

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL TRUMPETER'S NOTE

October 27, 2022

Dear SAS Parent,

The last few weeks have been filled with an abundance of activities, and the First Cygnets continue to plunge into myriad opportunities; there has been no shortage of new experiences. Classroom tasks, leadership development, project-based learning, and athletics and co-curriculars continue filling our students' calendars.

Of special note is the accomplishment of the cross-country team, who placed second at the Canadian Independent Schools Athletic



Association (CISAA) Championship event yesterday. This team result earned them a spot at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) meet on Saturday, November 5. Go, Cygnets!

We have begun clubs and councils programming, which takes place every Friday. The students selected various leadership opportunities, including Student Council, dance, arts and crafts, and book clubs. Every student is participating in a council or a club, and new opportunities will be available in the new year.

Student Council has planned an eventful Halloween celebration on Monday, October 31, with prizes for the best costumes in various categories. Students are encouraged to participate in Halloween costume-wearing. While we recognize the excitement that comes along with dressing up, we have reminded the students that costumes are to be appropriate for a school setting and should refrain from cultural appropriation. If students are unsure of their costume selection, they are encouraged to speak with their advisor. We would also ask that candy not be brought to school.

We look forward to participating and volunteering at the upcoming Yellow Brick House event, <u>Break the Silence, Step in my Shoes Walk</u>. Our students have committed to supporting in various ways and are expected to be on campus as part of their leadership program requirements. If you are interested in participating in the walk, you can register as a member of the SAS team and/or simply donate. In the spirit of giving, it has been great watching the students get into the upcoming holiday spirit as they begin to pile their holiday hero gifts in the student lounge. A reminder to parents that assigned gifts are due to the school by Monday, November 7.

One of the primary integration points between SAS and SAC is in the co-curricular and drama programs. We are thrilled that members of the First Cygnets will perform in this year's fall production, *Oliver!* We encourage our families to attend one of the evening performances – trust me, you will not be disappointed! Tickets will be going on sale soon.

One of the most cherished traditions at St. Andrew's College is *An Andrean Christmas*, which takes place at Roy Thomson Hall on Friday, December 16. Please consider joining us that evening; it's the perfect kick-off to the holiday season—ticket information to come next week.

A reminder that students will enjoy a well-deserved long weekend beginning Thursday, November 10, at 3:45 p.m. and returning to classes on Tuesday, November 14, at 8:45 a.m.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sabrina D'Angelo Head of School

Information for Parents

Parent-Teacher Conferences

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.

Each parent should have received an email from Edsby on Tuesday, Oct. 25, with instructions on how to book a time slot. Please click <u>here</u> if you need assistance with booking your conference.

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.

For in-person interviews on Nov.1, please print your conference schedule in advance. You can print your schedule by clicking the print icon on Edsby or crtl+ P in your browser.

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.

Winter Athletics Registration

Winter athletic tryouts begin on Monday, Nov. 7. Please visit the <u>parent portal</u> to complete the Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risk forms for the following winter activities: volleyball,

badminton, and swimming. Wellness is a fourth option for students, but that form was already completed earlier this fall.

Community Involvement Update

Please read <u>this note</u> regarding community service expectations and ministry requirements for SAS students.

Report Cards

It's the fall reporting period; students and teachers are working hard to assess various works. Report cards will be published on Edsby the week of November 7, and a hard copy will be mailed to each family.

SAS Parent Fund 2022-23

This year's annual parent fundraising campaign continues this month. Please note the inclusion of your \$500 voluntary gift to the SAS Parent Fund. It is the second 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 to 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 at <u>billing@sac.on.ca</u>. 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.

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 <u>this note</u>.

Dates for the 2022-2023 School Year

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. 16-20: Fall Play

December

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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