

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct 2: SAA Store open (see details below)

Oct 5/6: No School - Staff Retreat

Oct 7-21: Fall food drive (see details below)

Oct 9: K-12 Dress Down for Charity Day (see details below)

Oct 9: Elementary Assembly

Oct 12: No School - Happy Thanksgiving!

Oct 13: SAPA meeting - 6:30PM, virtual

Oct 14: Elementary Mass - Mass dress required

Oct 16: Walk-A-Thon (12:30PM High School Dismissal, 12:40PM Intermediate Dismissal, 12:50PM Primary dismissal, 1:00PM bus departure)

Oct 19: School Photos - Mass dress required

Oct 20: First Communion Enrollment Parent Meeting 7:00PM (classroom teacher will provide details to families)

Oct 23/26: No School - Provincial & CISKD Professional Development Days

Oct 27: School Committee meeting - 6PM via zoom (if you would like to attend, please email officeadmin@st-anns.ca for the zoom link)

Oct 28: Early Dismissal (Elementary at 12:00PM, High School at 12:30PM, buses leave at 12:45PM)

Oct 30: K-12 **Orange** and Black Day - no donation required (see details below)

STAFF RETREAT - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

All St. Ann's Academy staff members will be having a faith-based retreat October 5th and 6th. As such, there will be NO SCHOOL for students on Monday, October 5th and Tuesday, October 6th. Enjoy your long weekend!

SAA STORE

Looking for Crusaderwear? Our SAA store will be open on the following dates during the month of October:

- Friday, Oct 2nd from 1:30 to 2:30PM
- Friday, Oct 9th from 1:30 to 2:30PM
- Friday, Oct 16th from noon to 1:30PM (Walkathon Day)
- Monday, Oct 19th from 1:30 to 2:30PM
- Friday, Oct 30th 1:30-2:30PM

The store will be set up by the portable entrance in the upper parking lot. Parents visiting the store are asked to park in the visitors parking area and walk around to the west side of the school near the portable doors.

FALL FOOD DRIVE

The annual food drive will be taking place at St Ann's Academy from October 7th to 21st. Food will be collected as the students walk into the building, under the donor wall (across from the elevators). This will be a house challenge and boxes will be color coded with the names of the houses on each box. Please encourage your students to bring in food and drop them into those boxes directly. Thank you for your support of the Kamloops Food Bank!

DRESS DOWN DAY FOR CHARITY - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 (Grades K-12)

Our next Dress for Charity Day will be held on **Friday, October 9th**. Students are invited to wear **AUTUMN** colors in support of St. Vincent de Paul instead of the school uniform. Please bring in a loonie or toonie!

SAPA (ST. ANN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION)

The St Ann's Parents' Association (SAPA) is a volunteer group of parents that raises and distributes funds for the school community - for extra-curricular sports and musical and other activities, travel costs for sports and music groups, and scholarships for the students, and staff appreciation events. We raise funds through a variety of means, such as the Christmas Bazaar, spring raffle, Mabel's Labels* and a Colombo Lodge takeout dinner in November to name a few.

We meet monthly for an hour, which enhances communication with school administration. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM, and will be virtual/online during this time. You can earn hours towards the Parent Participation Program by being an elementary class rep, or volunteering with SAPA and helping out with fundraising activities. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30PM. Email sapa@st-anns.ca if you want to attend virtually; all parents or guardians are welcome. Come and learn more about the different roles and sign up.

If you are looking to get labels for your children's clothing, shoes, books etc. please use https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/. Select St. Ann's Academy before you do your purchase. They also sell kids and adult face masks. 20% of all sales come back to the school.

This school year is going to be different for all of us, and we at SAPA will adjust accordingly to fulfill our mandate and support the school community.

WALK-A-THON

Your child should have received a St. Ann's Academy Walkathon pledge sheet. The Walkathon will take place on **Friday, October 16th**. *Students can continue to collect pledges after the Walkathon, up until our Final Walkathon Assembly on November 5th.* This event is our major school fundraiser and the funds collected this year will support initiatives that are to be determined from student input. In recent years, we have been able to purchase ping-pong tables, a playground spinner, playground equipment, picnic tables, water fountains, corner mirrors and much more. We are very appreciative of the generous donations from our families and the Kamloops community in support of our school!

