



Mid-April Newsletter



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Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and Catholic Church reflect on Sacred Covenant signing and the advancement of truth and reconciliation

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, BC – In an unprecedented and historic ceremony, the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver, and Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamloops signed a Sacred Covenant, marking a significant step forward in healing and reconciliation.

The Sacred Covenant, signed on Easter Sunday, reflects our mutual acknowledgment of past wrongs, particularly the Catholic Church's role in the Residential School System, and a shared commitment to truth, reconciliation, and the future. It clarifies the "Doctrine of Discovery" by affirming the dignity and rights of First Nations peoples, repudiating past injustices. The Covenant outlines practical commitments, including honouring and memorializing residential school students, facilitating access to historical records, and retaining scientific expertise to support the Nation's efforts in uncovering the truth and promoting healing.

Kúkpi7 Rosanne Casimir

"This Easter Sunday was a testament of allyship. Inasmuch as I participated virtually while I recoup from a broken leg, it was clear that there were many hands that shaped the positives outcomes of today.

PPP hours Opportunity: CISKD Golf Tournament

Calling all volunteers: for the 2nd Annual CISKD Charity Golf Tournament. This event will support all the schools across the CISKD and we need your help to make it a success. We require volunteers to help with various tasks at Tobiano Golf Course on May 10th. Each volunteer shift will be 2-3 hours and will include either lunch OR dinner depending on when your shift is. Please fill out the Google form [here](#) if you can assist us at this amazing event! Thank you in advance for your support.

Calling all Golfers: Are you a golfer who would rather register to golf at the tournament? If so please follow this [link](#) to register - spots are going fast!

News From the SAA Office

NEW: Parent Participation Program Reminder

Families who have completed the 20 volunteer hours required for this school year's parent participation program, please fill in and drop off your parent participation card at the front desk. Your \$300 cheque will be shredded once your 20 hours are complete and your PPP card has been signed and returned to the school office.

If a family is unable to complete their PPP hours by the deadline of May 15, 2024, but has pre-arranged with SAA staff to complete hours after the deadline, please email Mrs. Costa at attendance@st-anns.ca with the dates and activities ASAP to avoid having your cheque cashed. If families have not developed a plan with an SAA staff member to complete the remainder of their 20 volunteer hours for this year, your \$300 cheque dated May 15, 2024, will be deposited. No refunds on cheques cashed are issued for partial completion of volunteer hours or failure to report completed volunteer hours by May 15, 2024.

A big thank you to St. Ann's families for everything you do to assist the school and to provide support to our events! We can't do it without you!

NEW: SPRING USED UNIFORM SALE

We are looking for one more parent volunteer to help with setting up the sale on Monday, April 22 between the hours of 9 am and noon. If you are able to help at any time that morning please email Mrs. Costa at attendance@st-anns.ca.

Has your child grown over the winter and requires new uniform pieces? St. Ann's Academy is hosting a used uniform sale on **April 23, 24 and 25 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm**. All shirts, pants skirts and skorts will be \$5 per item. Navy/gold crested hoodies will be \$15 to \$20 depending on condition and sizing.

Families wishing to donate used uniforms, please note SAA only accepts clothing items from Top Marks or crusader wear.

Bussing

IMPORTANT: 2024-2025 Bus Registration

For the 2024/2025 school year, families needing daily bus service are required to register their child(ren) using an online Google form. Please fill out this [Bus Registration Form](#). Bus ridership will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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 April 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

New: Library News

SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The SAA Spring Scholastic Book Fair is taking place from Tuesday, April 23rd to Friday, April 26th. Come to the library where you can browse, and purchase books, bookmarks, pencils, erasers, posters, and books for the Birthday Book Club. The Book Fair will be open from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm. See you all there!

ELEMENTARY SPRING INTO READING

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."
— Dr. Seuss

To encourage a love of reading among SAA elementary students, SAA will be hosting its annual *Spring Into Reading* from April 29th and May 3rd.

Monday, April 29th: HATS OFF TO READING DAY!

Wear a hat to school with your uniform & bring your favourite book.

Tuesday, April 30th: PERFECT PYJAMA DAY!

Dress up in your favourite pj's today in honour of the book "Pyjama Day" by Robert Munsch.

Wednesday, May 1st: POEM IN YOUR POCKET DAY!

Share your poem with a friend. This is a Uniform Day
Early Dismissal Day!

Thursday, May 2nd: BE A STAR & READ DAY!

Wear sunglasses to school with your uniform. Buddy classes will have reading time outside.

Friday, May 3rd: WEARABLE WORDS DAY!

