



Mid-October Newsletter

Calling All Veterans and Cadets

Parents and Grandparents if you are a Veteran and students if you are a Cadet please reach out to Mrs. Jennifer Wallace at officeadmin@st-anns.ca to ensure you receive your invitation to our Remembrance Day Ceremony.

From the Faith Corner

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 😊)

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:

Kindergarten: Malwina Tomczyk

Elementary: Carmel Hukulak, Samantha Cooper, Stephanie & Simon Feeley

High School: April Johnson, Andy Cyr, Danielle Sykes, Steve & Cheryl Frith

Keep an eye on this space for upcoming opportunities to grow in friendship and faith at St Ann's this year!

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

ALPHA COURSE

Sacred Heart Cathedral will be hosting an Alpha Course from September 28 – December 7, every Thursday night 7:15 – 8:15 pm. This is to nourish our faith in Jesus in a communal setting. Everyone welcome! Think of inviting one person, Christian or non-Christian that you can journey with.

[News From the SAA Office](#)

VOLUNTEER CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS - Valid for 5 years.

Please note that **all volunteers** who help out at St. Ann's Academy must have a current Criminal Record Check on file at the school office. The criminal record check (CRC) for volunteering in the school is specific, so we ask volunteers to complete this free of record check by following the steps listed below:

- Go to the following online link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/>
- Enter the access code ZGSRAGHQAL – Note that this code is specific to St. Ann's Academy, and even if you have a current criminal record check for a different organization, we still require one for specifically for SAA
- Click on the box "Request a New Criminal Record Check". When filling in your personal information under "Position with Organization" type in Volunteer

Online CRCs take approximately 1 to 2 weeks to process and there is no charge for volunteers.

Please call the school office at 250-372-5452 Ext. 118 or email attendance@st-anns.ca to find out. If you know you require a new CRC.

BUSES

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 November 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

[Library News](#)

ELEMENTARY BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

Elementary students will be bringing home information about 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!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDY SESSIONS

The Library will be open at lunch for High School students (starting Tuesday, Sept. 19th) 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!

BOOK FAIR

The SAA Fall Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner! This fun and exciting event is taking place Monday, November 6th to Thursday, November 9th in the Library. Please come check out the Book Fair where you can browse, purchase books, bookmarks, pencils, erasers, posters and so much more! The Book Fair is also a great place to find books for the Birthday Book Club. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Volunteers Needed! If you are interested in helping out with the upcoming Fall Scholastic Book Fair, please email Mrs. Sucro at library@st-anns.ca. She is looking for people to help with set up, take down, cashier, and door greeters.

Pictures

Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake?

If your child would like retakes they will be held at the school on:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2023

Please visit this link <https://retakes.mountainwest.ca/stannsacademy> and sign up by

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2023

To find out more about ordering, [Click Here](#) for support.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

Updates from the St. Ann's Players

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE TWENTY STUDENTS ACROSS THE HIGH SCHOOL WHO AUDITIONED FOR THIS YEAR'S AGATHA CHRISTIE MURDER-MYSTERY DRAMA PRODUCTION!

On Friday, October 27 students met with Mr. Beliveau to receive thanks on behalf of the Saint Ann's Players for all of their recent efforts at auditions for the spring production. Auditions took us from hit t.v. series to Broadway musicals and from Netflix period pieces to some classic Shakespeare!

Needless to say the auditions were entertaining and revealed once again the depth of talent in our school! The final cast will be announced soon after students have had a chance to consider the time commitment and consult their teachers, coaches, parents, and employers.

In the meantime, we want to encourage other students to consider helping out with production and publicity by dropping by Mr. Beliveau's classroom before Christmas and leaving your name and what areas you are keen on helping out in March 2024.

We are also beginning to look for suitable mid-century furniture pieces to borrow or "take off your hands" permanently: sofas, arm chairs, side tables, area rugs, lamps, bric-a-brac, framed paintings, etc. If you might have anything you are willing to loan or donate please take a quick photo and email Mr. Beliveau as soon as possible.

Thank you to students, parents, and staff for supporting the annual drama production.

Breakfast for the Needy

We are offering the *Breakfast for the Needy* program again this year as part of our campus ministry. This will be SAA's 7th year participating in this program! It is a great way for our students and families to engage and support those in need in our community. While students do most of the cooking and cleaning, we are in need of parent volunteers to assist with program. The breakfast is hosted the third Tuesday of each month from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Come for an hour or stay for the whole event! Thank you for all your support in advance.

Ms.Spina

Breakfast for the Needy Volunteer Dates

November 21	April 16
December 19	May 21
January 16	June 18
February 20	

Harvest Dance

The Grade 7 class is once again looking forward to hosting the Elementary Harvest Dance. Come in your costume and dance the night away this Friday, October 27th from 5-8pm!

It is a great family event so come out and have some fun with your kiddos! This is not a "drop-off" event and students must be accompanied by a responsible adult to the dance.

Please note, pizza is no longer available to preorder, but there will be limited slice pizza available for purchase by the slice.

Athletics

Check out the High School Athletics Website here:

<https://sites.google.com/st-anns.ca/highschoolathletics/home>

Navigate the top tabs for the Athletics Calendar, tournament information, league game information for each team, Crusaders In the News and much more.

Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal

Please see [attached poster](#) with QR codes on the poster for families to scan on their cell phones and purchase tickets at their leisure.

Big Deal Coupon Book

The Kamloops Pro-Life Society's fundraiser, the **BIG DEAL COUPON BOOK is back....** valid until September 30th 2024! The booklet has 36 pages of super deals offering great discounts on food, beverages, fun activities, and services, such as oil change and hair salon. *And...the books make perfect Christmas Stocking Stuffers!!*

Get your books from Marcella and Garry at St. Joseph's Bookstore, 256 Nicola Street, Kamloops Phone 778-471-6100 Only \$10 **Cash only.**

SUPPORT LOCAL and SUPPORT PRO-LIFE!

Diamond Anniversary

Our sister school OLPH is celebrating their diamond anniversary. Such an occasion calls for a party and that is exactly what their Parent Support Group is doing! Please see the [attached poster](#) for all the details for the formal (18+) Gala celebration and fundraiser.

Important Calendar Dates

October Highlights:

- Oct 24-26: Grade 12 Retreat
- Oct 24: SAPA Meeting at 6:30pm
- Oct 27: Crusaderwear Day! Show us your Crusader Spirit!
Harvest Dance 5-8pm
- Oct 30: Last day to sign up for Picture retakes!
- Oct 31: Halloween - Wear your Black and Orange!

November Highlights:

- Nov 1: Take Your Child to Work Day (Grade 9)
Early Dismissal Day
LSC Meeting at 6pm
- Nov 2: Photo Retakes - Need to book with Mountain West before October 30, 2023
- Nov 6- 9: Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
- Nov 9: Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher interviews
- Nov 10: No School for Parent Teacher Interviews
- Nov 11: Remembrance Day
- Nov 13: School Closed to Observe Remembrance Day