

# NOVEMBER 2021 UPDATES & REMINDERS

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- Nov 19: **Dress Down for Charity Day** for 'MAKE-A-WISH' (Blue&Purple and/or Stars)  
Nov 23: House Spirit Day – House Shirts with uniform bottoms  
Nov 26: **Crusaderwear**  
Nov 29: SAA Store Open – 2-3:00pm  
Nov 30: School Committee Meeting – 6:00pm (Email [officeadmin@st-anns.ca](mailto:officeadmin@st-anns.ca) for Zoom link)

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

- Dec 1: **EARLY DISMISSAL** – K-3@12:00, 4-7@12:10, 8-12@12:30; bus departs @12:45  
Dec 3: **Dress Down for Charity Day** for 'ST. VINCENT de PAUL (Christmas sweater and socks)  
Dec 9: Full School Mass – **MASS DRESS** for ALL STUDENTS  
Dec 9: Elementary Pizza Day  
Dec 10: **Crusaderwear**  
Dec 14: SAPA Meeting – 6:30pm via Zoom (Email [sapa@st-anns.ca](mailto:sapa@st-anns.ca) for the link to join)  
Dec 17: **EARLY DISMISSAL** for Christmas Break

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR-LAST FEW DAYS to ORDER!!!**

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair is happening now! Shop online until **Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:59pm PT** to purchase the latest great books! All books sold help our library earn rewards for new resources!! **Please follow the link to start browsing! Place your orders this weekend!**

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5163672>

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. Please note: if you have an order for Christmas, please contact Mrs. Sucro (email: [asucro@st-anns.ca](mailto:asucro@st-anns.ca)) to arrange pick up. The Library appreciates all of your support! Thank you!

**SAA STORE** – The upcoming dates and times of store hours are as follows: **Monday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:00.**

**DRESS FOR CHARITY DAY** – **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** is our December Dress for Charity Day for all students again! On this day, students are invited to wear **CHRISTMAS SWEATERS** (the uglier the better!) and **CHRISTMAS SOCKS** to support the 'St. Vincent de Paul Society'. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission it is: to serve Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and to help shape a more just and compassionate society. The Mission of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul implies

that as Vincentians we: see Christ in anyone who suffers come together as a family, have personal contact with the poor and to help in all possible ways. Visit <https://ssvp.ca> for more information.

Bring in a loonie or toonie or MORE to support this amazing organization! Please note that on non-uniform days, students must still adhere to dress code. Students may wear untorn jeans or khakis, leggings under a skirt, a skirt, or a dress. T-shirts and sweatshirts may have logos or symbols providing they are not offensive.

**GRAD PHOTOS** – Photos for our Grade 12 graduating class of 2022 will be taking place here at SAA, from Wed, December 1<sup>st</sup> -Fri, December 3<sup>rd</sup> . **Appointments are necessary for grad photo sittings and they can be booked online at [prestigeportraits.ca](http://prestigeportraits.ca)** (NOTE: there is a \$25 sitting fee for these sessions payable to Lifetouch at time of booking)

## **FROM THE FAITH CORNER**

**SAA FAITH DEVELOPMENT TEAM** – The Faith Development Team of SAA 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](mailto:officeadmin@st-anns.ca) for the Zoom link to **join us for the second session, on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** . 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 the last session, Session 1, if you would like to view it at your own convenience.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0ki7LV84ro>

**1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION** – If your son or daughter is in Grade 2 or Grade 7 and he or she is planning to receive First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please ensure that Fr. Derrick is aware of your wishes and that you have contacted him at [frderrickc@gmail.com](mailto:frderrickc@gmail.com).

Please keep these students in your prayers as they journey this year to prepare to receive these sacraments. This is a very special time for these students and their families!

**ADVENT** – The season of Advent is fast approaching! The first day of Advent is Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> so we will be participating in a number of Advent activities beginning that week. Each classroom will have fresh Advent wreaths and we will also have one close to the

front entrance. On the first Monday of Advent we will be lighting the first candle of our wreaths, the purple candle. The purple candle represents the virtue of love. Jesus loves us so much that he became human to be our Saviour, to teach us how to follow him.

