

Dear family of St Ann's Academy,

Welcome to the 2023 St Ann's Parent Association (SAPA) Spring Raffle fundraiser.

We are writing to each family this spring to let them know about SAPA and the details of our Spring Raffle. SAPA is an active group representing all parents of registered children. Our main role is to support the school community and its programs through fundraising and community-building events offered throughout the year. We can be contacted through our email (sapa@st-anns.ca) or the school.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm. Exceptions will be noted on the SAA School Calendar. All parents and guardians of registered children are welcome to attend. Please contact the school or email us to join our next meeting, share your ideas, and help us to offer the very best support we can to St. Ann's Academy students and families.

The Spring Raffle is the single greatest fundraiser for the students of SAA each year. In previous years the Spring Raffle has provided funds towards the choir and band trip to Vancouver, Grade 7 year-end trip to Sunnybrae Bible Camp, various tournaments and provincial championships for the basketball, soccer, and volleyball teams, and various gymnastic and parkour sessions for the elementary students.

Did you know that SAPA must obtain a license from the BC Lotteries Corporation (BCLC) in order to hold the spring raffle? While this is a great opportunity to raise funds for SAA students there are also responsibilities that BCLC requires for this opportunity. Did you know that BCLC requires a report to be created and submitted for each and every unsold and not returned ticket? Did you know last year approximately 15% of the tickets were unsold and not returned?

We understand that each family who attends SAA is in different financial situations and that each family also has varying amounts of friends and family who help support them in this and other SAA fundraising initiatives. Some families may still be recovering from pandemic financial situations and others may have recently moved to Kamloops from other communities leaving behind close family and friends. There might also be families with close generational business and family ties throughout Kamloops and the surrounding communities. This broad diversity of students and families is one of the many factors that make SAA special.

The Spring Raffle fundraisers are not supposed to bring stress and/or anxiety to students or families who may be going through challenging times. Rather this Raffle provides an opportunity for SAA families to support each other and their own students who attend SAA. SAPA is always looking to make improvements and this year we feel we have provided amazing prize packages to reward several individuals who support our School community.

This year we have revised the prizes to include:

1. Grand Prize Package: **Disneyland travel voucher valued at \$6,400 – based on a trip for 2 adults and 2 children.**
2. Runner Up Prize Package: **3-night stay at Sun Peaks valued at \$1200.**
3. 2nd Runner Up Prize Package: **4 tickets to a Vancouver Canucks game including a one-night stay valued at \$1000.**

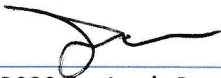
Given the significant reporting required when tickets are unsold and/or not returned we kindly ask that **any family who believes they are unable to participate any further in this community fundraiser, please return your unsold raffle tickets ASAP.**

SAPA and SAA appreciates each and every contribution to this fundraiser, meaning if you can afford to purchase only one ticket from your assigned book, we appreciate that contribution. Please return the remaining tickets so that families who are able to continue selling, have tickets to sell. In previous years families were willing to sell more tickets but there were no ticket books to provide them with.

For 2023, SAPA has had volunteers graciously donate their time to help with the redistribution of tickets if more are required because you have sold out of your tickets. **When you have determined you are unable to sell any more tickets, please immediately return the unsold tickets by sending them to class with your (oldest) SAA student.** Either the SAA classroom or homeroom teacher will collect these as needed and then send them to Office/SAPA volunteers to redistribute to families who have requested more tickets.

Please email sapa@st-anns.ca when and if you have run out of tickets and would like more tickets to sell.

We thank all of you for your continued support of St Ann's Academy and with your continued support we believe we can accomplish great things together for our children and community.



2022-2023 St. Ann's Parent's Association President



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