



Mid-February Newsletter

News From the SAA Office

NEW: Tax Receipts

Please note that tax receipts were sent home with the Re-Registration packages. If you were expecting one and it was not attached to your family's re-registration package please be patient as some have already been mailed.

NEW: Re-Registration

Tis the season for re-registration. We currently have wait lists for students in most grades. Re-registration packages have been sent home with the family couriers on Thursday February 22, 2024. Packages are due back by **NOON on March 7th**. We will be accepting applications and opening placement for non-SAA students after the deadline. Please note if your re-registration package is not returned by the March 7th deadline, a placement may not be available for your student(s) in September 2024. For any re-registration packages received after the March 7th deadline, a \$50 late fee will be charged and must be paid before your re-registration is considered.

NEW: Celebrating Black History Month

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities. The SAA community would like to do the same, and are happy to offer our gratitude to those who made the following video possible. Please find a time to share it with your family as it comes from the perspective of some of BC's most notable people, including the first black individual elected to office in BC, a leading canner on the Fraser River, and Vancouver's first lifeguard.

Ode to Black History

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.

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 February 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

Update: Elementary Student Led Conferences

On Monday, February 26th from 2:45-4:00 pm, elementary school parents are invited to participate in student-led conferences. Students have been working hard in their classrooms and are looking forward to hosting parents to discuss and showcase their school accomplishments. We encourage all parents to attend with their child.

Please remember, these conferences are an opportunity for you to visit with your child in their classroom and are not intended as a formal meeting with the teacher. If you have questions about your child's academic progress or other questions for the classroom teacher, please email to set up a separate appointment time.

Update: 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 forms for the swim meet will be sent home prior to spring break.

Remaining Practices:

Monday, March 4
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 meeting are 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 it fundraising events. Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30 pm. Join SAPA on Zoom here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82992086082> Meeting ID: 829 9208 6082.

New: Athletics

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

Volunteer 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 asap. We are aiming for the first meeting to take place before Spring Break.

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. Tickets will be available for purchase soon! Continue to watch the SAA Newsletter and social media for more information.

The SAA Players are still in need a few pieces of furniture and props. If you have any of the following items that can be donated or lent to us, please email Mr. Beliveau at kbeliveau@st-anns.ca before bringing the items to school.

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- old fashioned love seat or 3-seat sofa (borrow or take off your hands forever)
- 1 rectangular living room table;
- 3 very small square or circular end tables;
- tall artificial plants in planters;

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. 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!

From the Faith Corner

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.

Our Faith Reps this year are:

Malwina Tomczyk (K)

Stephanie & Simon Feeley (Elementary)

Carmel Hukulak (Elementary)

Samantha Cooper (Elementary)

April Johnson (High School)

Andy Cyr (High School)

Danielle Sykes (High School)

Steve & Cheryl Frith (High School)

JOIN US! Parents, students, and Staff are invited to join us on **Tuesday mornings from 8-8:25 am in the Chapel** as we pray intentionally for our St Ann's community. Come for a minute, or stay the whole time - all are welcome!

Don't know where the Chapel is? Ask our friendly office staff, or try these directions: straight past the cafeteria, over the walkway, down the stairs and through the doorway straight ahead, then left down the hallway to the second-last door on your right! (We'll be praying you find the way)

If you have any questions about events or opportunities, please contact the office, or email fdt@st-anns.ca.

Important Calendar Dates

February Highlights:

- Feb 26: Elementary Student Led Conference 2:45pm - 4pm
- Feb 27: Grad Photo Retakes
Local School Committee
SAPA Meeting 6:30pm
- Feb 28: Early Dismissal Day
Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 29: Reconciliation

March Highlights:

- Mar 1: Crusaderwear Day
- Mar 4- 15: Food Drive
- Mar 5: Talent Show
- Mar 7: Elementary Pizza Day for those who have pre-ordered
- Mar 8: Dress Down Day - Make a Wish (Blue and/or Stars)
- Mar 12: Local School Committee (LSC) Meeting at 6pm
- Mar 15: Last Day before Spring Break
Crusaderwear
Report Cards go home