October 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 field trips, sports events, student accomplishments, and important school announcements.

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St. Ann's Academy Kamloops

Volunteer Opportunities

Our Crusader Community is beautiful because so many of our families give us here at St, Ann's Academy the incredible gift of their time! We want to take a moment and thank all of our families for their time and talents.

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

- **Breakfast for the Needy**: Starting in October our high school campus ministry program will be offering Breakfast for the Needy 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 October 8, 2024.

- **St. Ann's Parents Support Group (SAAPSG):** our SAAPSG is in need of Classroom Representatives for all grades from K-12. This role helps liaise between the grade-level representatives, parents, and the SAAPSG.

- **Come Read With Me Program Coordinator Needed:** Thank you to the parents and community members who have already volunteered. SAA is still in search of a **program coordinator** and volunteer tutors to support Grades 1, 2, and 3 students with their reading skills. We welcome parents, grandparents, and anyone from our school community to participate. Time volunteered goes towards your Parent Participation Program (PPP) hours. The coordinator role will If you are interested in filling the coordinator or tutor positions, please contact Kim Bojesen, kbojesen@st-anns.ca for more information. No experience is necessary… just your love for children and reading!

- **Hot Dog Lunch at Walkathon:** We need volunteers to help cook and serve hot dogs to our students following the walkathon. If you are interested please reach out to Mrs. Chelsey Tjomsaas at ctjomsaas@st-anns.ca for more information and to sign up.

- **Book Fair Volunteers:** If you are interested in helping out with the upcoming Fall Scholastic Book Fair (October 29th - November 1st), please email Mrs. Sucro at library@st-anns.ca. She is looking for people to help out as cashiers, floor people, and clean up crew.

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.

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 pull into parking stalls** as it creates safety issues when backing out of the stall.

Calling all Veterans and Active Duty Personnel

With Remembrance Day services fast approaching any current or retired members of the Canadian Forces, RCMP, Cadets, or anyone else who serves Canada please reach out to Mrs. Jennifer Wallace (officeadmin@st-anns.ca). We would like to include and honour you in our celebrations this year.

Athletics

- **CrusaderWear:** Hello SAA community, our crusader wear store is now open. Check out the SAA Athletics website for all of the details here: https://sites.google.com/st-anns.ca/highschoolathletics/hs-athletics-store
  - The store will remain open until **October 10, 2024** and then processing and delivery will take 4-6 weeks. Orders are paid for online and then the gear will be delivered to SAA and handed out to the students.
  - Orders are open to all students from kinder to grade 12.

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

Guitar Club

There's student interest in keeping the guitar club going at St. Ann's Academy, and this year, the club is in need of guitar donations. If you have a guitar gathering dust at home, it would be greatly appreciated! Additional guitars will allow more students to participate. Thank you in advance for your generosity! For donations or any questions, please reach out to Mr. Larson at rlarson@st-anns.ca .

Visual Arts Department

The Visual Arts Department is hoping to get some donations of calendars or art books with landscape pictures that can be pulled apart and used as examples during classes. Please bring your donations to the school office as soon as possible.

Health Talks Student Contest:

What are Your Hopes for Health Care?: The 2025 Health Talks Student Contest is asking all B.C. students "What are your hopes for health care?". The winning individual or team will share their idea at the March 2025 Health Quality Forum in Vancouver, B.C., with leaders and partners across the B.C. health care community. The contest closes October 18, 2024. More information is available in this poster. Please share the poster with your students.

Feeding our Futures

"As busy parents deal with global inflation, school food programs can help reduce the pressure on their wallets while tackling student hunger," said Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care. "Working with local schools to make sure our kids are fed and ready to learn will make a real difference for families and communities."

The Province's new *Feeding Futures* funding grant invests in building and expanding local school food programs. St. Ann's Academy has received a grant from the Ministry of Education **with the intention of assisting low-income families who need help to reduce the challenges of rising food costs**. If you would like to self-identify as needing assistance, please fill out the survey found here. Please note all information provided is confidential. Those who were a part of the program last year do not need to reapply.

Drama Club

This year's high school drama production is already getting organized to be staging **Sherlock Holmes, a Victoria murder mystery** in Spring 2025!

- Students who audtioned should have turned in their parent permission form today (Friday October 4)
- Final decisions will come once all students have turned in their permission forms
- First read through is Tuesday October 8 from 3-5pm

Come Read With Me

- **Come Read With Me Program Coordinator and Tutors Needed:** We are looking for parents and community members to help out with the Come Read with Me program for the upcoming school year: SAA is in search of a program coordinator and volunteer tutors to support Grades 1, 2, and 3 students with their reading skills. We welcome parents, grandparents, and anyone from our school community to participate. Time volunteered goes towards your Parent Participation Program (PPP) hours. If you are interested in filling the coordinator or tutor positions, please contact Kim Bojesen, kbojesen@st-anns.ca for more information. No experience is necessary… just your love for children and reading!

Elementary Harvest Dance

We will be having our annual Harvest Dance on Thursday, October 24th , from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This is a family event for all parents and students from preschool to grade seven. There will be pizza, costume prizes, a pumpkin carving contest, spot dances, as well as snacks and refreshments at the canteen.

More Details and order form available here.

Face to Face Ministries

The Youth Retreat led by FaceToFace Ministries is back for a 2nd year! Come for two days of fun, keynote talks, practical steps to aid in spiritual growth, small group discussions, Adoration, and more. This annual retreat is meant to help youth go deeper into, or build upon, an existing faith.

Youth Retreat 2024

WHAT: Youth Retreat WHO: Youth from Grades 8 to 12
WHEN: October 19 to 20, 2024 WHERE: St. James Catholic School
https://www.rccv.org/events/youth-retreat-2024

Library News

The SAA Fall Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner! This fun and exciting event is taking place Tuesday, October 29th to Friday, November 1st 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!

