

MID-APRIL 2022 - UPDATES & REMINDERS

APRIL CALENDAR

- Apr 25: Spring Into Reading Begins – **SEE CALENDAR BELOW**
- Apr 25: Scholastic Book Fair Begins
- Apr 25: Baking Club Begins – See Details and Sign up Below
- Apr 26: Local School Committee Meeting – 6:00pm (Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for Zoom link to join)
- Apr 26: Episode of ‘The Search’, via Zoom with the Faith Development Team (Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for Zoom link)
- Apr 26: Literacy Exams for Grade 10
- Apr 27: Literacy Exams for Grade 12
- Apr 28: Numeracy Exams for Grade 10
- Apr 29: **Crusaderwear**
- Apr 29: Kindergarten Cupcake Sale

MAY CALENDAR

- May 2: SAA Store Open - 2-3:00
- 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: PE Adventure Day
- May 12: **DRESS DOWN for CHARITY** (Cure-wear jeans & pink)
- May 13: **NO SCHOOL** – Pro D Day
- May 16: SAA Store Open – 2-3:00
- 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 23: **NO SCHOOL** – Victoria Day Stat

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 Event/Presentation (DETAILS BELOW)
May 26: Capstone Presentations by Grade 12s
May 27: **CRUSADERWEAR**
May 30: Sports Day Assembly
May 31: Grandparents Strawberry Tea (DETAILS BELOW)
May 31: Local School Committee (LSC) Meeting -6:00pm (Email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for Zoom link to join)

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELEMENTARY SPRING INTO READING is just around the corner!

***Events will take place between April 25th and May 6th.**

- **Dress up as your Favourite Storybook Character (Monday, April 25th)**
Start planning your costume now. Students can pick their favourite storybook character and dress up like them for the day. Students must also bring the storybook that corresponds to their character to school. This will be a non-uniform day for all participants.
- **Virtual Scholastic Book Fair (Monday, April 25th - Monday, May 9th at 8:59pm PT)**
Purchase new books online and support the Library! The link is: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5175598>
- **Read-a-thon: (April 26th- May 5th)**
Students will be bringing home a special reading log to keep track of their reading. The results will be tallied and classes will be competing for house points. There will be prizes for the top readers from each class. Logs are due back to classroom teachers by Friday, May 6th!
- **Book Trivia (April 27th, May 3rd, and May 5th)**
Students will have the opportunity to test their book knowledge with brain-teasing questions.
- **Estimation Contest Begins (April 27th - May 6th)**
Students will have a chance to guess how many books there are in the Library during class library time for a chance to win a prize.
- **Sock Day (Thursday, April 28th)**
Wear your favorite funky reading socks to school with your uniform today!

- **Author Interviews (Friday, April 29th)**

Learn something new in class about a well loved author!

- **Read My Shirt Day (Monday, May 2nd)**

Wear a T-shirt with writing (appropriate for school) for others to read! Uniform bottoms must be worn today!

- **D.E.A.R. - Drop Everything and Read! (Friday, May 6th)**

Students will have quiet reading time in class.

ELEMENTARY BAKING CLUB – BEGINNING on MONDAY, APRIL 25th

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Mrs. T. and myself, Mrs. Harrison, would like to invite Grades 1 through 7 to participate in a one time reintroduction to Baking Club 2022 being held in the High School Foods room.

There will be no fee required to attend but we will need each participant to register so that we can purchase enough supplies for everyone.

If your son or daughter is interested in baking club, please email Mrs. Harrison at jharrison@st-anns.ca with your son or daughter's name and grade.

Our first day would be:

Monday, April 25 and will include Grade 7 and Grade 1 from 3:00 till 4:00 pm

Monday, May 16 and will include Grade 6 and Grade 2 from 3:00 till 4:00 pm

Monday, May 30 this will be Grade 5 only from 3:00 till 4:00 pm

Monday, June 6 Grade 3 and Grade 4 from 3:00 till 4:00 pm

As Covid had pushed many of our activities aside, Mrs. T and I are happy to include Baking Club for our students at SAA once again!

Kind regards,

Mrs. T. and Mrs. Harrison

CUPCAKE SALE

On Friday, April 29th, the Kindergarten class will be holding a Cupcake Sale to raise money for missions. All cupcakes are \$1 and students are limited to 1 cupcake each. Bring your loonies!

