

Mid-APRIL NEWSLETTER

APRIL CALENDAR

- APR 17: Autism Awareness Day - Wear a Blue Shirt and uniform pants
- APR 17: Grade 7 to Rivercity Gymnastics
- APR 18: Mass for Grades K-6 at Sacred Heart Cathedral
- APR 19: Swim Meet at TCC (details below)
- APR 20: Elementary Pizza Day (if pre-ordered)
- APR 20: SAA Players will be performing Fawltly Towers for a Matinee and Evening show
- APR 17: Grade 6 to Rivercity Gymnastics
- APR 21: Dress down for charity
- APR 21: Grade 3 to Rivercity Gymnastics
- APR 21: SAA Players will be performing Fawltly Towers for an Evening show
- APR 25: Local School Committee meeting at 6pm
- APR 25-28: Scholastic Book Fair
- APR: 26-28: Used Uniform Sale
- APR: 27: Grade 7 to Rivercity Gymnastics
- APR 28: Crusaderwear Day
- APR 28: Grade 3 to Rivercity Gymnastics
- APR 28: Elementary Assembly
- APR 28: Wake-a-thon from 6:30pm to 6:30am on Saturday Apr 29, 2023

MAY CALENDAR

- TBD: Cookies and Coffee - Come join our community for an afterschool snack!
- MAY 1: Principal Appreciation Day! Thank you to Mr Niwa, Mrs Balison, and Mrs Daley
- MAY 1-5: Elementary Spring into Reading (details below)
- MAY 3: Early Dismissal
- MAY 3: Teacher Appreciation Day
- MAY 3-5: Grade 10 Retreat
- MAY 4: Grade 7 to Rivercity Gymnastics
- MAY 5: Grade 3 to Rivercity Gymnastics
- MAY 9: SAPA Meeting - Please email SAPA@St-Anns.ca for details
- MAY 11: Grade 2 to Rivercity Gymnastics
- MAY 11: Crowning of Mary and Living Rosary - watch for details so you can join us!
- MAY 12: Dress Down day for the CURE wear Jeans and pink
- MAY 12: CISKD Golf Tournament
- MAY 16: Sports Day
- MAY 17: Mass for Grades K-6
- MAY 18: Mass for Grades 8-12

REMINDER:

You might have noticed that our school parking lot gets rather crowded after school. We would like to remind you that you are to arrive at your oldest child's dismissal time (K-3 2:30pm 4-7 2:40pm and High School 2:50pm). Should you arrive at the school earlier than the appropriate pick up time please park in an available spot to wait.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Light It Up Blue for Autism - Apr 17, 2023

As many of you may be aware, April is autism month. The grade 6 has been learning about ASD and have proposed a "Light it Up Blue Day" on Monday, April 17th to bring awareness to the exceptional children we have in our school family and community.

The grade 6 class has asked that all students wear a blue shirt with their uniform bottoms on Monday. Blue is the primary color connected to Autism, as it is associated with calmness and acceptance. This is not to single out any student, but to show acceptance and promote awareness for our beautiful differences.

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.

Fawlty Towers Updates!

The Fawlty 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.

PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

If your family has completed the 20 volunteer hours required for the parent participation program at St. Ann's for this school year please fill in your parent participation card and drop it off at the office. Your \$300 cheque will be shredded. If you wish your cheque to be returned to you please email attendance@st-anns.ca. If you are unable to complete your parent participation hours for this year the \$300 cheque dated May 15, 2023 will be deposited by June 1, 2023. Thank you all for everything you do to make St. Ann's Academy a wonderful community!

LIBRARY NEWS

SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The SAA Spring Scholastic Book Fair 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. The fair will go live on April 24th 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 & door greeters Tuesday - Friday from 11:45am - 12:45pm and from 2:30pm - 3:30pm
- THANK YOU!

ELEMENTARY SPRING INTO READING is just around the corner!

Find the schedule [here](#)

***Events will take place between May 1st and May 5th.**

- **Read-a-thon: (May 1st- 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 Monday, May 8th! No late logs will be counted!

- **Spelling Bee - Grades 4 - 7 (Monday, May 1st)**

- **Indigenous Storyteller (Monday, May 1st)**

Link to be shown in class.

- **Dress up as your Favourite Storybook Character (Tuesday, May 2nd)**

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.

- **Book Trivia (May 2nd and May 4th)**

Students will have the opportunity to test their book knowledge with brain-teasing questions.

- **Sock Day (Thursday, May 4th)**

Wear your favorite funky reading socks to school with your uniform today!

- **Read My Shirt Day (Friday, May 5th)**

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 5th)

Students will have quiet reading time in the hallways.

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!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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VOLUNTEER CANTEEN HELPER OPPORTUNITY:

If you would like to help out by delivering canteen lunches to the K to grade 7 classrooms on weekdays between noon and 12:30 pm please email Arlene at attendance@st-anns.ca. Even though you are only here for 30 minutes, you will be credited for a full hour towards the parent participation program. We are looking for helpers for **April 21!** Thank you to all our amazing volunteers! Keep your eyes peeled for dates in May.

FROM THE FAITH CORNER

GIFTS & CLOTHING for SACRAMENTS:

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Gifts Available

Are you looking for the perfect present for anyone receiving First Holy Communion or being Confirmed?

Stop by for a visit at St. Joseph's Christian Store, located at 256 Nicola St. opposite the Sacred Heart Cathedral downtown. They have a wide selection of gifts to browse, including medals, crucifixes, rosaries, jewelry, books, bibles, prayer books, prayer cards, greeting cards, giftware and much more!

If you have something in mind but don't see it in store, there's still time to place your order for pick-up. *It makes a difference to shop local!*

Store Hours

Tuesday-Friday: 10 AM - 4 PM (Closed 1-2 PM)

Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM

The store will be closed April 28th & April 29th

Contact Information

Tel. 778.471.6100

Email: stjosephskamloops@gmail.com

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 griegtogracedkelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

NEWS FROM THE SAA OFFICE

USED UNIFORM SALE:A used uniform sale will be held in the meeting room at St. Ann's Academy from 9 am until 4 pm on April 26, 27 and 28. If you would like to volunteer to help set up in the afternoon of Tuesday, April 25th or volunteer at the sale for any of the three days between the hours between 9 am and 4 pm please email Arlene at attendance@st-anns.ca

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

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.

ATHLETICS

Elementary Intermediate Swim Club Swim Meet

The swim meet at TCC is on April 19th from 8:30 - approx. 12:30 for swim club members. Students will bus to and from. The cost is \$4 to cover transportation. Parents are welcome to come and cheer on swimmers! More information can be found [here](#). Permission forms can be found [here](#).

ATHLETICS PAGE on www.st-anns.ca - If you haven't had a chance to view this page, I strongly encourage you to do so! Mrs. Mallais has spent a lot of hours adding and updating “all things athletic” to that page! You can find practice times for all teams, tournament schedules, photos of athletic events, ‘Crusaders in the News’ and much more! Check it out!