

MARCH NEWSLETTER

MARCH CALENDAR

MAR 1-4: Sr Girls Basketball Provincials

MAR 3-10: **Lenten Food Drive** - High School bring food donations to Religion class

MAR 6 (Act 1) & 7 (Act 2): Talent Show rehearsals Starting at 3:00pm

MAR 7: SAPA Meeting at 6:30pm please email SAPA@St-anns.ca for details

MAR 8: In Person Talent Show - **No Munch-a-lunch today**

MAR 8: Parent session - ERASE (see details below)

MAR 8-11: Sr Boys Basketball Provincials

MAR 9: Reconciliations – For students

MAR 9: Elementary Pizza Day – **No Munch-a-lunch today**

MAR 9: GRADE 4 – Rivercity Gymnastics

MAR 10: NON-UNIFORM DAY – Crusaderwear

MAR 13: GRADE 6 – Rivercity Gymnastics

MAR 14: SAPA Meeting at 6:30pm please email SAPA@St-anns.ca for details

MAR 15: GRADE 5 – Rivercity Gymnastics

MAR 17: Report Cards go home

MAR 17: Early Dismissal

MAR 18-April 2 Spring Break

Our spring season of High School Athletics kicks off after Spring Break! Be sure to check out the details below.

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Coming in April: High School Wake-a-thon (Details sent via email to HS parents)

APR 2: Spring Break finishes

APR 3: Back in Class

APR 7: Good Friday - School Closed

APR 10: Easter Monday - School Closed

APR 20: SAA Players will be performing Fawlty Towers for a Matinee and Evening show

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APR 28: Wake-a-thon from 6:30pm to 6:30am on Saturday **Apr 29, 2023**

UPCOMING EVENTS

ERASE Parent Sessions (Feb 27 & March 8)

ERASE, the provincial organization to help eliminate bullying, is providing two online learning sessions (Feb. 27 and Mar. 8) for parents/caring adults focused on Establishing Respectful Relationships and Consent. These sessions are best suited for parents/caring adults of students in Grade 8 and above. [If you're interested, please register online.](#)

Talent Show (March 8)

The Talent Show will be in person in the gym on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Rehearsals:

Rehearsals for Act 1 will take place after school (3:00 p.m) on Monday, March 6, and rehearsals for Act 2 will be after school (3:00 p.m) on Tuesday, March 7.

Fawltly Towers Updates!

The Fawltly Towers team would like to thank all of the parents and families who have so kindly offered furniture, props, and clothing to our production. We are particularly grateful to the families of Jolie Ta and Tim Xie in Grade 10 who have kindly offered us four tables from their Chinese restaurant, The Lotus Inn.

There have been some changes at SAA Players and as such the show will go on but on different dates! Be sure to change your calendars as the performances from our outstanding SAA Players will now be **Thursday April 20 & Friday Apr 21, 2023 at 7:30pm**

Just a reminder that entrance is by donation at the door only - tickets will not be sold in advance. We hope to build up our furniture and prop supply and purchase some storage cupboards for our growing programme. Doors open at 7:00 pm for both April 20 & April 21 with the show underway by 7:30 pm.

RAFFLE UPDATE

Waiting to verify draw winners! If you still have any books of tickets please return them ASAP!! If tickets have not been returned "Lost Ticket" paperwork will be heading your way soon.

CISKD Golf Tournament - May 12, 2023

For the first time in a long time, the CISKD will be hosting a golf tournament! Time to dust off those clubs, stretch out those muscles, hit the driving range, and gather some friends. Tournament is on May 12th. Registration is open. Please [click here](#) for more information.

LIBRARY NEWS

SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The SAA Spring Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner! This exciting event is taking place Tuesday, April 25th to Friday, April 28th. Come to the Library where you can browse, purchase books, bookmarks, pencils, erasers, posters, as well as books for the Birthday Book Club. The Book Fair will be open from 11:45am – 12:45pm and 2pm - 3:30pm. See you all there!

If you cannot attend in person during these scheduled times, a Virtual Book Fair will be running April 24th – 28th. By clicking the link below, you can browse through the featured books this year. The fair will go live on November 14th for you to shop online in the comfort of your home. Any online purchases will be shipped to the school.

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5202738>

Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in helping out with the upcoming Spring Scholastic Book Fair, please email Mrs. Sucro at library@st-anns.ca. She is looking for people to help with:

- set up on Monday, April 24th at 1pm
- take down on Friday, April 28th at 3:30pm
- cashier and door greeters Tuesday - Friday from 11:45am - 12:45pm and from 2:30pm - 3:30pm

THANK YOU!

Elementary Birthday Book Club

Elementary students are encouraged to be a part of the SAA Birthday Book Club. All NEW book donations (valued under \$15.00 - please no board books) must be handed into the Library **by Friday, June 9th, 2023**. Thank you for your generosity!