SAPA EVENT – SOCIAL MEDIA, DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP & CYBERBULLYING – Wednesday, May 25th 7-9:00 PM

The St. Ann's Academy and St. Ann's Academy Parents Association (SAPA) invites 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.

For more information and registration, please visit: [SAPA Event: Social Media, Digital Citizenship & Cyberbullying](#)

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Virtual Scholastic Book Fair is just around the corner! Shop online from **Monday, April 25th to Monday, May 9th @ 8:59pm PT** to purchase the latest great books at great prices! All books sold help our library earn rewards for new resources!! Please follow the link to start browsing!

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5175598>

All orders will be shipped directly to the school (that means free shipping for everyone) and orders will be distributed to students once they arrive. The Library appreciates all of your support! Thank you!

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!**

GRANDPARENTS STRAWBERRY TEA

The Elementary staff and students of St. Ann's Academy will be hosting a Grandparent's Tea on **Tuesday, May 31st between 2:45-3:45** in the school gymnasium. We are so happy that we are able to hold events such as this again!

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 will be important that you sign up beforehand, so please watch for sign up details to come.** We will also need some parent volunteers for set up and clean up, so if you would like to help out with this, please email Mrs. Blower at jblower@st-anns.ca.

SAA STORE - The upcoming dates and times of store hours are as follows: **Monday, May 2nd, Monday, May 16th, Monday, June 6th and Monday, 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.

GRAD NEWS - On Behalf of the Dry Grad Committee, please note the following fundraisers that the Dry Grad Committee is hosting:

1. **Bottle drop off** – General Grant’s in Sahali @ 963 Camosun Crescent. This is happening now until June 10th. Just drop off and tell them it is for St. Ann’s Dry Grad or label your bags with this when dropping off – Tell everyone you know!
2. **Krispy Kreme Donuts Sale** - This will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 9-6 at the Canadian Tire locations on Hillside Dr and 8th St and the Save-on-Foods in Sahali.

FROM THE FAITH CORNER

THANK YOU FROM ‘The Society of St. Vincent de Paul’ – Please read the following message from the St. Vincent de Paul Society. They are very grateful for our donations to them.

“Dear Members of St. Ann’s Academy,

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks you immensely for your most generous donation. Your sharing and caring is immensely appreciated. May our good Lord bless you all.

With our thanks,

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Board Members and Volunteers”

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 next 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>

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BISHOP & Fr. DERRICK

The dispensation of the faithful in the Diocese of Kamloops from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will be lifted starting Saturday, April 9th 2022. All Catholics are obligated (hopefully we want to come willingly!) to be in person at Mass. I encourage everyone to make a good confession as well. Also, a short video on the spiritual life: <https://youtu.be/pBf3MexGaQw>
- Fr. Derrick

[Bishop Joseph Letter to the Faithful of the Diocese](#)

Please find below a CCCB Media Release (in English and French).

Canada's Catholic Bishops Welcome Pope Francis' Apology to Indigenous Peoples: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/canadas-catholic-bishops-welcome-pope-francis-apology-to-indigenous-peoples/>

Les évêques catholiques du Canada entendent les excuses du pape François aux peuples autochtones: <https://www.cccb.ca/fr/media-release/les-eveques-catholiques-du-canada-entendent-les-excuses-du-pape-francois-aux-peuples-autochtones/>

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.

UNIFORMS – Please see the [Top Marks Uniform Order Information](#) with information on our school uniform supplier and how to order school uniforms. Also, be sure to check on the St. Ann's Parent Connect Facebook page for any gently-used uniforms that other parents may be selling.

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 – Please, please and pretty please try to remember to use the attendance@st-anns.ca email for reporting absences so that they go directly to our attendance secretary, Arlene. If they come to me at officeadmin@st-anns.ca, Arlene may still be calling or emailing to ask if your son or daughter is absent because I don't always get them to her quickly enough. 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 **Report An Absence** (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.

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

ELEMENTARY PIZZA DAYS

Our upcoming elementary pizza days are **Thursday, May 9th** 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. <https://st-anns.ca/wp-content/uploads/Monthly-Elementary-Pizza-Order-Form.pdf>