

Mid-JANUARY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY CALENDAR

- Jan 21-28: Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week
- Jan 24: Local School Committee Meeting @ 6:00pm
- Jan 26: KINDERGARTEN - Skating
- Jan 26: Concession Orders for CSW Due
- Jan 26: Elementary Assembly @ 1:30
- Jan 26: Kindergarten Parent Information Session @ 6:30pm (in Kindergarten Classroom)
- Jan 26: Grade 8 Parent Information Session @ 6:30pm (in School Cafeteria)
- Jan 27: *****Munch-a-Lunch Ordering Closes @ 3:00pm**
- Jan 27: **NO SCHOOL – Pro D Day**
- Jan 30: Swim Club Practice 3:15pm at TCC

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb 2: Catholic Schools Week Permission Forms Due

- Feb 2: GRADE 2 – Skating
- Feb 3: NON-UNIFORM DAY – Crusaderwear
- Feb 3: Sr. Girls' Basketball Tournament @ SAA
- Feb 5: Catholic Schools Week begins (schedule of CSW events to attached)
- Feb 6: GRADE 1 – Skating
- Feb 6: KINDERGARTEN – Rivercity Gymnastics
- Feb 13 & 14: Talent Show Auditions (Details to follow)
- Feb 13: Swim Club Practice 3:15pm at TCC
- Feb 13: KINDERGARTEN – Rivercity Gymnastics
- Feb 14: SAPA Meeting – 6:30pm via Zoom (Email sapa@st-anns.ca for the link to join)
- Feb 16: Elementary Pizza Day – **No Munch-a-lunch today**
- Feb 16, 17 & 18: Sr. Girls Basketball @ Okanagans
- Feb 17: **NO SCHOOL – Pro D Day**
- Feb 20: **NO SCHOOL – STAT (Family Day)**
- Feb 21: Grad Photo RE-TAKES
- Feb 21: Elementary Student Led Conferences (Details to follow)
- Feb 22: Ash Wednesday and first day of Lent
- Feb 22: Pink Shirt Day

Feb 23, 24 & 25: Sr. Boys Basketball @ Okanagans
Feb 23: GRADE 4 – Rivercity Gymnastics
Feb 24: NON-UNIFORM DAY – Dress down for Heart & Stoke: Red and white
Feb 24: GRADE 1 – Rivercity Gymnastics
Feb 24: Elementary Assembly @ 1:30pm
Feb 27: KINDERGARTEN – Rivercity Gymnastics
Feb 27: Swim Club Practice 3:15pm at TCC
Feb 28: NON-UNIFORM DAY – House Spirit Day
Feb 28: Local School Committee Meeting @ 6:00pm

Friendly Reminder:

St Ann’s Academy Is a “Nut Aware” facility. As such we ask that you consider all our students and staff by making sure snacks and lunches do not contain any nuts or nut based products.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kindergarten Information Session – Thursday January 26, 2023

We will be hosting an Information evening for parents on Thursday January 26 at 6:30pm in our Kindergarten room for any families who may want to learn more about our Kindergarten programs here at St Ann’s! Please feel free to forward the [attached invitation](#) to any families who you know who may be interested!

Grade 8 Information Session – Thursday January 26, 2023

We will be hosting an Information evening for parents on Thursday January 26 at 6:30pm in the cafeteria for any families who may want to learn more about our High School programs here at St Ann’s! Please feel free to forward the [attached invitation](#) to any families who you know who may be interested!

SAA Swim Club Starts Monday January 30, 2023

The SAA Swim Club will start up on Monday January 30, 2023 3:15pm at TCC - please see [attached permission slip](#) and [invitation](#) for more information!

SAA Store – Monday January 30, 2023

The SAA Store will be open next on **January 30, 2023** from 2-3pm. Get your pink SAA shirt for Pink Shirt Day (February 22, 2023)!

Talent Show Auditions (Feb 13-14)

We are excited to see all of our students show us their amazing talents! Watch your email box for more details coming soon!

Fawltly Towers Request

Who has started their spring cleaning early this year? Have a few large items that you are not quite sure what to do with? Have you considered offering them to our SAA Players?

