

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

MAY CALENDAR

May 3: Teacher Appreciation Day in Canada

May 3-5: Grade 10 Retreat

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

May 6: Last day of Spring into Reading

May 9: Last day of Scholastic Book Fair

May 9: Breakfast for the Needy

May 10: SAPA Meeting – 6:30pm via Zoom (Email sapa@st-anns.ca for the link to join)

May 12: **DRESS DOWN for CHARITY** (Cure-wear jeans & pink)

May 13: **NO SCHOOL** – Pro D Day

May 16: SAA Store Open from 2-3:00

May 16: Baking Club (GRADES 2 & 6)

May 17: House Spirit Day (Wear your house shirts & colours with uniform bottoms)

May 18: Elementary Mass (**Mass Dress for Elementary students**)

May 19: High School Mass (**Mass Dress for High School students**)

May 19: Elementary Pizza Day – No Munch-a-Lunch for Elementary

May 20: PE Adventure Day

May 23: **NO SCHOOL** – Victoria Day Stat

May 24: Wizard of Oz @ Sagebrush (Grades, 3, 4 & 5)

May 24: Episode of ‘The Search’, via Zoom with the Faith Development Team
(Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for Zoom link)

May 25: SAPA Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship & Cyberbullying Online Event

May 26: Shumway Lake (Grades 6 & 7)

May 26: Capstone Presentations by Grade 12s

May 27: **CRUSADERWEAR**

May 27: Elementary Assembly – 1:30-2:30

May 30: Sports Day Assembly

May 30: Baking Club (GRADE 5)

May 30: Sports Day Assembly

May 31: Elementary Grandparent’s Strawberry Tea – 2:45-3:45

May 31: Local School Committee (LSC) Meeting -6:00pm (Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for Zoom link to join)

JUNE CALENDAR

June 1: EARLY DISMISSAL - K-3@12:00, 4-7@12:10, 8-12@12:30; bus departs @12:45
June 2: Elementary Pizza Day
June 3: Sports Day (Wear your House colours)
June 6: SAA Store Open – 2-3:00PM
June 6: Baking Club (GRADES 3 & 4)
June 6: SAA Performing Arts Dinner & Concert (K-5) – Details to follow
June 7: SAA Performing Arts Dinner & Concert (GRADES 6-12) – Details to follow
June 9: Hat Creek Ranch (GRADE 5)
June 9: GRADE 9 Retreat (St. George's Barriere)
June 10: **NO SCHOOL** – Pro D Day
June 13: SAA Store Open – 2-3:00PM
June 15: Waterslides with OLPH (GRADE 6)
June 17: **EARLY DISMISSAL** (for Grad Mass)
June 17: Grad Mass – 2:00PM
June 17: Commencement Ceremony – 7:00PM
June 18: Grad Banquet – 6:30PM @ Coast Canadian Inn
June 21: Breakfast for the Needy
June 21: Athletic Banquet – Details to follow
June 23: Full School Mass (**Mass Dress for ALL students**)
June 24: Crusaderwear
June 24: **LAST DAY OF CLASSES - Students dismissed early; report cards home**

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAPA Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship & Cyberbullying Online Event

On **Wednesday, May 25th from 7 – 9 pm**, St. Ann's Academy and St. Ann's Academy Parents Association (SAPA) invite parents to participate in a free online event to learn more about social media, digital citizenship, and cyberbullying. This event will be open to all, however, registration is required. As some of the topics are more mature in nature, the intended audience is parents of children in mid-school and high school or who have children who are about to enter mid-school or high school. Although, if you are concerned about your child's online safety, parents of children of all ages are welcome. St. Ann's Academy would like to thank St. Ann's Academy Parent Association (SAPA) for sponsoring this event and 'Safer Schools Together' for leading the conversation.

Don't miss this free online event being hosted by SAPA!

For more information and to register for this event, please visit:
[SAPA Event: Social Media, Digital Citizenship & Cyberbullying](#)

ELEMENTARY GRANDPARENT'S STRAWBERRY TEA

We are pleased to announce that our Elementary staff and students of St. Ann's Academy will be hosting our annual Grandparent's Tea on **Tuesday, May 31st between 2:45-3:45** in the school gymnasium. This will be our first one since before Covid!

