



ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

TRUMPETER'S NOTE

October 13, 2022

Dear SAS Parent,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving weekend with family and friends. Mother Nature certainly cooperated by adding perfect fall weather, beginning on Thursday as the First Cygnets engaged in a trail hike, a gratitude activity that culminated with each student receiving “grateful” notes and enjoying pumpkin and apple pie complete with hot apple cider. It was the perfect Thanksgiving weekend kick-off.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank-you for being on the St. Anne's journey alongside us and sharing your daughters with the community. We could not be any prouder of the first six weeks we spent together. The future is bright. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Parent Breakfast tomorrow morning. It will be a great opportunity to connect, share stories, and look ahead to upcoming school events.



The First Cygnets have blown us away with their athletic accomplishments; the cross-country team has landed some strong finishes, and the basketball team is undefeated. Go, Cygnets!

What is the best key to open a zoo with? *A mon-key!* On Monday, Oct. 17, the students will visit the Toronto Zoo as part of the biodiversity and conservation biology science curriculum. The bus departs at 8:30 a.m. and returns to the Cygnets Centre at 12:30 p.m. in time for lunch on campus. Students are asked to dress in Cygnets Casual and be mindful of the weather as we will be outdoors most of the morning. There is no cost to parents for the trip. **Parents are asked to complete the Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk Form on the [Parent Portal](#) by tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 14.**

We are thrilled to offer a four-day Quebec City excursion in February. To learn more, please read [this note](#) from Ms. JJ Patterson and join the information session slated for Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Parents are invited to in-person parent/teacher conferences in the Cygnets Centre on Tuesday, Nov. 1 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Conferences will also be available via Zoom on Wednesday, Nov. 2 between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Conferences are an opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress and learning skills so far this year. Please see the Information for Parents section below for important details.

First Cygnets will develop an understanding and awareness of some important community organizations as a core component of the Leadership program. This week, students were

presented with an overview of [Yellow Brick House](#) and its mission. In partnership with St. Andrew's College and as a requirement of the Leadership course, students will participate in the Break the Silence – Step in my Shoes walk as either participants or volunteers. Students can [register here](#) for the walk. In either role, community involvement hours will be earned. The event is being hosted on the SAC campus on Sunday, Nov. 6. Start times will vary depending on your daughter's role. If there is a conflict and she cannot participate, please communicate that to Ms Rebecca Williams via email.

We are committed to educating our students in all areas of equity, diversity, and inclusion. The week of Oct. 24 marks Pride Week at St. Anne's School and St. Andrew's College. Students will participate in various presentations, activities led by students and teachers, and discussions as they pertain to 2SLGBTQ. I look forward to sharing the week's highlights with you.

On October 3, Mark Etherington, St. Andrew's Class of 1992, assumed the role of Chair of the SAC Board of Governors, which also oversees the governance of SAS. Please read this [welcome message](#) from Mark.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Sabrina D'Angelo
Head of School

Information for Parents

St. Anne's Academy of Music

We recognize that some students are missing the opportunity to engage in instrumental music instruction. We are fortunate to have Mr. Garry Page on staff, who is eager to offer students an opportunity to further their musical talent through the St. Anne's Academy of Music. To learn more, please read [this note](#).

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be booked through Edsby. Each parent will receive an email from Edsby on Tuesday, Oct. 25 with instructions on how to book a time slot. Please [click here](#) if you need assistance with booking the conferences on Oct. 25. We kindly ask parents to book only one conference per teacher. In that conference, the teacher will discuss your child's progress in the multiple subjects they are taught. For example, while Ms. Scheepers may teach your daughter in both English and Technological Design, please only book one conference slot for both courses. Parents can also book a conference with their child's advisor as necessary.

If you cannot participate in the conference dates, you can always contact a teacher by email. Every class has continuous reporting via Edsby's "My Work," and teachers will always reply to provide information and guidance for your daughter.

Pick-up Time Reminder

As we settle into the school routine, parents are reminded that students must be picked up by 6:30 p.m. from the Cygnets Centre. For those involved in robotics on Tuesday evenings, student

pick-up is at 7 p.m. at the Cygnets Centre. There is no formal supervision provided after these times.

Open House

We are hosting an Open House on Thursday, Oct. 27 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. Reaching capacity allows us to better serve our students through academic, athletic, and co-curricular programming. The Open House will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the St. Andrew's College campus. Please feel free to 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 can access Cole Hall for breakfast and dinner when required. If students arrive early or are stay 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. Students must not bring bags or laptops into Cole Hall or store them outside of the Cygnets Centre. They are to remain in their lockers during meal times.

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 participate are expected to be in First or Second Dress.

SAS Parent Fund 2022-23

This year's annual parent fundraising campaign kicked off last 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 support 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. 17: Toronto Zoo trip

Oct. 24-28: Pride Week
Oct. 27: Open House

November

Nov. 1: Parent/teacher conferences in person, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Nov. 2: Parent/teacher conferences on zoom, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Nov. 6: Break the Silence – Step in my Shoes Walk
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 [here](#).

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