

# SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept 12: SAA Store Open from 2-3:00 (See Information Below)

Sept 13: SAPA Meeting – 6:30pm via Zoom (More Information Below)

Sept 14: \*\*\*Ordering for October Munch-a-Lunch OPENS\*\*\*

Sept 16: **CRUSADERWEAR**

Sept 20: House Spirit Day (Wear your House shirt with uniform bottoms)

Sept 21: Welcome Back BBQ (5-6:00) & Meet the Teacher (6-7:00) (**NOTE:** This event has been moved from Sep 14<sup>th</sup>)

Sept 23: Terry Fox Run – School wide (**NOTE:** No Elementary Munch-a-Lunch this day; please pack a lunch for students in K-7)

Sept 26: \*\*\***Ordering for October Munch-a-Lunch CLOSSES @ 3:00 PM**\*\*\*

Sept 27: Grade 8 Retreat (Details to follow)

Sept 28: Welcome Back Event for Grade 8-12

Sept 29: Orange Shirt Day (Wear your orange shirt with uniform bottoms)

Sept 30: **NO SCHOOL** – Statutory Holiday (National Day for Truth & Reconciliation)

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct 3 & 4: Food Drive (Details to follow)

Oct 3: Walkathon Assembly @ 1:45

Oct 6 & 7: **NO SCHOOL** – Staff Retreat

Oct 10: **NO SCHOOL** – Statutory Holiday (Thanksgiving)

Oct 11: SAPA Meeting – 6:30pm

Oct 12: Elementary Mass @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (**MASS DRESS for K-7 students**)

Oct 13: High School Mass @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (**MASS DRESS for 8-12 students**)

Oct 13: Elementary Pizza Day (Details Below)

Oct 14: **NON-UNIFORM DAY** - Dress Down for Charity – (Details to Follow)

Oct 17: Salmon Run Field Trip – Grades 2-5

Oct 18: **SCHOOL PHOTOS** – **MASS DRESS for ALL Students**

Oct 20: Walkathon – School Wide Event (Details to Follow)

Oct 21: **NO SCHOOL** – Provincial Pro-D Day

Oct 25: Local School Committee Meeting @ 6:00pm

Oct 25-27: Grade 12 Retreat

Oct 28: **NON-UNIFORM DAY** – Crusaderwear!

Oct 28: Elementary Assembly @ 1:30 (Parents welcome to attend!)

Oct 28: Elementary Harvest Dance @ 5:00PM

Oct 31: **NON-UNIFORM DAY** (Black & Orange Day)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**WELCOME BACK BBQ & MEET the TEACHER** - We are so very excited to be holding our annual Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher night for the first time since Covid! Please note that this event was originally scheduled for Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> but it has been changed to **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**, from 5-7:00. Please come and join us for the BBQ (5-6:00), some social time as a school community and a chance to meet your children's teachers (6-7:00). Elementary teachers will be set up in their classrooms so you will also get the opportunity to see where your children spend their days here with us and the high school teachers will be ready to greet you in the gymnasium. Watch for a Google Invite for this event to come home this week, which we ask you to RSVP to.

**UPCOMING SAPA MEETING** - St. Ann's Parent Association monthly meeting

**Tuesday September 13 @ 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

Zoom only, link as follows: <https://tru-ca.zoom.us/j/67826307174?pwd=UUFIT1FSRVZEaWswVHRURVFBFRjc3dz09>

Looking to earn your PPP hours, volunteer to be a classroom parent representative.

Please email SAPA at [sapa@st-anns.ca](mailto:sapa@st-anns.ca) if you plan to attend.

**SAA STORE** - The upcoming dates and times of store hours are as follows: **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:00**. The store will be set up right inside the main doors, just outside the front office. This is a chance to pick up your SAA Crusader wear! We also have House Shirts in stock now, so if your son or daughter has lost or outgrown his or her house shirt, a new one can be purchased through the store or the front office for \$12. Please note that the SAA Store does not sell uniform items.

**CRUSADERWEAR DAYS** – Our first Crusaderwear Day is coming up on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a day when students can display their Crusader pride by wearing their SAA t-shirts and hoodies with athletic bottoms.

## 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 9th, 2023. Thank you for your generosity!

## **High School Study Sessions**

The Library will be open at lunch for High School students, starting Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**ONE-TO-ONE READING PROGRAM** - We are so pleased to be able to bring back our One-to-One Reading program! Do you have some time to dedicate to this valuable program? For more information, please click [One to One Poster](#).

**CANTEEN HELPERS** - If you have an hour to spare around lunchtime, to help deliver our elementary lunch meals to the classrooms, please email Mrs. Costa at [acosta@st-anns.ca](mailto:acosta@st-anns.ca).

**WELCOME BACK BBQ** - If you would like to help with this event, on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, please email the office at [officeadmin@st-anns.ca](mailto:officeadmin@st-anns.ca).

## **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. We also host faith-based activities within the school. If you are interested in a role with our Faith Development Team, please email [fdt@st-anns.ca](mailto:fdt@st-anns.ca).

**SCHOOL MASS** – It was so beautiful to celebrate our first mass of the year as a full school community. Thank you to our staff for serving the various roles in the mass, particularly our staff choir for the music! Please note that parents are invited to attend our school mass.

# NEWS FROM THE SAA OFFICE

Arlene, Stephanie and April have truly missed your children over the summer and it is such a pleasure to see their faces going by the school office! And welcome to our new families! We hope to get to know all of you! For those of you who are new to St. Ann's, allow us to introduce ourselves:

Arlene Costa is the friendly face right at the office window. One of Arlene's main duties is attendance so please direct your attendance notifications to her @ **attendance@st-anns.ca**. She is also the person signing students in and out of the school so please have your son or daughter stop by to see her if they are leaving or returning to the school.

