



October Newsletter

Stay Connected

Stay connected with us to keep up with all the amazing things happening on campus. While we'll be sending out newsletters twice a month (like this one), **the best way to get the latest updates is by following us on social media!** Join our online community and stay informed: Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! Our social media channels are the go-to place for highlights from sports events, student accomplishments, and important school announcements.



Volunteer Opportunities

Our Crusader Community is truly special, thanks to the many families who generously give their time to support us here at St. Ann's Academy. We want to take a moment to express our gratitude to all of our families for sharing their time and talents with us.

Please note that **all volunteers** who help out at St. Ann's Academy must have a current Criminal Record Check (CRC) on file at the school office. To learn more about the CRC Process at St. Ann's please reach out by email attendance@st-anns.ca to find out more.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

- **Book Fair Volunteers:** If you are interested in helping out with the upcoming Fall Scholastic Book Fair (October 29th - November 1st), please email Mrs. Sucro at library@st-anns.ca. She is looking for people to help out as cashiers, floor people, and clean-up crew.
- **SAA PSG Christmas Bazaar needs your help!** As the holiday season approaches, we are excited to announce that SAA PSG will be hosting our annual **Christmas Bazaar** on November 23rd, and we need your help to make it a success! Whether you're able to lend a hand for a couple of hours or the entire day, your time and effort would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up using this [link](#). There are lots of different ways to help.
- **Breakfast for the Needy:** Starting in November our high school campus ministry program will be offering Breakfast for the Needy at Sacred Heart Cathedral. This program is successful due to the support from our parent volunteers. Please reach out to Miss Spina at dspina@st-anns.ca to volunteer on November 12, 2024.
- **St. Ann's Parents Support Group (SAA PSG):** our SAA PSG is in need of Classroom Representatives for all grades from K, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, & 12. This role helps liaise between the grade-level representatives, parents, and the SAA PSG.

Attendance

To ensure that your child(ren)s absences are properly recorded please make sure you identify your child(ren) by their first and last names and their grade.

- **Planned Absences** - Please reach out as soon as possible by emailing attendance@st-anns.ca with the date(s) your student(s) will be absent.
 - **Appointments** - Please reach out to attendance@st-anns.ca with as much notice as possible to ensure we have your student(s) signed out/marked late. We are unable to sign children out without parent or guardian permission. Email is the best way to ensure this is granted.
 - **Illness** - Make sure to report illness by emailing attendance@st-anns.ca.
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[Picture Retakes](#)

Picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd. If your child needs a retake, please register using the [link](#) provided. Students requiring retakes must be dressed in Mass attire.

[Uniform and Dress Code](#)

This is a friendly reminder that St. Ann's Academy is a uniformed school. There are currently three (3) mandatory daily uniforms: elementary, new high school (Mandatory for all Grade 8 students and optional for grades 9-12) and old high school uniforms. In high school, students cannot mix and match items between the new and old uniform pieces. The full uniform requirements can be found online in the [handbook](#).

Notes for all uniforms: Pants and shorts must be straight-legged, loosely hemmed (no elastic cuffs, yoga pants, or sweatpants material) and have no exterior pockets (cargo/utility style).

[Morning Drop-off](#)

To ensure proper flow of traffic in the mornings, please only drop your children off in front of the chain link fence on the upper field. **Please do not pull into parking stalls** as it creates safety issues when backing out of the stall.

[Elementary Art Cards](#)

Thank you to all our families for your support for our Elementary Art Programs by buying your student(s) art cards this fall. If you have not yet seen your budding artists creations please ask them to show you. The proof card that went home last week has all the ordering details and deadlines on the inside. **Reminder that orders are due October 24, 2024.**

[Calling all Veterans and Active Duty Personnel](#)

With Remembrance Day services fast approaching any current or retired members of the Canadian Forces, RCMP, Cadets, or anyone else who serves Canada please reach out to Mrs. Jennifer Wallace (officeadmin@st-anns.ca). We would like to include and honour you in our celebration on November 7th.

[SAA Parent Support Group](#)

Exciting things are happening this year with the St. Ann's Academy Parent Support Group (SAA PSG), previously known as SAPA.

- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the St. Ann's Academy Meeting Room.
 - **Epicure Fundraiser:** Is now open! Details [here](#).
 - **Bazaar:** Volunteers are needed to get the Bazaar up and running this year! Please sign up [here](#). There are lots of different ways to help and/or support the Bazaar. More details [here](#).
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[Athletics](#)

- **Stay up to date** - The Athletics Website & Calendar is located [here](#).
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[Guitar Club](#)

There's student interest in keeping the guitar club going at St. Ann's Academy, and this year, the club is in need of guitar donations. If you have a guitar gathering dust at home, it would be greatly appreciated! Additional guitars will allow more students to participate. Thank you in advance for your generosity! For donations or any questions, please reach out to Mr. Larson at rlarson@st-anns.ca.

[Adopt a Road Clean Up Volunteers Needed - Great chance to earn service hours](#)

There is a volunteer opportunity to please consider (adopting a road clean up.)

