

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

TRUMPETER'S Note

September 29, 2022

Dear SAS Parent,

September 2022 has been a uniquely exciting time of firsts: first New Family Welcome Day, first Fall Flight trip, first classes in the Cygnets Centre, first athletic teams, first robotics and coding, first Terry Fox run, and first partnered co-curricular with St. Andrew's College. The list will grow as we continue to make history and build the foundation of SAS.

Observing the students' positive interactions, risk-taking, eagerness, and personal development in such a brief period has been

inspiring. I was confident that this inaugural class would be exceptional, but I cannot express how proud I am of each one of them already.



It is always such a pleasure to have our families on campus and in the Cygnets Centre. Thank you for taking the time to attend Curriculum Night. We hope the opportunity to meet your daughter's teachers and learn more about their courses of study was fruitful.

It is always a special day when we recognize the heroism that Terry Fox brought to our nation. Students were reminded of Terry's extraordinary journey and the legacy he left behind in his fight to conquer cancer. We commemorated the story of Terry by running/walking/jogging on the Yuill Family Turf Field and collected loose change in a fun advisory challenge. All proceeds go to the Terry Fox Foundation.

The partnership has begun! The First Cygnets integrated with the students at St. Andrew's College on Sept. 23 for the annual Saints Day in support of Special Olympics and during the weekly Arts/Co-Curricular Plus (ACPlus) program. The "Dynamic Duo" is coming to life!

The Cross-Country team attended its first meet this week, adding another item to the list of firsts. The girls looked sharp in their St. Anne's singlets and coordinated track suits. Each member of the team pushed hard, and we landed a second- and fourth-place finish. Way to go, Cygnets!

This weekend, St. Andrew's celebrates <u>Homecoming</u>. As a partner school, we feel it is important to support the community event by attending for a portion of the day. The First Cygnets are required to be in attendance from 1 to 3 p.m., and check-in will be at their assigned advisory time slot. There is an opportunity for students to earn additional community service hours from noon

to 1 p.m. if they are interested. Students are to dress in Cygnets Casual. Families are encouraged to spend the day on campus enjoying sports games, lunch in Cole Hall, a barbecue, vendors' market, a bake sale tent, children's activities on the Quad, and many other festivities. Feel free to bring family members and friends to take part in the fun.

I look forward to seeing you Saturday to celebrate SAC Homecoming.

Sincerely,

Sabrina D'Angelo Head of School

Information for Parents

Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving weekend is quickly approaching. Students will be dismissed on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. and will return to the Cygnets Centre on the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Parent Breakfast

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to campus on Friday, Oct. 14 for the first Parent Breakfast. Join us in Cole Hall from 8:45 to 10 a.m. with the Head of School and meet other parent's in your child's class. Please register here.

Parent Social Invitation

The SAC Parents Guild warmly welcomes SAS parents to join them at the fall social on Friday, Oct. 14. The theme is Neon Lights, and it will be a casual "all white apparel with a touch of neon" evening. Enjoy a wonderful night of appetizers, drinks, and great music. Neon Lights will be held in Staunton Gallery from 7 to 11 p.m. Stay for an hour or the entire evening and celebrate our students, parents, and the school year. Mingle, make new friends, and reconnect with old ones. The cost is \$80; please register here.

Open House

Sept. 27 marked the first Open House for registration for Grades 5 to 9 for the 2023-2024 school year. There are limited spots available across the grades, and interest remains high. It's important to note that we have decided to open a few additional spots for those entering Grade 10 in 2023. Being able to reach capacity allows us to better serve our students through academic, athletic, and co-curricular programming. We are hosting a second Open House Thursday, Oct. 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the St. Andrew's College campus. Please feel free to please pass along this registration link to families who may be interested in St. Anne's for their daughter.

Breakfast & Dinner Available

We are pleased to advise that First Cygnets have access to Cole Hall for breakfast and dinner when required. If students arrive early or are staying late, they are free to enjoy breakfast and dinner. Breakfast is available Monday to Friday and dinner is available Monday to Thursday. Cole Hall hours will be posted to Edsby for the students' information. It is important that students do not bring bags or laptops into Cole Hall or store them outside of the Cygnets Centre. They are to remain in their lockers.

Uniform Update

We thank you for your patience as we continue to receive uniform items each week at the Cygnets Centre. As items are received, they are distributed to students. Please review the Dress Code Policy for First and Second Dress. Students are reminded to follow the proper uniform dress for each option, including wearing the correct shoes. It is also important that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Students are welcome to use the SAC Sewing Centre for uniform alterations. We are in the process of arranging a time for students to visit and will provide specific details to the First Cygnets group on Edsby.

Edsby Access

Parents will notice they are members of some Edsby groups and not others. For example, parents will see they are members of the "St. Anne's Parents" and "First Cygnets - Class of 2026" groups. But there are other groups that are specific for students such as "Term 1: Basketball" that may prompt a parent to request to join it, but those groups are for team members only. Parent requests to join student groups will be declined. Coaches for specific sports will enter their game information as an event in the calendar for their team, and as parents, you should be able to see those events in the calendar feature.

Casual Dress for Outreach

Students are asked to donate \$5 to enjoy the opportunity to dress casually on Friday, Oct. 14 in support of Egale, Canada's leading organization for 2SLGBTQI people and issues. Students who participate will receive a Casual Dress bracelet. Students who choose not to take part are expected to be in First or Second Dress.

Break the Silence - Step in My Shoes Walk

The Break the Silence - Step in My Shoes walk will take place on campus on Sunday, Nov. 6. The fundraiser for the Yellow Brick House aims to raise \$100,000 to support services and programs for women and children impacted by violence and abuse. All students and their family members are welcome to register here to join the walk. First Cygnets will be learning more about Yellow Brick House during our community connection portion of the Leadership program. They will be supporting the event in planning and volunteering. Students are welcome to register for the walk. Please keep this date open as students are expected to be on campus for the event. More details to follow.

SAS Parent Fund 2022-23

This year's annual parent fundraising campaign kicks off this month. Please note the inclusion of your \$500 voluntary gift to the SAS Parent Fund. It is the first of three \$500 donations to appear on your account for the school year.

As you may know, fundraising underpins our advancement as a not-for-profit school. As St. Anne's continues the development of our campus and future home for our girls, the need for capital funds has come into focus. With this in mind, Parent Fund donations this year will be designated to the SAS Capital Fund in support of the ongoing campus construction.

All Parent Fund donations will be met with a charitable gift tax receipt in January eligible for the 2022 tax year. Should you wish to support St. Anne's in a different way or to opt-out of the Parent Fund, please contact Karen Morassutti in the SAC Business Office directly (billing@sac.on.ca). Thank you for your support.

Please be reminded that all donations to St. Anne's School are accepted, processed, and receipted by the St. Andrew's College Foundation, and 100 per cent of designated St. Anne's donations are granted to St. Anne's School.

Dates for the 2022-2023 School Year

October

Oct. 7-10: Thanksgiving long weekend

Oct. 27: Open House

November

Nov. 1: Parent/teacher conferences, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Nov. 2: Parent/teacher conferences, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Nov. 11-14: November long weekend

Nov. 17-20: Fall Play

December

Dec. 20: SAS Holiday Celebration Dec. 22: Winter holidays begin

(Please note these dates are subject to change)

Past issues of the *Trumpeter's Note* can be viewed <u>here</u>.

For updates on the progress of SAS, please visit our <u>website</u> and follow us on social media.









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