



November Newsletter

Cold Weather

With the weather getting colder we would like to take a moment to remind our families about our Cold Weather Guidelines (page 23 of our [Parent Handbook](#)). We will be going outside even in the winter weather and strongly suggest that parents help their students dress in weather appropriate clothing, including but not limited to:

warm coat, gloves/mittens, head/ear coverings, boots, and waterproof snow pants as needed.

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 is welcome! Think of inviting one person, Christian or non-Christian that you can journey with.

[News From the SAA Office](#)

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principals Awards for Academic Excellence are for students who have achieved an average of 90% in Grades 9-12 during the 2022-2023 school year. These awards will be presented on **November 22nd**, at the conclusion of school Mass (approximately 10:30 AM). Parents are encouraged to attend this Mass. **Parents of award recipients will be notified.**

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:

1. Go to the following online link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/>
2. Enter the access code **MV5EC7CGUM**– 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 **NOTE - this is a new code. Please update your records!**
3. 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

NOT GETTING EMAILS?

We have recently been informed that some of our emails are ending up in Junk or Spam mailboxes. The recommendation from Tech Support is to add us to your allowed senders list in your email account. If you are expecting to hear from someone at the school please consider checking your junk or spam folders!

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

Library News

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 school's library. Need a Christmas gift for someone special, come check out the amazing selection of books, bookmarks, pencils, erasers, posters and so much more! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Hours are:

Monday - Wednesday: 12pm - 1pm & 2:30pm - 3:30pm,

Thursday: 12pm - 4pm

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 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!

Foods Department Needs Your Help!

Do you have any take out containers at your house? The foods department is looking for them! They need a way to send students home with all those yummy creations. Should have anything that you could donate or would like more information about how you can help our Foods Department please contact Mrs Alicia Bruneau at abruneau@st-anns.ca

Athletics

It is time to honour our Senior Volleyball Players! Our graduating players will be playing in their last home games next week. Come on out and let's celebrate their athletic achievements in Volleyball! Senior Boys Host Wednesday November 8, 2023 at 5pm and Senior Girls host Thursday November 9, 2023 at 5pm.

We are also looking for help with our Basketball Program! We need coaches for our Junior Boys and Grade 8 Girls. We are also looking for extra helpers with all our basketball teams. If you are interested please reach out to Mrs. Mallais at cmallais@st-anns.ca.

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.

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 can be found below in no particular order:

Poppi Frame
Danika Wiley
Ananya Bhamidipalli
Isabelle Cyr
Gabriel Jennings
Sadie Jones

Josh McClarnon
Eric Barros
Claire Johnson
Ella Nolan
Norah Nowicki
Torrin Maurice

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 (kbeliveau@st-anns.ca) as soon as possible.

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

[Yearbook](#)

Do you have photos of events around our school that you would like to share with the yearbook team? You can submit them online at hjeshare.com. If you'd like to frequently contribute, you can also download the HJ eShare app! Use our school code, stanns2024, to login and start sharing your photos. Remember to look out for your shots in our next yearbook!

[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!

[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 before December 16, 2023.

[Important Calendar Dates](#)

November Highlights:

- Nov 6- 9: Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
- Nov 9: 10:30 am Remembrance Day Ceremony - Mass Dress required
Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher interviews (12:00 pm elementary; 12:30 pm high school)
- Nov 10: No School for Parent Teacher Interviews
- Nov 11: Remembrance Day
- Nov 13: School Closed to Observe Remembrance Day
- Nov 14: SAPA Meeting at 6:30pm
- Nov 17: Dress Down Day Bring your Toonies for the Legion and wear your Red & Black
- Nov 22: Full School Mass - Mass Dress Required
- Nov 23: Elementary Pizza Day for students who have pre-ordered
- Nov 24: Crusader Wear Day! ***Go Crusaders Go***
Elementary Monthly Assembly
- Nov 25: SAPA Bazaar - More information [here](#)
- Nov 28: Local School Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Nov 29: Early Dismissal (12:00 pm elementary; 12:30 pm high school)