The following Monday we will light the first and second purple candle. The second purple candle represents the virtue of faith. We thank Jesus for the great gift he has given us through his presence in Holy Communion and his living word in the Bible.

The Monday after that, we will light the first and second purple candles and the rose coloured candle. The rose coloured candle represents our joy in the fact that Jesus will soon be here.

Finally, in the last week of Advent we will light *all* of the candles. The fourth candle represents our confident hope in Jesus, who has overcome the darkness of death and sin in the world.

### **Our Advent Wreath Prayer:**

*“We gather around this Advent wreath to celebrate the beginning of the holy season of Advent. The word advent means “coming”. We join with the Church throughout the world to prepare for the three-fold coming of Jesus Christ. First, he comes to us as a baby in Bethlehem at Christmas. Second, he comes to us in our hearts in Holy Communion. Finally, he comes to us at the end of this world. Bless this Advent Wreath, God, and help us to joyfully prepare to celebrate the birthday of your son, Jesus, at Christmas.”*

## **ADVENT ACTIVITIES & TRADITIONS**

What to do, what NOT to do...if you want some ideas for your family for Advent please see the link below. Hopefully you can find an activity that will help you to DO SOMETHING in your home for Advent. Something. Set this season apart from the rest of the year and differentiate it from the Christmas season in a way that's clear to you and your kids.

<https://catholicallyear.com/blog/seven-catholic-advent-traditions-and-which-ones-will-work-for-your-family/>

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS** – As the season approaches, watch for emails from your student's teachers regarding donations for our Christmas hampers. Our St. Ann's Family is always so generous in helping families in need so we thank you in advance for your generosity once again!

# **NEWS FROM THE SAA OFFICE**

**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** – Did you know that EVERYthing that Ms. Lorraine makes for us in the canteen is HOMEMADE?? From the homemade pastry for the meat pies and chicken pot pie, the delicious and ginormous muffins, and other baked goods, and *all* the salad dressings. She even roasts the chicken herself for all the chicken dishes! What an absolute treat this is for our students (and for us in the office who often get these treats sent our way!) Thank you Ms. Lorraine for these nourishing and healthy meals for our St. Ann’s Family! November Canteen Menu is attached below. Please note that the canteen menus are also available on the SAA Website as well as on the SAA Calendar.

**ELEMENTARY PIZZA DAYS** – As I’m sure you know, our pizza day that was planned for November 18<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled because of the road closures. We will make sure that this pizza day still happens, however, we don’t yet know the date. Please note that even if you haven’t ordered pizza yet for the upcoming months you are still able to do so. Pizza orders for this upcoming pizza day can be taken until Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Your son or daughter should have brought home a monthly order form from their classroom teacher but here is the link to also print more forms, for your convenience.

<https://st-anns.ca/wp-content/uploads/Monthly-Elementary-Pizza-Order-Form.pdf>

**MASKS** – Just a reminder to send your student to school with a re-usable mask. Although we do provide masks for students who may have **forgotten their own mask**, we cannot continue to provide masks at the rate we have been.

**SCHOOL PICK-UP** – As the temperatures are dropping and the weather is getting a bit wetter and colder, we just want to remind parents that students need to be dressed for the conditions. We have noticed a few elementary students looking a little chilly and wet while waiting for a pickup. Also, a reminder again to please not arrive before your pickup window. Our pickup staff have noticed people arriving as early as 2:00! This stalls movement of the line and therefore you may be asked to leave the line and come back if you are arriving too early.

**WINTER PLAYGROUND RULES** – Please review our ‘[Playground Rules](#)’ with your son or daughter so that we can ensure a safe and fun environment for all of our students, particularly as the snow starts to fall. With snow comes fun but with it also comes some

additional safety precautions...and the fewer bumps and bruises we see the better ☺ Thank you for your attention to this matter!

## **NEWS FROM ATHLETICS**

Basketball season is about to begin! Students between grades 8-12 are to contact Mrs. Mallais if they are interested in playing basketball this season.

GOOD LUCK to our Senior Boys and Girls teams who are participating in the Okanagan's this weekend! The boys are playing here at St. Ann's, as we host the boy's tournament, and the girls will be representing us in Lumby. **GoCRUSADERS Go!!!**