

NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Nov 1: Sr. Boys Soccer Provincials begin

Nov 1: Faith Development Team Series Begins @ SAA

Nov 2: **EARLY DISMISSAL** - K-3@12:00, 4-7@12:10, 8-12@12:30; bus departs @12:45

Nov 2: Take your Child to Work Day – **GRADE 9**

Nov 3: Faith Development Team Series Begins @ SAA- 7:00pm

Nov 4: Closing Walkathon Assembly @ 1:00

Nov 8: SAPA Meeting – 6:30pm via Zoom (Email sapa@st-anns.ca for the link to join)

Nov 9: Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:30

Nov 9 & 10: Parent Teacher Interviews & Used Uniform Sale in Meeting Room

Nov 9: **EARLY DISMISSAL** - K-3@12:00, 4-7@12:10, 8-12@12:30 for P/T Interviews;
P/T Interviews begin @ 1:00 on November 9th

Nov 10: **NO SCHOOL** for Parent Teacher Interviews

Nov 11: **NO SCHOOL** – Statutory Holiday (Remembrance Day)

Nov 11&12: Sr. Boys Volleyball @ TRU

Nov 14-18: Scholastic Book Fair (See Details below)

Nov 14: SAA Store Open 2-3:00

Nov 17: Full School Mass (**MASS DRESS REQUIRED for ALL STUDENTS**)

Nov 17: Elementary Pizza Day – **No Munch-a-lunch today**

Nov 18: Dress down for Charity (Details to follow) **NON-UNIFORM DAY**

Nov 18 & 19: Sr. Boys and Girls Volleyball Okanagan

Nov 22: House Spirit Day – **House shirts with Uniform Bottoms**

Nov 23: Photo Retake Day

Nov 24: Senior Winter Social

Nov 25: Crusaderwear - **NON-UNIFORM DAY**

Nov 25: Elementary Assembly @ 1:30 – Parents Welcome to Attend!

Nov 26: SAPA Christmas Bazaar in SAA Gymnasium

Nov 28: SAA Store Open 2-3:00

Nov 29: Local School Committee Meeting @ 6:00pm

Nov 30-Dec 2: Grad Photos

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec 1-3: Sr. Boys Volleyball Provincials

Dec 2: Dress down for charity (Details to follow) – **NON-UNIFORM DAY**

Dec 7: **EARLY DISMISSAL** - K-3@12:00, 4-7@12:10, 8-12@12:30; bus departs @12:45

Dec 8: Full School Mass (**MASS DRESS REQUIRED for ALL STUDENTS**)

Dec 8: Elementary Pizza Day – **No Munch-a-lunch today**

Dec 8-10: Sr. Girls Volleyball Provincials

Dec 9: Crusaderwear – **NON-UNIFORM DAY**

Dec 9: Sr Boys Basketball @ SAA

Dec 12: Coffee House @ 6:30pm (Details to follow)

Dec 13: SAPA Meeting – 6:30pm via Zoom (Email sapa@st-anns.ca for the link to join)

Dec 14-16: Jr & Sr Boys and Girls Fulton Cup @ TRU

Dec 15: K-7 Christmas Concert

Dec 16: Full School Assembly, **Early Dismissal** & Report cards go home

Dec 19 – Jan 2: CHRISTMAS BREAK

Jan 3: First day back from Christmas Break

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELEMENTARY HARVEST DANCE – Friday, October 28th @ 5:00pm

This is our first Harvest Dance since Covid!! Please note that this is not a “drop-off” event and we ask that parents accompany their children to the dance. It is great family event so come out and have some fun with your kiddos! We can no longer take pre-orders for pizza for the dance, but there will likely be some extra pizza available that can be purchased by the slice.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – November 9th & 10th

Our P/T interviews are coming up next month! This will be an opportunity for you to meet with your son or daughter’s teacher(s) one on one. This year we are hoping that the majority of our interviews can be in-person but we will also offer Zoom for those who would still like that option. We use a scheduling system called PTC Fast and I will be sending out a link for this system early next week. When you click on the link you will be able to select a teacher, a day and a time for your interview(s). Please note that we will be holding a Used Uniform sale in the meeting room while P/T interviews are taking place so feel free to come and shop at the same time!

TAKE YOUR CHILD to WORK DAY – Grade 9 Only - November 2nd

Just a friendly reminder that the forms for any Grade 9 students taking part in this event are due on **Monday, October 24th**.

PHOTO RETAKES – Wednesday, November 23rd

For those who were away on photo day or for those who simply want re-takes, the photographers will be back on November 23rd. Please dress your son or daughter in mass dress on this day IF THEY ARE HAVING RE-TAKES DONE (mass dress is not necessary for all students on this day).

SAA STORE - The upcoming dates and times of store hours are as follows: **Monday, November 14th and Monday, November 28th from 2-3:00.** The store will be set up right inside the main doors, just outside the front office. This is a chance to pick up your SAA Crusader wear! We also have House Shirts in stock now, so if your son or daughter has lost or outgrown his or her house shirt, a new one can be purchased through the store or the front office for \$12. Please note that the SAA Store does not sell uniform items.

CRUSADERWEAR DAYS – Our next Crusaderwear Day is coming up on Friday, November 25th. This is a day when students can display their Crusader pride by wearing their SAA t-shirts and hoodies with athletic bottoms.

LIBRARY NEWS

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FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The SAA Fall Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner! This fun and exciting event is taking place November 15th – 18th. This will be our first "in school" book fair in a few years. Please come check out the Book Fair in the Library 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. On Tuesday, November 15th to Friday, November 18th, the book fair will be open from 11:45am – 12:45pm and from 2pm - 3:30pm.

If you cannot attend in person during these scheduled times, a Virtual Book Fair will be running November 14th – 18th. By clicking the link below, you can browse through the featured books this year. The fair will go live on November 14th for you to shop online in the comfort of your home. Any online purchases will be shipped to the school.

Looking forward to this exciting event! See you there!

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5187798>

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.

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 9th, 2023. Thank you for your generosity!

High School Study Sessions

The Library will be open at lunch for High School students, starting Tuesday, Sept. 20th, 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

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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.

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. 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.

SCHOOL MASS – Next school mass will take place on **Thursday, November 17th**. Please note that parents are always welcome to join us for school mass.

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. Please join us at

SAA for our first session on Thursday, November 3rd @ 7:00pm in the Elementary Multi-purpose room downstairs.

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 – We are so very fortunate to be able to offer our students hot nutritious lunches and baked goods made in-house by our Canteen Manager, Ms. Lorraine. All our canteen meals are prepared personally by her with fresh ingredients and minimally processed ingredients. She even roasts her own meats for sandwiches and soups! What a blessing she is to our school! 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.

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.

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)

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 November Canteen Menu is attached to this email. The canteen menus will be available on the SAA Website as well as on the SAA Calendar.

COMMUNICATION from the OFFICE – We appreciate that you receive a lot of information from us and things can get “lost in the shuffle”. In an attempt to ensure that time sensitive emails don't get overlooked (like signing up for events, last day to order things, etc), I am going to start labelling these as *****TIME SENSITIVE***** in the subject line. Not that we don't want you to ignore ANY of our emails, but please pay particular attention to these ones 😊 We hope that this is helpful to you!

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE SAA APP FROM THE APP STORE? Download it today for quick access to school information!

Please feel free to direct general office questions to officestaff@st-anns.ca and your email will come to all three of us here in the office.

ATHLETICS

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Just a reminder to check out anything related to High School Athletics, such as practice calendar, league schedules, tournament info etc. on the website at <https://sites.google.com/st-anns.ca/highschoolathletics/home>.