



Welcome Back Newsletter

Stay Connected

Welcome back, Crusader families! We hope you had a relaxing summer and are ready for an exciting 2024-2025 school year. 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

Welcome Back BBQ

Join us this **Wednesday, September 11th from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm** for our annual Welcome Back BBQ at St. Ann's Academy. The Local School Committee (LSC) will be providing burgers, chips, and beverages, and the St. Ann's Academy Parent School Group will be providing ice cream sandwiches for everyone to enjoy. Franco's Auto Service has also graciously sponsored two inflatable activities for students of all ages to enjoy. You will not want to miss out on all the fun!

Please fill out [this Google form](#) at the link below to indicate how many people in your group will be attending by Monday, September 9th at 12:00 pm. It is important for us to have the correct numbers to ensure everyone is fed sufficiently. This is an event for everyone to come together, meet your child's teacher and visit their classrooms. If you need to have a more in-depth conversation with a teacher please book an appointment for a different time. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

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 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'sBring your lunch and enjoy a quiet place to work or study!

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 phone at 250-372-5452 Ext. 118 or by email attendance@st-anns.ca to find out more.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

- **Volleyball:** We are looking for a Junior Girls Volleyball Coach/assistant coach/helper. These programs and teams cannot run without amazing volunteers so please email our high school athletic director, Chandra, if you are interested in these positions at cmallais@st-anns.ca
- **Canteen Helpers:** Our elementary students have lunches delivered to their classrooms and our volunteers help make this happen! If you can spare a little extra time around lunch time please reach out attendance@st-anns.ca to be added to the volunteer list.
- **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 watch upcoming school newsletters for dates and volunteer opportunities.
- **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. Please reach out to an SAAPSG member at the Welcome Back BBQ for more information.
- **One-to-One Reading Program Coordinator and Tutors Needed:** We are looking for parents and community members to help out with the One-to-One Reading 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!
- **Photo Day Helpers:** Photo day is September 18 and we could use some helpers! We could use runners to help collect classes as the photographers are ready for them and a helper or two to help the photographers get those big smiles.

Athletics

- **Volleyball:**
 - Volleyball (Grades 8, Junior, and Senior Boys and Girls) and the Senior Boys Soccer team are kicking off this week! Students have already signed up at school. Athletes will receive details about practices, games, and information sessions after tryouts are complete. We are currently in need of a Junior Girls Volleyball Coach/Assistant Coach/Helper. These programs thrive thanks to our incredible volunteers! If you're interested in supporting our teams, please contact our high school athletic director, Mrs. Mallais, at cmallais@st-anns.ca
- **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.

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 in grades 8-12 should email Mr. Beliveau AND come to his room (327) to sign up for an audition spot.
 - Auditions will be the last week of September and rehearsals will begin in October
 - Please get in touch with Mr. Beliveau for more information
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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.
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SAA Parent Support Group

Exciting things are happening this year with the St. Ann's Academy Parent Support Group (SAAPSG), previously known as SAPA. Come visit with members at the Welcome Back BBQ on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, to see how you can be a part of this amazing parent committee!

- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024, in the St. Ann's Academy Meeting Room.
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Used Uniform Sale

Looking for gently used school uniform items? St. Ann's Academy will be having a used uniform sale on Sept. 10, 11 and 12 from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm. The sale will be in the meeting room at St. Ann's Academy, and will also be open from 5 to 7 pm on the evening of the Welcome Back BBQ/Meet the Teacher night (Sept. 11). All used clothing will be \$5 per item. If you are donating used clothing items or have donated items recently you are welcome to do a clothing exchange free of charge. Please note only items from Top Marks or crusader wear which was originally purchased from the school are accepted for donation to the sale. New Crusader wear shirts are available for \$10 each and Crusader wear hoodies are available for \$20 each as well.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up on Monday, Sept. 9. from 11 am - 2:30 pm, work at the sale on Sept. 10, 11 and 12 and to take down and clean up the morning of Friday, Sept. 13. If you are able to help please sign up via the following link: [September Used Uniform Sale Volunteer Sign Up](#),

Key Dates

- **Sept 10-12:** Used Uniform Sale in the Meeting Room (8:30-3:30 and During the BBQ)
- **Sept 11:** Welcome Back BBQ - Dinner at 5 pm and Meet the Teacher at 7 pm
- **Sept 13: Crusaderwear Day**
- **Sept 18:** Picture Day - All Students **must wear Mass Dress**
- **Sept 20:** Dress Down **Bring \$2 and wear Sports Wear** for Terry Fox's Cancer Research
- **Sept 25-27:** Eucharistic Miracles at Sacred Heart Cathedral
- **Sept 27:** Recognition of National Truth and Reconciliation Day. **Orange Shirts & Uniform Bottoms**
- **Sept 30:** National Truth and Reconciliation Day - **School Closed**

Closing Prayer

God of grace and goodness, You gather us together as a community of faith, to pray and give thanks for the gift of a new day. As we begin this new school year, help us reflect on who we are and who You created us to be. Give us the wisdom to recognize You in our relationships with others. Guide us to be understanding and thoughtful in our actions. May our actions help us bring peace to our school, families, and the world. Touch our hearts as we approach this new day with respect and kindness. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR

Do you have **2 HOURS
A WEEK** during school
hours to read one-on-one
with young students?

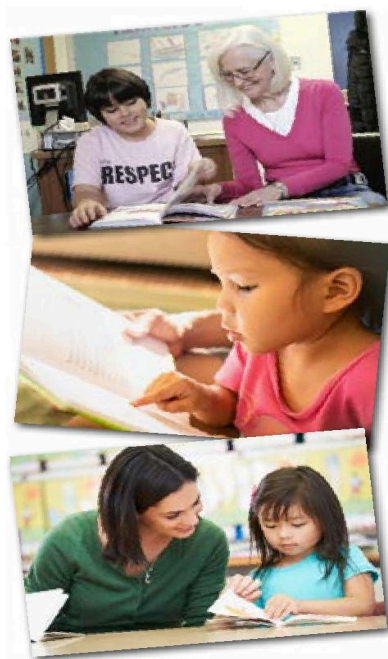
- No experience is necessary, but you must have good English language skills
- We provide free training and ongoing support
- Tutors read with 3 elementary students for 30 minutes each, once a week for 12 weeks

Volunteer Training

Thursday
September 28
5:30 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday
October 3
9 am - 12 pm

Henry Grube Education Centre
245 Kitchener Crescent



Please register by contacting Cami at
cami.literacyinkamloops@gmail.com or 250-573-1785