November 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.

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St. Ann's Academy Kamloops

This Weekend!

SAA will host Mass this Sunday, November 3, at 11:30 am at Sacred Heart Cathedral. We warmly invite all SAA families to join in this special celebration with the Bishop and our school community. Students are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

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 stop in front of the main entrance, behind the administration stalls, or pull into parking stalls** as it creates safety issues when backing out of the stall.

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

- **Junior Girls Basketball Coach needed!** Please email Mrs. Mallais at cmallais@st-anns.ca
- **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.
- **Grab & Go Lunch Formerly Breakfast for the Needy**: Starting in November our high school campus ministry program will be offering a Grab and Go Lunch option 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, between 9 am and Noon.
- **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.

Taming Worry Dragons

SAA will be offering the *Taming Worry Dragons* program beginning November 14th from 2:00 to 2:45 pm. In this 10-week program, children will learn how worry affects the mind and body, using the metaphor of anxiety as a "dragon." There are 10 spots available for students in Grades 4 and 5. If your child is experiencing anxious feelings and you think this program would be helpful, please send your registration requests or any questions to the Elementary School Counsellor at ccroukamp@st-anns.ca.

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, November 5 will mark our first **Giving Tuesday** of the school year. This series of Giving Tuesdays is in place of the Giving Tree at Christmas so we can better support the Christmas Hampers we will be building.

We will be collecting mittens, socks and hand warmers only. These items will be donated to A Way Home Kamloops and/or PIT Stop. Items will be collected by the office in boxes colour-coordinated for our four houses: Bates, Blondin, Cassidy, and Exner. As this is a house competition students can wear their house shirts with their uniform bottoms. Points will be awarded to the house that brings in the most items.

Upcoming Giving Tuesdays: Tuesday, January 14 and Tuesday, March 4

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).

Athletics

Junior Girls Basketball Coach needed! Please email Mrs. Mallais at cmallais@st-anns.ca

Stay up to date - The Athletics Website & Calendar is located here.

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 in to the library by Friday, June 6th, 2025. Thank you for your generosity!

Harvest Dance

Thank you elementary families for your support of the Grade 7 Class and their Harvest Dance Fundraiser!

A few serving dishes and lost and found type items were found after everyone left. If you brought a dish that has not returned to your kitchen yet please check the elementary lost and found.

SAA Parent Support Group (follow online at https://st-anns.ca/saapsg/)

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.
    - SAAPSG is still looking for a Vice Chair If you are interested please make sure to attend the SAAPSG meeting on November 6th at 6:30 pm
- **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.
- **Next Bazaar Meeting:**
  Nov 4, 2024, 06:30 PM Vancouver
  https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89374301258?pwd=GJf8b4bbRZ0IKf7gfgXIJZ8Ka086iD.1
  Meeting ID: 893 7430 1258
  Passcode: 126348

Calling Grade 10, 11 & 12 Student Volunteers!!!!

The Bazaar needs your help! If you are interested in helping please sign up here. If you have any questions please reach out to Ms Spina at dspina@st-anns.ca

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Faith Development

SAA will host Mass this Sunday, November 3, at 11:30 am at Sacred Heart Cathedral. We warmly invite all SAA families to join in this special celebration with the Bishop and our school community. Students are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

Happy Hallowmas!

All Saints Day (or All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas) is a solemnity in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church and is part of the 3-day celebration of All Hallow's Eve (Halloween), All Saints Day, and All Souls Day. It is celebrated on November 1st to honour all saints in heaven, including those who have been canonized and those who have not. The solemnity of All Saints Day demonstrates that a holy life is possible for everyone. It is a day to pray to the saints to help guide us on our path in life.

In this three-day celebration, the Catholic Church draws our attention to our mortality, our hope in Salvation, and our universal call to holiness, by reflecting on the lives of the saints and encouraging us to pray for all those who have died in the hope of Heaven. In fact, the Church sets aside the entire month of November to pray for the dead. Far from being macabre, this practice reminds us that we have hope in Christ and that we can look forward to an eternity with God in Heaven.

Celebrate All Saints and All Souls by making a list of all your family members and friends who have passed away, and pray in a special way for their souls during this month. It could be as simple as praying a Hail Mary (or your own prayer) each day, as a family, over your list of names!

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

If you'd rather pray in community, **JOIN US for prayer in the Chapel every Tuesday at 8 am**, with a rosary led by a member of the Faith Development Team!

ERASE

Family Sessions are happening Now! Please see their link here for more details and to register.

WorkSafeBC Safety Video Contest

WorkSafeBC has officially launched the **2025 Student Safety Video Contest** and we invite your students to participate! Please check out the contest website and share this information with your students (between grades 8-12) and other teachers in your school or district.

There is $10,000 in prize money up for grabs, to be shared by students and their schools. Your assistance in helping to spread word of the contest is very much appreciated!