Stephanie Baird is the friendly face in our Accounts Department. Stephanie handles all payments so please direct any enquires about tuition payments, bus payments, Munch-a-Lunch payments, etc to her at **accounts@st-anns.ca**

April is the friendly face in the Registration Department. April handles student registrations as well as MyEd issues so enquiries re. these topics can be directed to her at **officeadmin@st-anns.ca**

Our duties overlap significantly and we all do a little bit of everything. Please feel free to direct general questions to **officestaff@st-anns.ca** and your email will come to all three of us.

**MUNCH-A-LUNCH** – We are so very fortunate to be able to offer our students hot nutritious lunches and baked goods made in-house by our Canteen Manager, Ms. Lorraine. All our canteen meals are prepared personally by her with fresh ingredients and minimally processed ingredients. She even roasts her own meats for sandwiches and soups! What a blessing she is to our school! Our high school students can order directly at the canteen, however our orders for elementary students are done through a program called, Munch-a-Lunch. Each month there is an “ordering window” to place your orders for the following month. We will try VERY hard to make sure that you know when these ordering windows are open. I will be adding these dates to the Newsletter Monthly Calendars and to the Parent Calendar on the website @ [www.st-anns.ca](http://www.st-anns.ca). We will also continue to send out reminder emails marked **\*\*\*TIME SENSITIVE\*\*\***. We sincerely apologize but we simply cannot accept late orders this year so we hope these additional methods are helpful to you. Please send payments for munch-a-lunch to **payments@st-anns.ca** and **indicate who and what it is for** in the message section. Please also find the links below for your convenience.

NEW Parents - <https://munchalunch.com/schools/StAnns>

RETURNING Parents - <https://munchalunch.com/login>

**ATTENDANCE** - At the beginning of the new school year in September the start time for school was changed from 8:30 am to 8:25 am. This means students should be arriving at 8:20 am at the latest in order to be present in their classes by 8:25. If students are arriving after 8:25 am they will need to stop by the office for a late slip so they are not marked absent. Thank you all for making this necessary adjustment in your schedules.

**REPORTING A STUDENT ABSENCE** - Thank you to our parents for diligently reporting their child's absence(s). Please note that it is very important for student absences to be reported and for students to check in at the office if they're coming late or leaving early. In the event of something such as a fire drill (or worse an actual fire!), we have to ensure that *every* student is accounted for. Your children's safety is important to us :) A friendly reminder that we have a number of ways to report a student's absence. Parents may:

- use the school app
- use the website attendance notification feature on the website (st-anns.ca)
- email [attendance@st-anns.ca](mailto:attendance@st-anns.ca)
- call the school office at 250-372-5452 (ext 118)

**BUSES** - A reminder that if your son or daughter only rides the bus occasionally, he or she **MUST** have a bus pass from the school office. The bus passes are \$3.50 and they must be shown to the driver or the student will not be permitted to ride the bus that day. Please also note that even if bus usage is only occasional, students must be pre-registered to ride that particular bus, as space is limited.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS** – Our school photos will be taking place on **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** and mass dress will be required for ALL students on that day. Our photo day is scheduled a bit later this year because we have requested that both the individual photos and the class group photos be done on the same day. The re-take day will be on **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** so if you are away on October 18<sup>th</sup>, there is still an opportunity for school photos.

**CANTEEN** – The October Canteen Menu will be available later this week. The canteen menus will be available on the SAA Website as well as on the SAA Calendar. High school students can purchase tickets for the canteen at the school office. They are \$5/ticket and can be paid by cash, credit/debit or e-transfer.

**ELEMENTARY PIZZA DAYS** - We offer monthly pizza days for our Elementary students at St. Ann's! This is a program that is run by our Grade 7 class as a fundraiser for their year-end trip to Sunnybrae Camp. Our first pizza day will be **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**. All subsequent pizza dates are listed on the Parent Calendar and will always be included in the Newsletter calendars, along with reminders on Facebook. In order to receive pizza on these days, **you must PRE-ORDER it for your son or daughter**. In the past we have done this on a month-by-month basis but have found that very hard to manage.

This year we are asking parents who want pizza for their children to please order for the full

school year. Order forms for pizza days will be sent home with your son or daughter sometime soon. NOTE: Our hot lunch program will be closed for grade K-7 on pizza days so if you choose to not order pizza for your child, please pack them a lunch from home on these days.

**COMMUNICATION from the OFFICE** – We appreciate that you receive a lot of information from us and things can get “lost in the shuffle”. In an attempt to ensure that time sensitive emails don’t get overlooked (like signing up for events, last day to order things, etc), I am going to start labelling these as **\*\*\*TIME SENSITIVE\*\*\*** in the subject line. Not that we don’t want you to ignore ANY of our emails, but please pay particular attention to these ones ☺ We hope that this is helpful to you! Also, for communication with any St. Ann’s staff, all our email addresses are available on the website and all staff emails are first initial, last name @ st-anns.ca (Ex. Ms. Spina is [dspina@st-anns.ca](mailto:dspina@st-anns.ca), I am [ajohnson@st-anns.ca](mailto:ajohnson@st-anns.ca)) So if you know the first initial and last name of anyone at the school, you will be able to reach them via email.

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

## **ATHLETICS**

### **HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

**Monday, September 12:** Senior Girls Volleyball Practice 3-5pm

**Tuesday, September 13:** Grade 8 Girls Volleyball Try-outs/Practice 3-4:30pm

**Wednesday, September 14:** Senior Boys Volleyball Practice 7-9pm

**Thursday, September 15:** Senior Girls Volleyball Practice 3-5pm, Junior Girls Volleyball Practice 5-7pm

**September 16-17:** Senior Girls Volleyball Tournament in Merritt