The SAA Players is very excited to present three episodes of the famed British TV comedy, FAWLTY TOWERS, **March 15 and 16, 2023**. As we continue our rehearsal season we are starting to look for larger props and furniture items and we want to begin with our own community before having to shop at local thrift stores. If you might have any of the following items please contact Kevin Beliveau at kbeliveau@st-anns.ca as soon as possible:

- hotel "front counter" - maybe 5-6 feet long, 4 feet high
- 4 small cafe-type tables
- 8 restaurant-type chairs
- 4 small table clothes (for above)
- a hutch or sidetable or wall buffet to set dishes
- 2 round "vase" tables
- 6 misc. old suitcases
- 1 vintage carpet - about 6 feet by 2 feet
- 1 vintage carpet - about 12 feet by 2 feet
- 1 foldable single-bed on wheels
- 2 bedside tables
- 1 wheelchair

LIBRARY NEWS

UNPLUG & PLAY FAMILY LITERACY WEEK 2023

The 12th annual Interior Savings Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week is taking place from January 21st to 28th, 2023.

This exciting event promotes the message of finding a healthy balance between active family time and recreational screen time. Many free activities, events, and take-home kits will be offered by community partners throughout the week for families to enjoy.

Elementary students will be bringing home Unplug & Play Student Challenges which includes all the information about [Unplug & Play Week](#). Students are encouraged to reduce recreational screen time for the week and reflect on their experience. **Students who hand in their Unplug and Play Challenges by Friday, February 3rd will be entered in a draw to win prizes!**

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

CANTEEN HELPERS - If you have an hour a day to spare around lunchtime to help deliver our elementary lunch meals to the classrooms, please email Mrs. Costa at acosta@st-anns.ca.

SUPERVISION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Parent volunteers are needed to help with outside supervision (Elementary) and indoor supervision (High School) during the week. Parents are able to earn Parent Participation Hours for their supervision help during Catholic Schools Week.

If you have a current Criminal Record Check on file at the school office and would like to help out, please sign up on the attached documents found here:

[Elementary Supervision Sign-up](#)

[Highschool Supervision Sign-up](#)

FROM THE FAITH CORNER

GIFTS & CLOTHING for SACRAMENTS – St. Joseph’s Christian Book & Gift Supply Store carries an assortment of faith-based books and gifts but did you know that you can also order First Communion and Confirmation dresses and attire from them? Visit the store in person at 256 Nicola St, across from the Cathedral, or call Garry and Marcella at (778) 471-6100.

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!

NEWS FROM THE SAA OFFICE

PAYMENTS by E-TRANSFER

Please note that when paying by e-transfer, you can combine amounts and send just as one e-transfer. There is no need to send 4 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

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.

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)

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.

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 updated canteen menus are available on the SAA Website.

LOST & FOUND – Are you missing something? Have your kids checked our Lost and Found? We have included a picture of elementary lost and found and have noticed that there are lots of things that have been found since school has come back from the Christmas holidays! We are sure there are just as many things that have been found in our high school as well! Parents, be sure to check both 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Feb 5-11

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated in Catholic Schools across the world. We are planning some great activities to celebrate how wonderful it is to attend a Catholic School. Please see the attached calendar for the week's schedule.

To start the week, all students are asked to please wear their **SAA School Uniform** to Mass on **Sunday, February 5, 2023** to open Catholic Schools Week. Masses will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM, as well as at Holy Family Parish at 10:30 AM.

Permission slips for student activities during Catholic Schools Week are **due Thursday, February 2, 2023**. The fees this year cover not only the cost of the events, but also the bussing required.

Primary - \$10

Intermediate & High School - \$25

If families are unable to afford the cost of these fees, please reach out to Mrs. Balison via email, dbalison@st-anns.ca for financial assistance.

We are very grateful to SAPA for providing funds to pay for the food that we will enjoy throughout the week! We will start our school days with a pancake breakfast, which is free of charge and will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings beginning at 7:45 AM in our school cafeteria.

As in past years, we are once again asking parents to help cover supervision duty for our dedicated teaching staff during Catholic Schools Week as a sign of our appreciation for all they do. (Due to confidentiality reasons, we cannot have parents cover supervision for our CEAs but we will show our appreciation for them in another way during this week).

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Thanks in advance to our parent community for their support of Catholic Schools Week 2023!

Theme Days: Each day of Catholic Schools Week, there will be a different dress theme and students are invited to dress accordingly. School uniforms are not required to be worn during Catholic Schools Week; however, **students must adhere to our school dress code – no leggings, spaghetti straps, shirts with inappropriate sayings or innuendos, or skirts shorter than 4 inches above the knee, please.**

- **Monday – Blue & Gold/Crusader Wear** Students may wear our school colours: Blue & Gold
- **Tuesday – PJ Day.** Students are invited to wear their PJ's to school.
- **Wednesday – Class Theme** Each class will determine their own dress theme for the day.
- **Thursday – Jersey/Hat Day.** Students are invited to wear their favourite team jersey and hat
- **Friday – House Colours.** Students may wear their House team colour.

We look forward to a fun-filled week!
The Catholic Schools Week Committee

ATHLETICS

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!