The next date for the adopt a road clean up is Saturday November 2nd 2024 from 8:00am to 10:00am. This will be the final clean up in 2024, as for the following clean up it will depend on how soon spring kicks in, but usually April.

The adopted road is Ord Rd from Singh st to 8th st.

Parents and students can reach out to Tyler Storla directly at this email (storla@telus.net).

[Student Printing](#)

Please note that following the renovations in the school this summer there is no longer a student printer in the study hall. This means that students are unable to print assignments at school once they arrive for their school day. We encourage you to follow up with your student(s) and make sure they have any assignments printed before they arrive for the day.

[Elementary Harvest Dance](#)

We will be having our annual Harvest Dance on Thursday, October 24th, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This is a family event for all parents and students from preschool to grade seven. There will be costume prizes, a pumpkin carving contest, spot dances, as well as snacks and refreshments at the canteen.

More details and the order form for pizza are available [here](#).

[Library News](#)

The *SAA Fall Scholastic Book Fair* is right around the corner! This fun and exciting event is taking place Tuesday, October 29th to Friday, November 1st 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!

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 out as cashiers and floor helpers at lunch (12:00 pm - 1:00 pm) & after school (2:30 pm - 3:30 pm). She is also looking for volunteers to help clean up on Friday, November 1st at 3:30 pm. Thank you!

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 in to the library by Friday, June 6th, 2025. Thank you for your generosity!
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[Dry Grad Fundraiser](#)

On behalf of the Dry Grad Committee, we are sharing their latest fundraiser:

[Neufeld Farms Holiday Fundraiser](#)

Are you looking for some easy appetizers for the holiday season, or maybe some desserts or Christmas cookie platters? Do you want to stock up on locally-raised chicken, turkey, beef and bacon? Did you love our last fundraiser and do you need more? Well, you are in luck. AND there are lots of gluten-free/friendly items as well. The Grad Class of 2025 is fundraising for their dry grad!! Please click the [link](#) to order. Ordering ends October 21st. Pick up is at 7 pm on Oct 30th in Aberdeen.

[Feeding our Futures](#)

The Province's new *Feeding Futures* funding grant invests in building and expanding local school food programs. St. Ann's Academy has received a grant from the Ministry of Education **with the intention of assisting low-income families who need help to reduce the challenges of rising food costs**. If you would like to self-identify as needing assistance, please fill out the survey found [here](#) or email principal@st-anns.ca. Please note all information provided is confidential. Those who were a part of the program last year do not need to reapply.

Faith Development

Happy October! The Church dedicates this month to the holy Rosary, a ritual of prayer that helps us meditate on the life of Jesus, and promises graces and growth in virtue.

Do you want to learn to pray the rosary? There are many resources on the internet to help you with this Catholic devotion! But, sometimes the best way to learn is to join with others who know how.

Join the Faith Development Team in the St Ann's School Chapel on Tuesday mornings from 8-8:20 am! You will learn how to pray the rosary, build community with other parents, and build our school through prayer.

St Ann, pray for us!

Key Dates

- **Oct 18:** High School Interim Reports sent home with High School Students
- **Oct 20:** Elevator Music (We have two students performing) 2-4 pm at Lori Marchand Theatre @ Kelson Hall
- **Oct 23:** Retakes and Class Pictures
- **Oct 24:** Harvest Dance for Elementary Families
- **Oct 25:** Pro-Day **School Closed**
- **Oct 25:** October Bounce at OLPH More Details [here](#)
- **Oct 28-Nov 1:** SAA Fall Book Fair
- **Oct 30:** Early Dismissal Day - Elementary Dismissed at Noon, High School Dismissed at 12:30 pm
- **Oct 31:** Dress Down Day - Wear Black and Orange
- **Nov 3:** Blessings of the Graves at Hillside Cemetery
- **Nov 6:** Take your Kid to Work Day for Grade 9's - No regular classes for Grade 9 students.
- **Nov 7:** Remembrance Day Ceremony
- **Nov 7 & 8:** Parent Teacher Interviews - School will be closed the afternoon of Nov. 7 and full day on Nov. 8
- **Nov 8:** Denim and Diamonds Fundraiser for Hopewell
- **Nov 11:** Remembrance Day - School Closed
- **Nov 15:** Dress Down Day Bring your \$2 for the Legion and wear Red, Black or Camo
- **Nov 16:** Starry Night Gala Fundraiser for OLPH School

Closing Prayer

Loving Father, I stand before You in the midst of the confusion and complexities of life. My future sometimes seems distant and unknown. Give me, O Lord, the vision to see the path You set before me. Grant me the courage to follow Your way, so that through the gifts and talents You have given me, I may bring Your life and Your love to others. I ask this through Jesus, Your Son and my Brother.

Amen



The Kamloops Branch of the BC
Registered Teachers Association presents:

ELEVATOR MUSIC

Sunday, October 20th, 2:00 - 4:00pm
Lori Marchand Theatre @ Kelson Hall

An open house with background
music played by students of
Kamloops BCRMTA teachers



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