, the school will collect and make these donations in honor of St. Joseph.

- March- Women's Shelter in Kamloops - donate money and new clothing
- April and October - Kamloops Food Bank - Easter Food Drive
- May - St. Vincent de Paul - Food items
- June - PIT Stop - Food items
- September - Mustard Seed - Food items
- December – Christmas Amalgamated - Christmas Hampers

Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

Saint Joseph, even though he doesn't speak a word in Sacred Scripture, has been deeply loved by Christians since the very beginning of the Church. It did not take long for Saint Joseph, on account of his role as the protector of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus, to become known as the principal patron of the Universal Church and by extension a quiet protector of all Christ's faithful.

St. Joseph - Pray for us.

P.A.U.L. (Peer Assisted UPrep Learning)

Free online tutoring and homework help with Math, Chem, Bio, Physics, and Engl for grade 8-12 students is available by appointment. To make an appointment email

Paulcentretutoring@gmail.com or to join a live session Tuesday from 6-8pm, visit the link <https://bigblue1.tru.ca/b/olu-hd7-7wn>

SAA STORE

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

- Monday, March 1st from 2-3pm
- Monday, March 29th from 2-3pm

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). Please knock at the side door if nobody is in sight.

TRU CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Are you aware of any Catholics, perhaps nieces, nephews, or your children, that will be attending TRU university (online or in person) in September 2021? If so, please let Fr. Derrick know at office@sacredheartkamloops.org. We are trying to build a community of Catholics at the university to support one another.