Early Daily Draws

Students may start to bring in money and pledges now. Your child will be entered into a random daily draw once for every \$25 that he/she collects in pledges. In order to be entered into the daily draws, the money and pledge forms must be turned into the main office by 9:00 AM each day. All students may turn in their money and pledge forms to their classroom or homeroom teachers. Daily draw prizes this year include gift cards to Aberdeen Mall and Starbucks. All money brought in prior to and including October 19th will be included in the first draw. Early draws will take place on October 20th, 21st, and 22nd. We will continue to collect money up until November 5th, but to be entered in the final Walkathon prize draws, funds must be in by Friday, October 30th. Money turned in after October 30th will not go towards additional tickets for daily draws or towards class averages for fundraising amounts.

Prizes

For every \$25 your child collects, they will receive a blue ticket that will be entered into a draw to win a gift card to a business of their choice from a set list. (For example, Tumbleweed Toys, Walmart, Chapters, etc.)

For every \$100 your child collects, they will receive a gold ticket that will be entered into a draw to win one of the following top prizes: a virtual reality standalone headset, a personal phone projector, a Nintendo Switch Lite, and a Ripstik.

Prizes will also be awarded for the top earner in each class and the top class in each division. Of course, there will also be the chance to play the coveted money drop game.

Unused pledge forms must be returned to the school.

[Walkathon Volunteers Needed for October 16, 2020](#)

Are you looking for Parent Participation hours? We need your help! We are in need of parent volunteers to walk with the various classes. Elementary and high school teachers will be in direct contact with parents to arrange volunteers. **If you are able to volunteer to walk with a high school class, please email the office officeadmin@st-anns.ca or contact your child's homeroom teacher.**

Please note that all parent volunteers who help out at St. Ann's Academy must have a current Criminal Record Check on file at the school office and complete the visitor module. If you are unsure if your CRC is current, please call the school office at 250-372-5452 or email attendance@st-anns.ca to find out. If you know that you require a CRC, please visit the [on-line link](#) and note the access code is ZGSRAGHQAL. Choose the box with "request a new Criminal Record Check". When filling in your personal information the "position with organization" will be "Volunteer". There is no charge for the CRC. Volunteers needing to complete the Visitor's Module, please see the attachment. Upon completion, if you could kindly fill in and submit the 'Proof of Learning Document' to the office. We thank our parent volunteers for their help in supporting this school event!

[Walkathon Dismissal Time](#)

New this year and in an effort to minimize confusion and maximize fun on this day, we will have a reversed dismissal. High school students will be dismissed at 12:30PM, intermediates (Grades 4-7) at 12:40PM, and primaries (K-3) at 12:50PM. Bus departure will be at 1:00PM. When classes return to the school after their walk, we ask that parents allow their children to finish the day in their classroom, enjoying lunch with their friends (as opposed to taking them home as soon as the walk is completed, as has been the practice in previous years). Thanks for your understanding as we navigate safe and healthy ways to offer school events during Covid times.

HALLOWEEN AT SAA - BLACK AND ORANGE DAY

Students are welcome to wear **black** and **orange** colored clothing on Friday, October 30th instead of the regular school uniform.

BAND INSTRUMENTS

Do you have an old band instrument that is just gathering dust? The St. Ann's Elementary music program can put it to good use! The grade 6 and 7 students at St. Ann's Academy participate in a 2-year concert band program as part of their elementary music education. Because of the cost of renting instruments, some students are not able to play the instrument that they would most like to. To help alleviate this financial burden on families, we would like to start to grow our instrument inventory. If you have an old band instrument taking up closet space, we would love to put it to good use. Contact Mrs. Levasseur at slevasseur@st-anns.ca if you have questions, or to arrange a drop-off. With your help, we can ensure band is accessible for all of our students.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

We are looking to gauge interest in Fall sports, namely gals and guys volleyball skills and guys soccer skills. As such, google sign-up forms were created (thank you Mrs. Daley!) and shared with students yesterday. We have asked students to respond by next Friday, October 9th. Please note we are unable to have inter-school competitions; therefore, the sessions will be exclusively skill-based.

Girls volleyball <https://forms.gle/G2FvFm6YZVQydRbX8>

Boys volleyball <https://forms.gle/aFYyY1SL9EDozxpp9>

Boys soccer <https://forms.gle/NqeBLYS6Gvz51C9JA>

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