





ST. ANN'S ACADEMY  
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# MARCH Mid Month Newsletter

## March/April CALENDAR

- Mar 13: **Report cards sent home today for High School & Elementary**
- Mar 16-27: **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR 2 WEEKS - SPRING BREAK**
- Mar 30: First day of school after Spring Break (full day of school)
- Mar 30: SAA Store Open 2:15 PM- 3:15 PM
- Mar 30: Lenten Food Drive begins (please see details below)
- Mar 31: First Communion Share a Meal 7:00 PM, grade 2 classroom
- Mar 31: School Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- Apr 1: **Early Dismissal Day- Elem 12:00PM/ HS 12:30PM/ Buses leave 12:45PM**
- Apr 1: Elementary Indoor Relay Fest @ TCC 3:15 PM
- Apr 2: Capstone Presentations 2:00-3:00 PM, SAA Gym (please see details below)
- Apr 3: Reconciliation 9:00 AM SAA Gym
- Apr 3: Elementary Assembly 12:50 PM
- Apr 7: **Chrism Mass 10:00 AM SHC Grade 7-12. Mass Dress Required.**
- Apr 8: **Elementary Mass SHC 9:00 AM. Mass Dress Required.**
- Apr 8: Lenten Food Drive ends
- Apr 9: Holy Thursday
- Apr 9: Elementary Lenten Retreat 8:45 AM, SAA Gym
- Apr 10: **Good Friday- No School**
- Apr 12: Easter Sunday 
- Apr 13: **Easter Monday- No School**
- Apr 14: SAPA Meeting 6:30 PM SAA Meeting Room
- Apr 15: Elementary Swim Meet at TCC (more details to follow)
- Apr 15: Elementary Baking Club 3:00-4:00 PM (for those who pre-registered)
- Apr 16: Elementary Pizza Day for pre-registered students
- Apr 16: Elementary PLC Meetings
- Apr 17: Crusader Wear Day
- Apr 17: Elementary Spelling Bee 12:45 PM Grades 4-7 

## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

Please refer to information provided in the letter from the Deputy Minister of Education that was emailed to all families this morning.

Parents are asked to please monitor their emails and St. Ann's Academy Facebook page for updates regarding the Coronavirus. We will be following all recommendations from the Ministers of Health and Education as they are announced in the coming days and weeks

The Catholic Independent Schools Kamloops Diocese (CISKD) is working closely with the Ministry of Health, the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, and the BC Centre for Disease Control regarding COVID-19. We are committed to keeping parents, students and the community informed about health and safety issues. We have asked that parents adhere to the request by the Provincial health officers, Dr. Bonnie Henry:

There are daily news conferences held by the PHO and the Minister of Health. Their news releases can be found at: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/ministries/health>

The BC Centre for Disease Control is also frequently updating its COVID-19 information. For more information: [http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/novel-coronavirus-\(covid-19\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/novel-coronavirus-(covid-19))

We will be monitoring the situation closely during Spring Break. Please check your email, our school website and our Facebook page for latest developments as the situation unfolds.

## **SAA SCIENCE FAIR**

Congratulations to all Grade 5, 8 and 9 students who participated in the SAA Science Fair on March 10<sup>th</sup>. There was quite a variety of projects on display highlighting various scientific studies and inquiries.

Congratulations to Nadia, Charlotte, Christina, and Cooper in Grade 5; Abhi, Macenzie, and Maximus in Grade 8; and Becca, Bethany, and Jaco in Grade 9! These students were selected to represent SAA at the 2020 Cariboo Mainline Regional Science Fair April 7-9, 2020. Unfortunately, the Regional Science Fair has been cancelled due to concerns regarding the Coronavirus.

## **LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

We will be once again collecting food donations during Lenten to help support those who are less fortunate in our community. Beginning on Monday, March 30, students are invited to bring in donations of non-perishable items. Donations will be collected until Wednesday, April 8. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## **PHONES NOT ANSWERED 8:30-8:40 AM**

We start each day with O Canada, morning prayer, and announcements at 8:30 AM. As such, the office phones are not answered between 8:30-8:40 AM. If you need to reach someone and prefer to not leave a message, please call before or after that time frame. Thank you for your understanding.

## **DRESS DOWN DAY FOR CHARITY – APRIL 2020**

Our next Dress Down Day for Charity will be held on **Friday, April 24**. Students are invited to bring in a loonie or toonie donation in support of the **BC Children's Hospital** and dress in **jeans** rather than the regular school uniform and are also invited to bring their favorite stuffy. Thank you for your support of this charity!





## YOUNG AUTHORS CONFERENCE GRADES 4-12

Students in grades four to twelve who have confirmed interest in attending the Young Authors Conference on May 1<sup>st</sup> please had in permission slips to Mrs. Zubak, Mrs. Dimopolous or the office.

### SAPA SPRING RAFFLE DRAW – WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Thank you to everyone who purchased a SAPA Raffle Ticket! Thanks to your generosity, nearly \$21 000 was raised for the school. That's amazing! It is almost double the funds raised last year. Thank you to everyone who sold and bought the tickets. We really appreciate your support!

