

MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

MARCH CALENDAR

Mar 1: **HOUSE SPIRIT DAY** – Wear your house shirts **with uniform bottoms!**

Mar 2: **Ash Wednesday Full School Mass - MASS DRESS for ALL STUDENTS**

Mar 2: **EARLY DISMISSAL** - K-3@12:00, 4-7@12:10, 8-12@12:30; bus departs @12:45

Mar 4: **DRESS DOWN for CHARITY** (Yellow and Blue in support of Ukraine)

Mar 7: SAA Store Open 2-3:00

Mar 9: Talent Show will be shared virtually

Mar 11: **CRUSADERWEAR**, Last Day before Spring Break & Report Cards go home

Mar 11: **EARLY DISMISSAL** - K-3@12:00, 4-7@12:10, 8-12@12:30; bus departs @12:45

Mar 11: Re-registration Packages DUE BACK at the school office

Mar 14-25: SPRING BREAK

Mar 28: First Day Back from Spring Break

Mar 29: Local School Committee (LSC) Meeting -6:00pm (Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for Zoom link to join)

UPCOMING EVENTS

DRESS DOWN for CHARITY

Our next dress down day will take place on March 4th. The leadership team has decided to raise funds for Ukraine. Our theme for free dress that day will be yellow and blue. Please donate to this cause as the people of Ukraine need all the help and prayers that we can give them at this time.

TALENT SHOW – Congratulations to all those who auditioned...you are all stars for showing off your talent! The finished talent show will be shared virtually with the school on **Wednesday, March 9th**.

SAPA RAFFLE- Congratulations to Andrew Worsfold in Grade 7 on winning the \$100 Early Bird Prize! A reminder that all sold AND unsold tickets are now due back at the school office. Thank you St. Ann's families for all your support of this event!

LIBRARY NEWS

Birthday Book Club

Just a 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, March 7th**. 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! We also have House Shirts in stock now, so if your son or daughter has lost or outgrown his or her house shirt, a new one can be purchased through the store or the front office for \$12. Please note that the SAA Store does not sell uniform items.

FROM THE FAITH CORNER

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2nd! Lent is a period of 40 days before Easter, when Christians make a special effort to draw closer to God in preparation for the celebration of Easter, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. During this time, Christians traditionally observe three practices - Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. The whole St Ann's community is invited to enter into this special season! Students will be participating in many lenten activities; we invite families to journey together toward Easter. If you would like to connect with other St Ann's families during this time, feel free to contact one of our Parent Faith Reps on the St Ann's Faith Development Team! You can reach out by email to fdt@st-anns.ca, or contact your classroom/homeroom teacher to find out who your parent rep is.

Ash Wednesday - Service Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral - 9 am, 12:10 pm, 6:30 pm (mask exemption service)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 7:30 am, 6 pm

Holy Family - 7 pm

St John Vianney - 7 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes (Heffley Creek) - 5 pm

Ideas for Personal and Family Lenten Observance - Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

Subscribe to a short daily reflection - <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>

Daily Activity Calendar for Families with younger children

- <https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/40-crosses-english.pdf>

Lent Ideas for Families with teens - <https://lifeteen.com/blog/what-to-give-up-25-creative-ideas-for-lent/>

Stations of the Cross

For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

The Stations of the Cross is a prayerful meditation on the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. There are many formats, but all reflect on 14 Stations that mark important milestones of Jesus' suffering for our salvation.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 7 pm on Fridays during Lent, beginning March 4

Hallow and FORMED (see below) both have audio and video reflections for the Stations of the Cross if you would like to meditate on them privately.

Hallow and FORMED

Did you know that as a family of St Ann's you have FREE access to some of the best Catholic resources available online?

Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app with an incredible amount of content. Need a "mindful minute"? Maybe a guided meditation? Hallow has these and more. The

Catholic Independent Schools - Kamloops Diocese (CISKD) has purchased a subscription so that all families in the region may access the full content! To try it out, email the school office with your request, and include your first and last name, your email address, and your role within the school - parent, student, staff - Hallow will create your full access account and notify you!

FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. As a St Ann's family, you have access to FORMED on your mobile device or computer, for free! To check it out, download the FORMED app, or visit [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org). Click on the "SIGN UP" button, click on "SIGN UP AS A PARISHIONER", type in "SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL KAMLOOPS", click on the link for the parish and click "NEXT", and enter your NAME and EMAIL to set up your account (Phew. It's a lot - but it's worth it!). As your first explore, check out THE SEARCH, a 7-part video series that would be perfect for Lent! It is a family-friendly series, with lots of opportunities for discussion with your spouse, teens and young adults. If you have younger children, check out the section for families and kids!

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 our last two sessions, on Tuesday, April 26th and Tuesday, May 24th**. 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 *all* of the sessions if you would like to view it at your own convenience.

<https://www.augustineinstitute.org/program-categories/the-search>

NEWS FROM THE SAA OFFICE

RE-REGISTRATION PACKAGES – Re-registration packages went home last week with the youngest sibling in each family. If your son or daughter was away, the re-registration package will be given to him or her on their first day back. A few things to note:

-Please read over the 'Student Verification Information Form' very carefully and correct and/or update mailing addresses, email addresses, medical history, etc. Please also ensure that there is at least one emergency contact on this form.

-Only one '2022-2023 RE-REGISTRATION' form was included in each package. Simply put the names and grades of all siblings on this one form.

-Please have your re-registration package returned to the school office by **Friday, March 11th @ 12:00pm.**

REPORT CARDS – Report cards will be going home with on Friday, March 11th. Report cards will **not be available** prior to Friday, March 11. If your child/children are away from school on March 11, they may pick up their report card when they return to school after spring break.

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). Please note that it is very important for student absences to be reported and for students to check in at the office if they're coming late or leaving early. In the event of something such as a fire drill (or worse an actual fire!), we have to ensure that *every* student is accounted for. Your children's safety is important to us :) 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.

TAX RECEIPTS - Tax receipts for both tuition and Walkathon have been sent home. They were given to the youngest sibling in each family. If you did not receive one, please email Stephanie at accounts@st-anns.ca.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you have lost your school photo proofs or would simply like to place an online order, here are the instructions to do so:

- Go to **my.lifetouch.ca** and select the button that says “**Start Using Student ID**”
- Then enter our school information: Kamloops, BC, St. Ann's Academy
- Then enter the student information: Student Name, Student # and select

Parent/Guardian (NOTE: the office can provide you with your child's student # if you don't have it) This will then show you the digital version of your child's proofs and from there you can look through the items and packages to place an order.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Several St. Ann's families have kindly donated a number of gently used uniform items over the past few months and our pile is getting pretty big! We would love to have someone help us organize it so if you have a few hours to spare and would like to help out, please email Arlene at attendance@st-anns.ca.

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!!!

CANTEEN – The canteen menus are also available on the [SAA Website](#) as well as on the [SAA Calendar](#).

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!!

PARKING

Please remember that all parking spots, other than those marked 'VISITOR' in our lot are assigned to either staff or students.

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