

# UPDATES & REMINDERS

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- Nov 18 & 19: Sr. Boys and Girls Volleyball Okanagans
- Nov 21: High School Mass (**MASS DRESS REQUIRED for HS STUDENTS**)
- Nov 22: House Spirit Day – **House shirts with Uniform Bottoms**
- Nov 23: Photo Retake Day – **MASS DRESS for those having Re-takes ONLY**
- Nov 24: GRADE 3- Skating
- Nov 25: Reconciliation for all grades
- Nov 25: Crusaderwear - **NON-UNIFORM DAY**
- Nov 25: Elementary Assembly @ 1:30 – Parents Welcome to Attend!
- Nov 26: SAPA Christmas Bazaar in SAA Gymnasium-12-3:00pm
- Nov 28: SAA Store Open 2-3:00
- Nov 28: GRADE 1 - Skating
- Nov 29: Local School Committee Meeting @ 6:00pm
- Nov 30-Dec 2: Grad Photos (Link to sign up was sent to grad students)

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

- Dec 1-3: Sr. Boys Volleyball Provincials
- Dec 2: Dress down for SPCA (Animal prints & Pictures) – **NON-UNIFORM DAY**
- Dec 7: KINDERGARTEN - Skating
- 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**) **ALL are welcome to attend! Please join us for this special celebration!**
- Dec 8: Elementary Pizza Day – **No Munch-a-lunch today**
- Dec 8-10: Sr. Girls Volleyball Provincials
- Dec 8: HIGH SCHOOL – Gingerbread and Movie Night @ 6:30pm
- Dec 9: Crusaderwear – **NON-UNIFORM DAY**
- Dec 12: GRADE 3 - Skating
- Dec 12: Coffee House @ 6:30pm (Details to follow)
- Dec 13: SAPA Meeting – 6:30pm via Zoom (Email [sapa@st-anns.ca](mailto: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

## **HIGH SCHOOL MASS – Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

All high school students will be attending mass at the Cathedral on Monday. We are asking parents to **help us, by ensuring that your son or daughter is in proper mass attire (button down mass shirts for boys and girls, including ties for boys)**. Elementary and high school ties are available for purchase at the office at any time: Elementary ties \$20; High School ties \$25. For some time now we were lending out clothing at the office for those who had forgotten mass dress but there has been a huge increase in demand for this and it is no longer feasible for us to do that. We simply cannot outfit 30+ students for every mass day. **On mass days, if students are not in mass dress, they will be calling home to have proper mass dress brought to the school.** We recognize that this is a huge inconvenience to families so we are asking for your cooperation ahead of time to ensure that we don't have to ask you to do this.

## **PHOTO RETAKES – Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

For those who were away on photo day or for those who simply want re-takes, the photographers will be back on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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).

## **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 12-3:00**

We are still in need of some donations for our silent auction, which will be held during the Bazaar. Items such as golf passes, game tickets, even a chrome book have been donated in the past. So far we have: front row tickets to the Christmas concerts, two reserved parking stalls near the front door for a year and a Storm hockey jersey. Please help us out with some additional donations. Email Joel at [SAPA@st-anns.ca](mailto:SAPA@st-anns.ca).

**SAA STORE** - The upcoming dates and times of store hours are as follows:

**Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a day when students can display their Crusader pride by wearing their SAA t-shirts and hoodies with athletic bottoms.

**DRESS DOWN for CHARITY** – Our next Dress Down day will be on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students are invited to wear animal prints and pictures and all funds raised on this day will go to the SPCA.

## 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 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. 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:acosta@st-anns.ca).

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR HELPERS** - Please see the [attached flyer](#) for the Bazaar with information on where volunteers are needed. For any questions re. the Bazaar, please email Joel at [SAPA@st-anns.ca](mailto:SAPA@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](mailto:fdt@st-anns.ca).

**SCHOOL MASS** – HIGH SCHOOL ONLY - Next school mass will take place on **Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at Sacred Heart Cathedral, for HIGH SCHOOL students ONLY**. 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 next session of 'The Wild Goose', on Thursday, December 1st @ 7:00pm in the Elementary Multi-purpose room downstairs. We will be enjoying some social time and great

**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**

### **PARKING at DROP-OFF & PICK-UP**

We kindly ask that parents not park in the staff parking spots along the construction fence. These spots are quite a bit shorter because of the construction fence and that is why these stalls are not being used for staff. We had an incident of a large truck parked in one of these spots at drop off this week and it created quite a bottleneck of one-way traffic at drop off. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **TOO SICK for SCHOOL?**

Deciding when your child is too sick for school is not always an easy decision. Please see the [attached document entitled 'Too Sick for School'](#) sent to us from Interior Health with some valuable information to help you make this decision.

### **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](mailto:payments@st-anns.ca)

### **MUNCH-A-LUNCH –[DECEMBER MENU is ATTACHED to this email.](#)**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:officestaff@st-anns.ca) and your email will come to all three of us here in the office.

## ATHLETICS

### HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Our Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams are off to the Okanagan Championships this weekend! Watch for updates on our Facebook page and be sure to cheer on our Crusaders!! 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>.

### FROM International Center for Digital Threat Assessment

Parenting is hard, and the rapid rise of technology and social media use in the lives of their kids makes it harder.

To help, we're extending complimentary access to download [“Raising Digitally Responsible Youth – A Parent's Guide](#) from [Safer Schools Together](#). The guide was designed to help introduce Parents and Caregivers to leading social media platforms, video games, and relevant trends that are either being used already or have the potential to be used by their children.

This guide is full of tips, how-to's and definitions for the most widely used apps – including TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram and more. Best of all – **it's complimentary, and you can share it with every parent in your community.**

**GET YOUR COPY NOW**