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 - Price Increases

Although we have been able to keep the prices of SAA gym strip and crusader wear steady & stable for many years, there have been significant increases in materials, services and shipping since November 2021. Due to these increases the price of PE t-shirts & shorts as well as prices of all the clothing sold at the SAA store has increased. Please see the new price list attached at the bottom of this email.

We do have a large number of used uniform pieces, crusader wear and elementary PE clothing available for purchase and will be holding another used uniform sale at the end of April. If you are wanting used items before then please ask at the front office. The dates and times of the next used uniform sale will be confirmed after Spring Break.

Price list can be found [here](#)

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CANTEEN HELPERS - If you have an hour a day to spare around lunchtime to help deliver our elementary lunch meals to the classrooms, please email Mrs. Costa at acosta@st-anns.ca.

FROM THE FAITH CORNER

GIFTS & CLOTHING for SACRAMENTS – St. Joseph’s Christian Book & Gift Supply Store carries an assortment of faith-based books and gifts but did you know that you can also order First Communion and Confirmation dresses and attire from them? Visit the store in person at 256 Nicola St, across from the Cathedral, or call Garry and Marcella at (778) 471-6100.

LINK TO HALLOW APP – Free!!!

Here is the link for parents to try Hallow for free: hallow.com/ciskd/stannacademy

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. We also host faith-based activities within the school. If you are interested in a role with our Faith Development Team, please email fdt@st-anns.ca.

FAITH-BASED SERIES – The Faith Development Team will be hosting an evening event once a month. We will gather @ 7:00pm on the first Thursday of every month to watch a short faith-based series, followed by fellowship and conversation.

PRAYER SESSIONS– A member from the Faith Development Team will be in the school chapel on Tuesday mornings from 8-8:30am, leading prayer for our school community and families. All our welcome to join us!

GRIEF to GRACE RETREAT - Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse find healing. The next retreat is May 23 – 27, 2023 in Kelowna. For more information, please email griegtograncelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

NEWS FROM THE SAA OFFICE

LOST & FOUND – Are you missing something? Have your kids checked our Lost and Found? Parents, be sure to check both elementary and high school lost and founds when you are in the school!

Please feel free to direct general office questions to officestaff@st-anns.ca and your email will come to all of us here in the office.

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. You just need to include who and what the payment is for in the message section. Email address for e-transfers is payments@st-anns.ca

While we prefer e-transfer, please send one e-transfer per family for all items and label as: **Family Name, Description of Payment**

It is okay to combine all fees for field trips, Munch a Lunch, Catholic Schools Week, athletic fees, etc.

MUNCH-A-LUNCH

Our high school students can order directly at the canteen, however our orders for elementary students are done through a program called, Munch-a-Lunch. Each month there is an “ordering window” to place your orders for the following month. We will try VERY hard to make sure that you know when these ordering windows are open. We will continue to send out reminder emails marked *****TIME SENSITIVE*****. We sincerely apologize but we simply cannot accept late orders this year so we hope these additional methods are helpful to you. Please send payments for munch-a-lunch to payments@st-anns.ca and to indicate who and what it is for in the message section. Please also find the links below for your convenience.

NEW Parents - <https://munchalunch.com/schools/StAnns>

RETURNING Parents - <https://munchalunch.com/login>

NOTE: Munch-a-Lunch will not be available on Elementary Pizza Days.

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.

CANTEEN – The updated canteen menus are available on the [SAA Website](#).

ATHLETICS

We are preparing for our spring season of High School Athletics, which kicks off after Spring Break, and we are hoping to fill a few more coaching/leadership positions to support our High School Athletes in badminton and golf. To help you make a decision, here is some information about each sport:

BADMINTON

-Season: mid-March to May 2023

-Practices: once/twice a week at SAA

-Games: Drop-in once a week at participating schools (last year there was a rookie, junior and senior league)

-Our SAA badminton team has usually been about development and less competitive but if the interest is there, we can become more competitive

-Tournaments: Local tournament advertised and players can attend that are available

-West Zone Championship: Seniors - usually 1st week of May, Juniors - usually 2nd week of May

-Okanagan's: potential dates mid-May

-Provincials - 1st week of June

GOLF

-Season: April - May 2023

-Teams: Split teams in 2 - Junior (gr 8-10) & Senior (gr 11-12)

-Practices: Twice a week - 1 x driving range, 1 x round of golf @ Kamloops golf courses

-From the practices throughout April and May - a team of 5 players is created to participate in the Senior and/or Junior West Zone championships

-West Zone Championship: usually 2nd week of May - Last year we sent 1 teams of 5 players (grade 9-12) to the west zone championships

-Okanagan's: usually 3rd week of May

-Provincials: usually last week of May

Please respond to Mrs. Mallais at cmallais@st-anns.ca if this is something you are interested in.