We encourage our elementary students to participate by inviting a grandparent or senior to join them for tea. Admission is free, but please note that unchaperoned students will not be admitted to the tea.

In order to prepare for the tea it is important that you **RSVP the number of people planning to attend by Tuesday, May 24th, at the link below.** We will be serving coffee, tea and strawberry shortcake.

LINK to SIGN UP FOR STRAWBERRY TEA:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCMM3oN16gsisv51Up-7nsbAxwnc-oYhdIH6oEnbcw_spa4A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please note that on this day, students will be dismissed at 2:20 pm. The 'covid dismissal line' will not happen on this day, parents will park and pick up students as done pre-covid and parking will be available on the upper field for families and the tea.

PE ADVENTURE DAY

Mr. Pearce has organized a fun PE Adventure Day for our elementary students to take place on Friday, May 20th. This will involve fun games such as Sharks & Minnows, Super Sonic Toilet Tag, Relay races, California Kickball and Capture the Flag. All the games will be held outside so be sure to send your son or daughter dressed for the weather that day.

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 **(the last day for the year is May 31st)**
- Thursdays - Grade 10's, 11's, and 12's **(the last day for the year is June 2nd)**

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, May 16th, June 6th & June 13th from 2-3:00.** 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.

ATHLETICS

High School Athletic Banquet Save the Date

Hello families of our SAA Athletes! It is time we bring back our Athletic Banquet to celebrate our teams, athletes, coaches, volunteers and successes of the year. We want to make sure you can attend so please mark off the evening of **June 21st** on your calendars. The banquet will include a dinner with the presentations. Details will be forwarded once they are finalized.

We will be celebrating the:

- 1) Independent Sports - aquatics, cross-country and track & field, badminton
- 2) Senior Boys & Girls Soccer Team
- 3) Grade 8, Junior, Senior Boys & Girls Volleyball Teams
- 4) Grade 8, Junior, Senior Boys & Girls Basketball Teams
- 5) Senior Mixed Golf Team
- 6) Amazing Volunteer Coaching Staff
- 7) Endless Volunteer Scorekeepers
- 8) Athletes of the Year

You can always check out the HS Athletics Webpage for information as well <https://sites.google.com/st-anns.ca/highschoolathletics/home>

FROM THE FAITH CORNER

1ST HOLY COMMUNION & SACRAMENT of Confirmation

St. Joseph's Christian Book, Gift & Church Supply

OPEN: Tuesday – Friday: 10AM to 4:00PM & Saturday: 10AM to 2:00PM

St. Joseph's Book and Gift Store is filled with giftware, books (new and used), jewelry, statues, cards, CDs, and DVDs. Support your local Catholic store, located at 256 Nicola Street. Come in and meet Marcella or Garry. Call 778-471-6100 or email stjosephskamloops@gmail.com to place your orders.

Pick up your 1st Communion & Confirmation gifts here!

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 the last session, on 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

MUNCH-A-LUNCH – Please be sure to send payments for munch-a-lunch to **payments@st-anns.ca** and to indicate who and what it is for in the message section.

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.

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.

CANTEEN – The May Canteen Menu is available on the [SAA Website](#) and [SAA Calendar](#)

ELEMENTARY PIZZA DAYS

Our upcoming elementary pizza days are **Thursday, May 19th** and **Thursday, June 2nd**. Please note that even if you haven't ordered pizza yet for the upcoming months you are still able to do so. Only those students who have pre-ordered will receive pizza on those days. Your son or daughter should have brought home a monthly order form from their classroom teacher but below is the link to also print more forms, for your convenience. The canteen will be closed for grade K-7 on these 2 days so if you have not ordered pizza for your child, please pack them a lunch from home. Also, the elementary pizza day which had to be cancelled in December has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 2nd.

<https://st-anns.ca/wp-content/uploads/Monthly-Elementary-Pizza-Order-Form.pdf>

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

DRY GRAD FUNDRAISER

The SAA Dry Grad Committee reminds you of the bottle drive fundraiser taking place. Drop off your bottles and cans to General Grants in Sahali to support this event. However, due to a number of other fundraisers taking place, they have asked that you now sort the bottles from the cans.