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

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 7th, 2024**. Thank you for your generosity!

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. If you'd like to frequently contribute, you can also download the HJ eShare app! Use our school code, **stanns2024**, to log in and start sharing your photos. Remember to look out for your shots in our next yearbook!

New: Mission Trip to Peru

St. Ann's Campus Ministry Programme is pleased to announce that a Mission Trip to Peru will take place in **March 2025!**

Students currently in grades 10 and 11 (next year's grades 11 and 12) are eligible to apply. Application packages will be available in approximately two weeks. The SAA team will be comprised of 12 students and 3 staff members. The SAA team will be spending the first week of spring break 2025 serving with the Christian Brothers community in and around the city of Peru, where Catholic high schools and universities have sent similar teams for nearly twenty years from all over Canada and the United States. Mr. Beliveau, the coordinator for 2025, led the first such mission trip at Vancouver College in 2017 after leading mission trips to Mexico for thirteen years at Vancouver Catholic schools between 1994 and 2017. There will be a parent information session this spring, and applications will be due in May followed by interviews. Students will need to commit to a half-year of meetings, fundraising activities, and preparation, as well as commit to paying for their airfare and a contribution towards food, local transportation, and accommodation. More information will be made available soon. Please email Mr. Beliveau at kbeliveau@st-anns.ca if you have further questions.

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 of registered children. Our main role is to support the school community and enhance its programs. SAPA works to raise funds 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 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, April 23rd at 6:30 pm. Join SAPA on Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85087055824?pwd=mwCoFXBYvXbBQvYbtRL6bpJHa5VA2.1>

Meeting ID: 850 8705 5824 Passcode: 096751

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 on 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

Volunteers Needed:

Upcoming Dates:

May 21

June 18

New: From the Faith Corner

As we continue to celebrate the joy of the Easter season, we invite you to pray this simple prayer:

Draw Us Forth

Draw us forth, God of all creation.

Draw us forward and away from limited certainty
into the immense world of your love.

Give us the capacity to even for a moment
taste the richness of the feast you give us.

Give us the peace to live with uncertainty,
with questions,
with doubts.

Help us to experience the resurrection anew
with open wonder and an increasing ability
to see you in the people of Easter.

- Author Unknown

Please join us in the school chapel on Tuesday mornings from 8-8:20 am, to pray for our school.

NEW: HOLY COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION GIFTS

Your local Catholic store, St. Joseph's Christian Book, Gift and Church Supply will help you find the right gift for your young communicant or confirmand. Come browse their selection of giftware, picture frames, medals, crucifixes, rosaries, jewelry, books, bibles, prayer books, prayer cards, greeting cards, boys' white ties, and much more, for that special day.

Store hours: TUESDAY-FRIDAY 10 am - 4 pm (Closed 1-2 pm for lunch)

Extended hours: SATURDAY 20th APRIL 10 am - 4 pm .

SATURDAY 4th MAY 10 AM - 4 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

St. Joseph's store will be CLOSED 26th and 27th April, re-opening 30th April

Tel. 778-471-6100 Email: stjosephskamloops@gmail.com 256 Nicola Street, Kamloops

Athletics

The High School Girls Soccer team has begun its season. Parents and students, please check out the [High School Athletics Website](#) for practice and game times.

The Elementary Track and Field club has begun for students in grades 4-7. Practices are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:15 pm. Please note parents are to pick up students from outside the front entrance of the school building.

NEW: Elementary Swim Club families please see this [invitation](#).

LOBSTERMANIA 2024

Hosted by KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1614 Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at OLPH Parish Centre. Join us for a fun-filled night of succulent Nova Scotian Lobster and dinner buffet.

Dance the night away with live music by 'JERRY DE SOUZA and the MELODY MAKERS'. Get a group of friends, relatives or co-workers together and enjoy an East Coast Lobster evening. Tickets are \$80. each and are available from Ed Barker 250-319-3331, Anthony Muzzillo 250-851-1111, Gary Mayhew 778-471-6100 and John Giddens 250-682-4600

Important Calendar Dates

April Highlights:

- Apr 19: Crusader Wear Day
- Apr 22: Pro-Day School Closed
- Apr 23: SAPA Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85087055824?pwd=mwCoFXBYvXbBQvYbtRL6bpJHa5VAz.1>
Meeting ID: 850 8705 5824 Passcode: 096751
- Apr 23-26: Book Fair
- April 29 - May 3: Spring into Reading

May Highlights:

- May 1: Early Dismissal Day
- May 2: Living Rosary
- May 10: CISKD Golf Tournament Fundraiser - **Volunteers Needed!**