If you are interested in helping out with the upcoming Fall Scholastic Book Fair, please email Mrs. Sucro at library@st-anns.ca. She is looking for people to help out as cashiers and floor helpers at lunch (12:00pm - 1:00pm) & after school (2:30pm - 3:30pm). She is also looking for volunteers to help clean up on Friday, November 1st at 3:30pm. Thank you!

- **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!
- **High School Study Sessions**
  - The library will be open at lunch for high school students (starting Tuesday, Sept. 10th) 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!

Faith Development

If you would like to learn more about the Faith Development Team or volunteer your time and talent, please contact one of our Faith reps, or send an email to fdt@st-anns.ca!

- Everyone is welcome to join us:
  - Tuesday mornings for prayer in the school Chapel at 8:30 am
  - Wednesday Afternoons at 3 pm in the school chapel to pray the rosary as a community.

SAA Parent Support Group

Exciting things are happening this year with the St. Ann's Academy Parent Support Group (SAAPSG), previously known as SAPA.

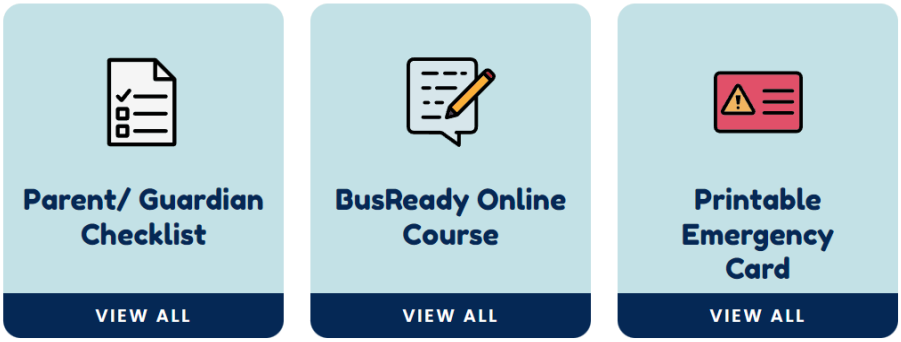
- **SAAPSG Bazaar Zoom:** SAAPPSG is in need of volunteers for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar on November 23, 2024. This Zoom meeting will help planning. Anyone willing to help organize or find out more about the Bazaar is welcome to attend.
  - https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85078596880?pwd=BVEDLUCxAZvP58u0dFHLCyGbaC3ZY0.1
  - Meeting ID: 850 7859 6880
  - Passcode: 177393
- **Epicure Fundraiser:** Coming at the end of October. Stay tuned for details.
- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 6:30pm in the St. Ann's Academy Meeting Room.

🚌 BC Transit BusReady Program 🚌

BusReady provides engaging and educational resources that help create capable and safe young transit riders who learn about the importance and sustainability of transit.

BC Transit designed the BusReady program to be youth-centric and to encourage learning because they understand that **transit is a life skill**. Plus, children 12 and under ride free**,** making it even easier for young riders to get involved and start learning!

Their team at BC Transit has developed free and easy-to-use activities, and resources that kickstart learning and build transit riding skills. You can download the free resources on the **BusReady Parents and Guardians Resource Page.**



Key Dates

- **Oct 7-9:** Grade 12 Retreat
- **Oct 7:** SAAPSG Bazaar Zoom
- **Oct 8:** Breakfast for the Needy **CANCELED - will see you in November**
- **Oct 8:** Rotary youth Exchange Information Night 6-8pm (poster attached)
- **Oct 9:** Elementary Pizza Day for students who have preordered
- **Oct 10:** Last day to order Crusaderwear here.
- **Oct 10:** Staff Retreat - **School Closed**
- **Oct 11:** Staff Retreat - **School Closed**
- **Oct 14:** Thanksgiving - **School Closed**
- **Oct 15-18:** Food Drive for the Mustard Seed
- **Oct 17:** Walkathon - Details to follow later
- **Oct 18**: Dress down Day - details to follow
- **Oct 18:** High School Interim Reports
- **Oct 19:** TRU Open House - details here
- **Oct 19-20:** Face to Face Ministry
- **Oct 23:** Retakes and Class Pictures - Wear your Mass Dress
- **Oct 24:** Harvest Dance for Elementary Families - More Details available here.
- **Oct 25:** Pro-Day **School Closed**
- **Oct 26:** UVic Theater Open House
- **Oct 28-Nov 2:** Fall Book Fair
- **Oct 30:** Early Dismissal Day - Elementary Dismissed at Noon, High School Dismissed at 12:30pm
- **Oct 31:** Dress Down Day - Wear Black and Orange

Closing Prayer

Father all-powerful,
Your gifts of love are countless and Your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share Your gifts in loving service.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

STUDY ABROAD

The Youth Exchange Scholarship
provided by your local Rotary Club

Valued at over $24,000: Room, board, tuition, and monthly stipend for a high school year abroad.

HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF...

- TRAVELING THE WORLD?
- LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?
- BEING FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

The Youth Exchange Scholarship for one academic year covers room, board, tuition, and a monthly stipend. The student/family pays for airfare, medical insurance, personal and optional expenses.

THE YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROSITY OF OUR ROTARY PARTNERS OVERSEAS AND LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS. QUALIFIED APPLICANTS MUST BE IN GRADE 10 - 12 AT THE TIME OF DEPARTURE.

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Information Night Open House – October 8th – 6pm – 8pm
Gord's Appliance & Mattress Centre
948 Tranquille Road

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