Where is all this money going? Right back to the school. In addition to all the sports, music and other programs SAPA supports, funds will also go towards the purchase of new science equipment for both high school and elementary this year.

**Early Bird Contest - most tickets sold** - Demale family. Family was awarded a \$100 cash prize.

**Most tickets sold by deadline** - Cuzzetto and Sanderson families (tied). Each family was awarded a \$100 cash prize.

**St. Ann's 2020 Spring Raffle Winners** (draw took place during the Talent Show on March 11):

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize**    **K. Dolley** – Westjet vacation package: 2 Westjet tickets and \$1,250 cheque  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**    **T. Boyd** – Sun Peaks 2020 Summer Staycation: 4 nights accommodation, \$500 cheque, 4 golf passes, 4 e.bike day rentals, 4 hiking passes, \$100 Spa GC & 12 Hydromassages  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**    **A. Barley** – Home Hardware Traeger BBQ Package: Traeger BBQ with cover, 2 Traeger Rubs, 2 Traeger Sauces, 2 Traegar wood pellet bags, \$200 Meat GC from M&M meats and a cooler

We'd also like to thank all our sponsors and give special mention to WestJet and Home Hardware for their generous donations. Finally, we want to thank Shanon Guglielmini and Jan Peyper, our raffle committee heads, as well Lisa Anderson and all the raffle volunteers for all their hard work!

### TOP MARKS UNIFORM FITTING DATES

Representatives from Top Marks, our uniform supply company, will be at SAA on Tuesday, May 5th and Wednesday, May 6th. Information about booking appointments will be sent out at a later date. For the 2020-2021 school year, all students in Grades One through Twelve will be required to wear school uniform. Uniforms are to be purchased from our uniform supplier, Top Marks. Parents are encouraged to attend uniform fittings to ensure proper sizing of uniform pieces for their child(ren).

## SAA BUS – REMINDER



Parents are asked to please send a note, in writing or via email, if their child has permission to take the SAA bus home with a friend. If the child is not a regular bus student, then a bus pass must be purchased ahead of time at the office for \$3.50.

Students wishing to ride the bus other than their regular bus home will only be permitted to do so if we have written notice from the parents in advance. This is to ensure the safety of our students. Thanks for your cooperation and support.



## CRUSADERS SPRING BASKETBALL

Crusader Basketball is a series of camps designed to develop and improve the fundamentals of basketball, focusing on basic basketball skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting and positional play, and at the same time, nurture a love of the game and advance the sport of basketball at St Ann's Academy.

The program will run on Saturdays from April until early June 2020 and is open to male & female SAA and OLPH students:

Grades 4 to 7: 10.00 - 11.30 am

Grades 8 to 11: 12:00 - 1:30 pm.

The dates are listed below.

April 4, 18, 25,

May 2, 9, 23, 30

June 6, 13

Jason Eichenberger and Garry Mayhew are the head coaches of the program and have over 40 years of coaching experience between them. They have a passion for the game and want to share their expertise. The cost for the program will be \$110 and will include a camp T-shirt. Proceeds from the camp will be used to develop and strengthen the Basketball Program at St Ann's Academy. If you have any questions feel free to contact Jason Eichenberger at [jeichenberger@st-anns.ca](mailto:jeichenberger@st-anns.ca)

The registration form was sent home via email to grade 4-11 students last week. You can access the link here: [Crusader Spring Basketball registration](#)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A reminder to all families that your 20 hours of volunteering are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. A huge THANK YOU to all families that have completed their 20 hours of volunteering. If you have completed your hours and not handed in your PPP card please do so at the office. We thank all families for the time they commit to helping St. Ann's Academy!

We still have the following opportunities available:

- ✓ Canteen: Mrs. Skiba is always looking for volunteers in the canteen. Mon-Fri from 8:30-11:00 AM; if this is something that interests you please contact Mila Skiba at [mskiba@st-anns.ca](mailto:mskiba@st-anns.ca) to book.

## TOP MARKS SPRING FITTINGS

We are looking for volunteers for our uniform spring fittings on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please email Vicky Galea for further information at [vgalea@st-anns.ca](mailto:vgalea@st-anns.ca)

# ELEMENTARY NEWS

## **ELEMENTARY REPORT CARDS – PLEASE RETURN ENVELOPES**

Elementary Report Cards were home with your child today (Friday, March 13). Parents are asked to review the report card with their child and keep the report card at home. Parents are asked to [sign the envelope](#) and [return the signed envelope](#) (not the report card) to their child's teacher after spring break.

## **KAMLOOPS HOMELESS MAT PROJECT- MARCH 2020**



Too many plastic bags? The SAA elementary students are collecting plastic bags in their classrooms for "The Homeless Mat Project". The bags will be sorted, flattened, and cut at school. They will then be passed on to some wonderful volunteers who will use the strips of plastic to crochet lightweight, waterproof sleeping mats for people who find themselves without a home. We are asking students to bring clean, non- biodegradable plastic bags to their classrooms throughout the remainder of the school year. Thank-you for your support of this initiative!