The contest is now open, and we invite entries any time up until the April 1, 2025 deadline.

RCMP Youth Academy

This event is designed for high school students (ages 16-18) who are interested in potential careers in police work, law enforcement, or corrections. Students who attend the Academy experience a variety of activities that a police cadet would experience, including fitness training, defensive tactics, application of the law, emergency response, and K-9 demonstration. Guests from a variety of related services provide insight into opportunities in the field. Uniforms, lunch, and snacks are provided.

Please contact Miss Spina if you are interested in the RCMP Youth Academy before you apply.

Applications open November 1, 2024. If you are interested or have any questions please come see Constable Winkles on November 7 at 11:45 in the St. Ann's Academy Meeting Room

Find More information online here:https://tnt.sd73.bc.ca/en/rcmp-youth-academy.aspx

Save the Dates

- **Jan 6:** Grad Pictures
- **May 14-16** SAA Players presenting *Sherlock Holmes and the Whitechapel Murders*
- **May 30:** Graduation Mass and Commencement

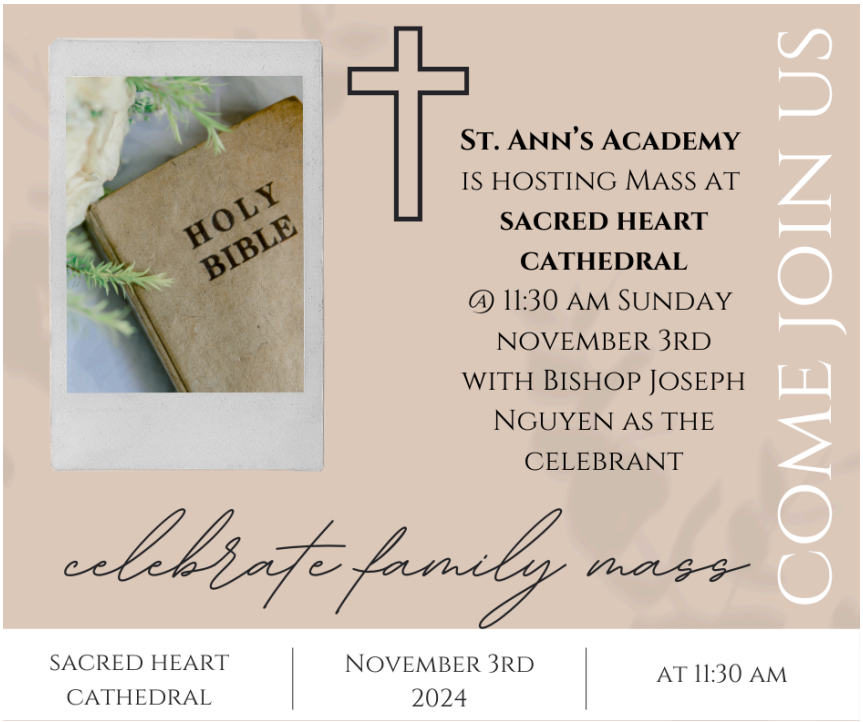
Key Dates

- **Nov 1:** Applications for SD 73 RCMP Youth Academy open (Due Dec 11, 2024) Details here
- **Nov 3:** SAA Family Mass 11:30 am at Sacred Heart Cathedral - Students are encouraged to wear their uniforms and show their Crusader Spirit.
- **Nov 3:** Blessings of the Graves at Hillside Cemetery
- **Nov 5:** Giving Tuesday: Donate Socks, Mittens/Glove and hand warmers Wear your House shirt & Uniform bottoms
  Mass for Deceased Clergy 11 am at Sacred Heart Cathedral
- **Nov 6:** Take your Kid to Work Day for Grade 9's - No regular classes for Grade 9 students.
- **Nov 7:** Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:40 am in School Gym
- **Nov 7 & 8:** Parent Teacher Interviews - School will be closed the afternoon of Nov. 7 and full day on Nov. 8
- **Nov 11:** Remembrance Day - School Closed
- **Nov 12:** Breakfast for the Needy
- **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
- **Nov 21:** Elementary Pizza Day - only if you pre-ordered

- **Nov 21:** Full School Mass - **Wear Mass Dress**
  High School Principal Awards
- **Nov 22:** Crusaderwear Day
- **Nov 23:** SAA PSG Bazaar
- **Nov 27:** Early Dismissal Elementary at 12:00 pm and High School at 12:30 pm. Buses leave at 12:45 pm.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God We stand before you in supplication, Asking Your Divine mercy and protection, To envelop with Your invincible armor, Our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength Against all enemies, Both spiritual and physical, And hasten their safe journey, Back to their homes and families. If it be Your Holy Will That they be gathered to Your bosom, With the eternal vanguard of the saints, Let their journey to Your everlasting arms Be swift and painless, Where they may stand in honor and glory, Praising You for all eternity. Amen.



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