

SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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; this is NOT a full free dress day**)

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

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct 3 & 4: Food Drive (Details Below)

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 via Zoom (Email sapa@st-anns.ca for the link to join)

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 17: SAA Store Open 2-3:00

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)

Oct 31: SAA Store Open 2-3:00

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL FOOD DRIVE for THE MUSTARD SEED - This Thanksgiving, share the basics of life with someone in need (theseed.ca). Our Fall Food Drive begins TODAY, Monday, September 26 and ends the morning of Wednesday October 5th. All donations will be delivered to the Mustard Seed by 10:30 on Wednesday October 5th. The items have been organized by classroom and these are the items most needed by the Mustard Seed at this time. We thank you for your generous support!

K - Toques/Gloves

1 - Gloves/Socks

2 - Socks/Toques/Bandaids

3 - Fruit cups, Cereal, Granola bars

4 - Personal care items→ toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, Hair Brushes/Combs

5 - Food →Canned goods- pumpkin, cranberries, tomato paste, tomato sauces, soups, corn, etc.

6 - Food → Dry goods- Rice, pasta, mixed sauces, bouillons and other non-perishable items

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8 - Deodorant, Soap, Shampoo, Body Lotion, Bar soap, Socks/Toques/Bandaids

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STAFF RETREAT - October 5-6 Every year, all staff from all schools in our Diocese (Catholic Independent Schools of Kamloops Diocese) take part in an annual retreat. This is an opportunity for us to come together to grow in our faith and to learn valuable information. As you know, our theme this year is '*Seeking Truth, Healing and Reconciliation*' and our retreat will be focused on this theme. Our guest speakers will be:

- **Brad Baker:** Associate Superintendent of Indigenous Education for the Ministry of Education and a proud member of the Squamish Nation. Brad's belief system is that we all, as Canadians, have a role to play when it comes to Truth and Reconciliation, and that the work that we do in the education system is courageous.
- **Mike Patin:** a high school teacher, coach, diocesan staff, youth minister and faith speaker from Louisiana. Since 2003, Mike has been speaking to young people and adults across North America, on connecting Catholic faith to everyday living and

living life faithfully and joyfully. Mike describes himself as “a man of hope and a struggling disciple of the Risen Jesus.”

- **Kevin Lamoureux:** a faculty member at the University of Winnipeg and a well known public speaker. He formerly served as Associate VP at the U of Winnipeg and Education Lead for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. More than anything, he is committed to Reconciliation and a better Canada for all Canadians.

Please pray for all of our CISKD staff as they take part in this year’s retreat and learn practical takeaways that they can share with your children this school year.

SAA PRODUCTION - St. Ann's Players proudly presents: FAWLTY TOWERS - the first major school drama production in nearly a decade - theater is returning to St. Ann's Academy and all high school students are encouraged to consider auditioning for one of the parts in the play! If you don't want to act, perhaps you can consider helping with set design, artistic construction, set construction, hair, make-up, costumes, props, stage management, concession, ticket sales, house management, lighting, sound?

Our production is scheduled to be presented in March 2023. Auditions will be after Thanksgiving weekend. Sign-up and details will be available from Mr. Beliveau very soon. Rehearsal season will run from late October until March, at least two days per week after school for about two hours.

We are selecting three episodes from this hilarious British tv comedy starring John Cleese in his role as Basil Fawlty and his seaside hotel, Fawlty Towers. More details coming soon!

LOBSTERMANIA - October 15th; Cocktails @ 6:00pm, Dinner @ 7:00pm

Join the Knights of Columbus Council 1614 for this fun event! Enjoy a lobster and beef buffet dinner, cash bar and Celtic dance music by ‘Cod Gone Wild’! See the attached poster with more details. Fundraiser proceeds support local charities!

WHERE: OLPH Parish Centre - 635 Tranquille Road

TICKETS: \$80/person sold by:

Anthony Muzzillo 250-851-1111

John Giddens 250-682-4600

Garry Mayhew 778-471-6100 (St. Joseph’s Store)

Ed Barker 250-319-3331

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 13th**. 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 have been sent home with your son or daughter and I have also attached the order form to this newsletter for your convenience. **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.**

SAA STORE - The upcoming dates and times of store hours are as follows: **Monday, September 26th 2-3:00, Monday, October 17th 2-3:00 and Monday, October 31st 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 next Crusaderwear Day is coming up on **Friday, October 28th**. 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. 20th, 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

A BIG Thank YOU - Thank you, thank you, thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped make our first post-Covid Welcome Back BBQ a success! Also a big thank you to

SAPA for the ice cream bar, our Local School Committee members for helping cook and serve and our very own Mr. Niwa and Ms. Spina for helping grill! Thank you to all of you who came out to support this event. A particularly big thank you for your patience (next year we will have MANY more burgers pre-grilled and ready to go!)

CANTEEN HELPERS - If you have an hour a day to spare around lunchtime to help deliver our elementary lunch meals to the classrooms, please email Mrs. Costa at acosta@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.

NEWS FROM THE SAA OFFICE

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. 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 to 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>

****Ordering for NOVEMBER will open the first week of October-watch for email****

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
- 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 18th** 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 23rd** so if you are away on October 18th, there is still an opportunity for school photos.

CANTEEN – The canteen menus will be available on the SAA Website as well as on the SAA Calendar.

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! Please feel free to direct general questions to officestaff@st-anns.ca and your email will come to all three of us.

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

ATHLETICS

Our high school volleyball and boy's soccer seasons are in full swing! Please see the High School Athletics calendar on the SAA website at www.st-anns.ca for games, practices and tournament dates and times.

Our elementary cross country running season is underway! Please email Mr. Pearce at dpearce@st-anns.ca with any questions re. cross country.

Go CRUSADERS Go!