



# March Newsletter

## News From the SAA Office

### New: Lost and Found

Please come and check our Lost & Found tables for both elementary & high school as we have lots of unclaimed items which we would like to find a home for before Spring Break. Any unclaimed items will be packed up on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 and given to a charitable organization.

### Updated: Re-Registration

Thank you to all the families who have returned their re-registration packages! We will now begin opening up the seats to new families.

### Bussing Services

If your child needs to ride the bus occasionally, they MUST have a bus pass from the school office. Bus passes are \$7.50 and must be shown to the driver. Unfortunately, the student will not be permitted to ride the bus that day unless they have a ticket.

If you pay monthly please note that your March payment is now due.

### 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. Within the description, please label as: **Family Name, Description of Payment** . The email address for e-transfers is [payments@st-anns.ca](mailto:payments@st-anns.ca)

## New: Drama Production

**Wednesday, March 13** and **Thursday, March 14** the SAA Players will be presenting **Agatha Christie's AND THEN THERE WERE NONE** at the Barnhartvale Community Hall.

Grade 7 - 12 Students will be heading to Barnhartvale Hall on a field trip to see the play. Grades 7, 8 & 9 will go on Wednesday March 13. Grades 10, 11 & 12 will be going on Thursday March 14. All [permission forms](#) must be handed in to the front office by Monday March 11.

We will be offering evening performances with doors opening at 6:30pm and the performance starting at 7pm. Tickets are available at the door of the Barnhartvale Hall for \$15. Please see the [poster](#) for more details. We encourage you to share the poster with friends, family and neighbors in support of our SAA Players.

## **Updated: Swim Club**

Thank you to all students participating in the Elementary Swim Club, and to the wonderful parents who support them. There are 4 remaining practices left before the [School District Swim Meet](#) on **April 17th**. The [permission form](#) for the swim meet will be sent home prior to spring break.

### **Remaining Practices:**

Monday, March 11

Monday, April 8

Monday, April 15

**All practices are from 3:15pm- 4:00pm at the TCC.**

## **From SAPA**

**The St. Ann's Parent Association (or SAPA as it is known)** is an active group that represents all the parents and guardians for registered children. Our main role is to support the school community and enhance its programs. SAPA works to raise funds for for extracurricular activities in sports, arts and in the elementary and high school grades. SAPA also hosts events throughout the year including the Welcome Back to School ice cream bar for all families, the Christmas Bazaar, Paint Nights and staff appreciation functions.

Did you also know that the hours spent **attending the The St. Ann's Parent Association (SAPA), monthly meeting count towards your volunteer hours?** All meetings are currently completed via Zoom, so cuddle up in your pjs and come check us out!

SAPA is currently looking for volunteers to assist with all portions of its fundraising events. Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 pm. Join SAPA on Zoom here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84520513331> Meeting ID: 845 2051 3331

## **New: Athletics**

Congratulations to the SAA Senior Boys Basketball team for winning the 2024 Okanagan 1A Zone Tournament. We wish you luck in the BC 1A Championships this week! Go Crusaders!

**Volunteer/ PPP Opportunity: The Soccer Provincial Committee is looking for members.....**

SAA is hosting the Senior Girls Soccer Provincials May 30, 31 & June 1, 2024 at McArthur Island. In preparation for this event, the athletics department would like to form a Provincial Committee to assist with organization. 16 teams will be attending from across the Province, and we want to ensure that they have an awesome time here in Kamloops!

We are looking for SAA community members to help with the following:

- 1) Organizing and managing volunteers, photographers, sponsorships, live-streaming, coaches packages, hospitality room, social media, equipment, game mvp awards, programs, food trucks, communication with the City, etc.

2) The athletics department is also looking for those who would be interested in monetary sponsorships, mvp award sponsorships, food donations, coaches gift donations, food truck rentals etc. for the weekend.

**If you think you are a fit for the Provincial Committee or can help out in any way, please contact our Athletic Director, Chandra Mallais at [cmallais@st-anns.ca](mailto:cmallais@st-anns.ca) asap.** We are aiming for the first meeting to take place before Spring Break.

## **Breakfast for the Needy**

As part of the SAA Campus Ministry, high school students under the supervision of Ms. Spina offer the Breakfast for the Needy program. The breakfast is hosted the third Tuesday of each month from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. This program is a great way for students and families to engage and support those in need in our community. While students do the cooking and cleaning, we are in need of parent volunteers to assist and support them. Come for an hour or stay for the whole event! Thank you for all your support in advance. - Ms.Spina

### **Upcoming Dates**

- April 16
- May 21
- June 18

## **Yearbook - Looking for Photos**

Do you have photos of events around our school that you would like to share with the yearbook team?

You can submit them online at [hjeshare.com](https://hjeshare.com). If you'd like to frequently contribute, you can also download the HJ eShare app! Use our school code, **stanns2024**, to login and start sharing your photos. Remember to look out for your shots in our next yearbook!

## **New: From the Faith Corner**

### **Lenten Calendar**

The CISKD has put together a beautiful lenten calendar to help us prepare for the beauty of the Easter Season. Please find it [here](#). Feel free to print, share and follow together with other family and friends who may not be familiar with lent or St. Ann's Academy.

### **For Spring Break:**

Do you wonder what Jesus might have been like? What would it have been like to talk with him, eat with him, learn from him? The Chosen is an incredible glimpse into the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Follow the life of Jesus from the beginning of his Ministry and get to know Him in his humanity. Watch one episode, or all 4 seasons, completely free, because the Good News should be accessible to everyone. Binge-worthy during spring break as we lead up to the great Feast of Easter! Check it out here: <https://watch.thechosen.tv/page/season%201>

## For Holy Week:

Beginning with Palm Sunday on March 24, we enter into Holy Week. This is the culmination of our Lenten preparation! The Church invites us to journey with Jesus this week beginning with his entry into Jerusalem to the cheers of the people on Palm Sunday. On Thursday we begin the Sacred Triduum - a three day journey with Christ from the Last Supper, through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. This feast is the pinnacle of Christian celebration! You are invited to enter into a spiritual pilgrimage that is the Triduum:



<https://watch.formed.org/videos/triduum>

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*

John 3:16

As a Family at St Ann's Academy, you have access to some of the best Catholic content anywhere on the web. [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) is easy to use, 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!).

If you have any questions about events or opportunities, please contact the office, or email [fdt@st-anns.ca](mailto:fdt@st-anns.ca).

## **Important Calendar Dates**

### **March Highlights:**

- Mar 12: SAPA Meeting 6:30pm
- Mar 15: Last Day before Spring Break
  - Crusaderwear
  - Report Cards go home
- Mar 24: Palm Sunday
- Mar 29: Good Friday
- Mar 31: Easter Sunday

## **April Highlights:**

Apr 3: First Day Back - Welcome Back Crusaders!

Apr 9: K-7 Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral - Elementary wear your Mass Dress

Apr 11: High School Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral - Grade 8-12 wear your Mass Dress

Apr 12: Dress Down Day - Childrens Hospital