## **ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL TEAM PARTY – DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

All students who played elementary basketball this season are invited to attend a team party open to all Tiers (boys and girls) after Spring Break. **The date of the event will be communicated via email over Spring Break.** Students should wear their SAA gym strip. Pizza, chips and drinks will be provided at no charge. The party will take place from 3:00 to 4:30 PM in the SAA gym and cafeteria. Players will participate in fun skill competitions until 4:00 PM, with pizza being provided around 4:15 PM. We hope everyone can make it!

## **TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS**

Elementary Track and Field season will be starting up upon our return from Spring Break. Track and Field events such as Relay Fest, Parloffs, and Track and Field Meets are open to all students in grades 4-7. New this year, we will be sending home one permission slip to all students in Grades 4-7 which will detail all of the upcoming Track and Field events. Parents will be notified via email in advance of each event if their child has qualified to participate in each event. You will not have to sign multiple permission forms for the various Track and Field events this year.

## **ELEMENTARY RELAY FEST @ TCC – GRADES 4-7**

The Indoor Relay Fest takes place on Wednesday, April 1 at the indoor track at the Tournament Capital Center. Students in grades 4-7 who are interested in participating in the Indoor Relay Fest are invited to try-out for a position on the relay team. A run-off will be held during school hours on Tuesday, March 31. Students should be sure to have good running shoes at school on Tuesday and can change into gym strip at lunch if they choose to do so (gym strip not mandatory for try-outs). Permission slips will be sent home on March 30 with those students who wish to try and earn a place on the relay team for their respective grade and gender. The top 4 runners and an alternate in each category will be offered a spot on the 4x100 relay team. Students must return their signed permission slips to Mr. Pearce by 8:30 AM on Wednesday, April 1. Late forms will not be accepted due to the quick turn-around on this event. As April 1 is an early dismissal, parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from the TCC for their child. All students are asked to be at the TCC by 2:50 PM. Grade 4's will run first at 3:15 PM with Grade 7's running at the end of the event. Although the schedule (which will be sent home the day before the event) says the event could go until 6:15 PM, all races should end by 5:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Pearce at [dpearce@st-anns.ca](mailto:dpearce@st-anns.ca)

# HIGHSCHOOL NEWS



## GRAD CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

Grade 12 Parents and guardians: you are invited to the St Ann's Academy Capstone Presentations. Presentations take place at the St Ann's Academy Gym on Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Please RSVP to Ms. Spina at [dspina@st-anns.ca](mailto:dspina@st-anns.ca) by Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## LOOKING FOR PHOTOS FROM PRINCIPAL AWARDS



We are looking for additional pictures from the principal awards that took place in the fall for our yearbook. Please submit any photos that you may have to Alicia Bruneau at [abruneau@st-anns.ca](mailto:abruneau@st-anns.ca).

## Grad Decorating Committee Looking for Items

Our Grad decorating is looking for a few items to assist with decorations for our Grad theme of 'City Lights'. If you have any of the following items that you might be able to lend us for May long weekend, please email Mr. Langevin [klangevin@st-anns.ca](mailto:klangevin@st-anns.ca) or [officeadmin@st-anns.ca](mailto:officeadmin@st-anns.ca).

- old fashioned tin garbage can



- white twinkly (fairy) lights



- Pre-lit trees of any kind (e.g. white birch trees... etc.)

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## MINERVA- LEARNING TO LEAD

This program is open to female youth who are in Grade 11 and are interested in participating in a positive, women-led leadership program. Sessions will be held at TRU in Kamloops June 5-7<sup>th</sup> 2020. Please see link for more information, applications are also available in student services. Deadline for applications is March 16<sup>th</sup>. <https://minervabc.ca/learning-to-lead/>

## COLUMBO HALL DINNER

Colombo Cares, take home dinners has chosen St Ann's Academy SAPA group as their non-profit organization for their April 15<sup>th</sup> dinner! Dinner is served the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, pre orders are required, and pick-up is between 11:30-6:00 PM. Please see link below for more information:

<http://www.colombolodge.com/colombo-cares/>

## CHILDREN'S GRIEF PROGRAM

Children's grief program is being offered at Kamloops Hospice beginning in April. Willow Tree Children's Grief Group: 8-week program for children ages 6-17 starting on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 3:00- 4:00 PM; pre registration is required. Children are invited to use play and art therapy as a healthy way to express their feelings of grief and loss together. Please contact Dallas at [dallas@kamloopshospice.com](mailto:dallas@kamloopshospice.com) or 250.372.1336

## FORMED

Formed is a technology platform for the delivery of award-winning Catholic content, children's programming, audio talks, e-books and more. After gathering feedback from Parishes, they are excited to announce the next generation of FORMED! It is easier to join and easier to log in. Go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) and get great Catholic movies etc. Click on Sign up, then "I belong to a Parish or Organization" type in Sacred Heart Cathedral and click on the correct link for our parish. Enter your name and email address and that is all you need to do.

## MASS AT SUN PEAKS RESORT



Regular weekend Mass are still being offered at Sun Peaks Dec 7<sup>th</sup>– Apr 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturdays at 4:00 PM.

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