



# October Newsletter

## Calling All Veterans and Cadets

Parents and Grandparents if you are a Veteran and students if you are a Cadet please reach out to Mrs. Jennifer Wallace at [officeadmin@st-anns.ca](mailto:officeadmin@st-anns.ca) to ensure you receive your invitation to our Remembrance Day Ceremony.

## 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.

Our Faith Reps this year are:

Malwina Tomczyk (K)  
Stephanie & Simon Feeley (Elementary)  
Carmel Hukulak (Elementary)  
Samantha Cooper (Elementary)  
April Johnson (High School)  
Andy Cyr (High School)  
Danielle Sykes (High School)  
Steve & Cheryl Frith (High School)

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](mailto: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 welcome! Think of inviting one person, Christian or non-Christian that you can journey with.

## Study Abroad

Have you considered studying abroad? Are you in Grades 10, 11 or 12? Bring your parent to the Rotary Kamloops Youth Exchange Open House on Oct 11, 2023 . More information [here](#).

## **Athletics**

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.

## **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 7th, 2024. Thank you for your generosity!

### **HIGH SCHOOL STUDY SESSIONS**

The Library will be open at lunch for High School students (starting Tuesday, Sept. 19th) 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!

### **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 Library. Please come check out the Book Fair 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. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**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](mailto:library@st-anns.ca). She is looking for people to help with set up, take down, cashier, and door greeters.

## **Calling all ACTORS!!**

This year the St. Ann's Players will be staging the Agatha Christie murder-mystery, AND THEN THERE WERE NONE. This remains the best selling murder mystery of all time in the English language and has been produced on Broadway and London's West End since its debut during the Second World War. We are asking students who want to perform to prepare an audition for three days after school during the week following Thanksgiving and sign up on the paper in Mr. Beliveau's classroom as quickly as possible. The cast consists of 11 parts so auditions will be very important in order to choose the best students for the roles. If students aren't offered a part in the cast we hope they might consider helping with other roles including stage crew, construction, lights and sound, tickets, publicity, ushering, concession, and house crew. Rehearsals will be every Tuesday and Thursday from November 2023 to March 2024 plus some Saturdays in February and March. The play will be performed three times during the last week of classes before spring break 2024. Please encourage your sons and daughters to audition and see Mr. Beliveau in Room 327 if you have any other questions or concerns.

## **Breakfast for the Needy**

We are going to offer Breakfast for the Needy again this year and it will be every third Tuesday of the month. It will be consistent so that the community and school staff, students and parents know in advance. We are starting at 8:30 in the morning and ending at 12:00

This will be our 7th year of providing breakfasts for the community and it is a great way for our families to be engaged in the community.

Thank you for all your support in advance. - Domenica Spina

Tuesday breakfasts dates for the year:

Oct 17- EFFGH

Nov. 21- DAABC

Dec. 19- EFFGH

Jan. 16- FGGHE

Feb. 20- BCCDA

None in March - spring break

Apr.16- DAABC

May 21- FGGHE

June 18- HEEFG

## **Harvest Dance**

Tis the season to celebrate! Our Harvest Dinner and Dance will be held this year on Friday October 27 from 5-8pm. This event is for all our families from Preschool through Grade 7! There will be pizza (for those who have pre-ordered **by October 18, 2023**), costume prizes, a pumpkin carving contest, spot dances and snacks/refreshments! For more information and to order your family's pizza, please click [here](#).

## **Food Drive**

Student Council is hosting a food drive for the Mustard Seed running from October 10th to October 18th. Classes were given a list of items for their grade to bring in. Please have all the items collected and by the front door before 9:30am on October 18th. This is for a good cause, so we ask that all students participate. Thank you!

Kindergarten - Granola bars

Grade 1 - Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate

Grade 2 - Crackers and Cookies

Grade 3 - Peanut Butter and Jam

Grade 4 - Canned soups and boxed soups

Grade 5 - Canned fish and Canned tomatoes

Grade 6 - Sugar \* they need a lot of sugar and Water bottles

Grade 7 - Pasta ( macaroni and penne) and Pasta Sauce

Grade 8 - Baby wipes/ hand wipes

Grade 9 - Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Grade 10 - Socks and Toques

Grade 11- Small tubes/ bottles of shampoo and conditioner, body wash and lotion

Grade 12 - Hygiene products: tampons and feminine pads

## [Pictures](#)

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: THURSDAY OCTOBER 12TH 2023 (after the date a late fee is applicable )**

### **Missing your login code? No problem!**

1. Visit <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
2. Click on "No code? Click here"
3. Enter your student's last name, grade and student number.
4. Order your photos!

### **About Retakes:**

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake?
- If you would like retakes they will be held at the school on: **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2ND 2023**
- Please visit this link <https://retakes.mountainwest.ca/stannsaacademy> and sign up by **MONDAY OCTOBER 30TH 2023**

To find out more about ordering, [Click Here](#) for support.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: [help@mountainwest.ca](mailto:help@mountainwest.ca)

## [News From the SAA Office](#)

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

## [Walkathon Volunteer Needed](#)

We need one parent volunteer to help with the hotdogs at the Walkathon. Please email Mrs Tjomsaas ([ctjomsaas@st-anns.ca](mailto:ctjomsaas@st-anns.ca)) if you can help!

## **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.

You'll see from the poster that there are several early bird draws, but I would like to bring to everyone's attention that there is an **EARLY BIRD DRAW** on **9th OCTOBER, which is this Monday (Thanksgiving)!**

## **Important Calendar Dates**

### **October Highlights:**

- Oct 9: School Closed for Thanksgiving
- Oct 9-16: Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Oct 10: K-7 Mass at Sacred Heart - Wear your Mass Dress!
- Oct 10: New Elementary dismissal times take effect! K-3 dismissed at 2:30 and 4-7 at 2:40
- Oct 11: Elementary Cross Country at Centennial Park (Westside)
- Oct 12: Grades 8-12 Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral - Wear your Mass Dress!
- Oct 12: Deadline to order pictures without a late fee!
- Oct 12: Elementary Pizza Day for students who have pre ordered
- Oct 13: Dress Down Day! Bring your Loonies and Toonies for the Kamloops Food Bank
- Oct 13: Crusaderwear store open 2-3pm
- Oct 17: House Spirit Day
- Oct 18: Pizza Orders for Harvest Dance are Due!
- Oct 19: Walkathon - Estimated Dismissal at 12:45 - No Canteen
- Oct 20: Provincia Pro-Day - School Closed - No Canteen
- Oct 24-26: Grade 12 Retreat
- Oct 24: SAPA Meeting at 6:30pm
- Oct 27: Crusaderwear Day! Show us your Crusader Spirit!
- Oct 27: Harvest Dance 5-8pm
- Oct 31: Halloween - Wear your Black and Orange!