

ST. ANN'S ACADEMY

Established 1880

“Fides et Scientia” – Faith & Learning



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Student Handbook 2007-2008

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ST. ANN'S ACADEMY

MISSION STATEMENT

**To provide a Christian environment
in an ever changing society,
by living the gospel of Christ,
in which we nurture
and respect individual
spiritual growth,
and personal excellence
in academic, artistic,
and athletic endeavors
while honoring our traditions
and Catholic values.**

SCHOOL HISTORY

The Sisters of St. Ann founded St. Ann's Academy in 1880. The school was originally called St. Louis School and was situated in the Mission Flats area. The school moved to Nicola Street and was renamed St. Ann's Academy very early in its history. The present site was selected and purchased by the Sisters in 1910; thus St. Ann's on the Hill was born. The school continued to grow for the next thirty years, until tragedy struck on V-E Day 1945 when the upper two floors were destroyed by fire.

The school recovered from this disaster and under the guidance of Bishop Harrington a new wing was completed. The school now offered a full high school program, but found it increasingly difficult to keep up with the changing demands of BC's curriculum changes.

St. Ann's Academy remained a high school until 1970 when it reverted to an elementary school. The Sisters continued to administer the school until 1978, when Mr. Dale Scherer was appointed principal.

In 1980 Bishop Adam Exner made overtures to the Congregation of Christian Brothers to reopen the high school section. In September 1981 the first grade eight class in eleven years entered St. Ann's Academy. The school experienced unprecedented growth since 1981 with enrollment surpassing 600 students by 2000.

In January 2002, the responsibility for the school passed from the Christian Brothers back to the diocese. St. Ann's Academy is now part of the Catholic Independent Schools of Kamloops Diocese (CISKD), Mrs. Kelly Tries, Superintendent.

STUDENT GUIDELINES

Rights and Responsibilities

Students, parents, teachers, priests, support staff and Administration work together to provide a respectful, caring environment where faith and learning go hand-in-hand. Leading our children to be the best they can be, St. Ann's Academy is committed to being a place where everyone feels safe and appreciated. All members of our communities have rights and responsibilities in ensuring a safe environment.

Parents have the right to expect that:

- Their children are safe from physical and emotional harassment
- Their children are receiving the best instruction in a positive learning atmosphere

Students have a right to expect:

- Fair and consistent treatment
- An opportunity to learn to their maximum potential
- That personal property is safe from theft or damage
- An environment free from physical and emotional harassment

School staff has a right to expect:

- Respect, courtesy, and consistent effort from students
- Support from parents in their efforts on behalf of students
- That school and personal property be safe from theft or damage

- An environment free from physical and emotional harassment

All members of our school community have responsibilities.

Parents have a responsibility to:

- Provide spiritual guidance
- Ensure students are consistently and properly fed, clothed, and rested
- Ensure students arrive at school on time and attend regularly
- Teach responsible behavior
- Teach social acceptable values such as honesty, respect for others, work ethic
- Show concern for their child's progress
- Be supportive of the policies of the school

Students have the responsibility to:

- Make a consistent effort to do their best in all their work
- Treat students, adults, and property in the school with respect
- Behave responsibly and appropriately
- Adhere to the School dress code.

School staff has a responsibility to:

- Provide spiritual guidance
- Treat students fairly, consistently, and respectfully
- Provide the best possible learning environment for each student
- Act on behalf of the child's well being

- Adequately inform parents of progress, performance, and behavior of their children
- Be a supportive role model for students
- Be supportive of the home

Attendance: All students are expected to attend assigned classes. Failure to attend class will result in contact with the home and follow-up actions by both the school and the home.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Messages: Sometimes parents have to contact you. Have them phone the office and we will do our best to get the message to you. Except for emergencies, students are not permitted to receive nor make phone calls from the phones in the school office.

Student Services: St. Ann's Academy has two student services' advisors. Any student may request to see either one of them. If you would like to talk to one of our student services staff, please make an appointment at the front office.

Electronics – Radios, MP3's, iPods, Cell Phones

Items such as radios, MP3 players, iPods, or cell phones should not be brought to class and are not to be used during the school day within the school building or on the school campus for the duration of the school day (including recess, break and lunch). In the event that a student is found to be in violation of this policy, the items will be confiscated by staff and stored at the office and will only be returned to parents. A second violation of this policy will result in the item being confiscated once again and the student being required to serve 5 hours of school

community service. Subsequent offences of this policy will require the student and parents meet with administration and the school Pastor to determine the assignment of greater disciplinary consequences which may include more community service hours, a school suspension or possibly expulsion.

To support our students in this policy parents are asked not to contact their children on cell phones during school hours. If an emergency arises, contact the school office and students will be informed immediately.

High School Dress Code, Grades 8 - 12

St. Ann's Academy has a dress code for students, and all students are expected to follow that dress code at school and all school related functions. The primary intent of the dress code is that students dress modestly and appropriately while attending classes and all school functions.

In general:

- Dress must be neat, clean, and modest (not displaying cleavage, mid-riff, or underwear).
- No clothing should be worn with logos that are in conflict with our Catholic values, such as, but not limited to, references to drugs, sex, violence, alcohol or profanity.

In all cases, the Administration and staff has the right to say what is and is not appropriate.

Regular Dress Code (Male and Female)

01. Boys may wear a shirt with a collar or a t-shirt with dress pants, slacks, jeans, or cords or Crusader wear.

Girls may wear dresses or skirts of modest length (no greater than 4" above the top of the kneecap), pantsuits, jeans, dress slacks, blouses, sweaters or t-shirts or Crusader wear. Length of tops must extend past the belt line of skirts or pants.
02. Hats, caps or other head coverings must not be worn in school during the day.
03. Jackets and gym wear must not be worn in class.
04. Hooded sweatshirts may be worn, unless a teacher disallows them in class for reasons of hygiene and/or safety.
05. Pajamas are not to be worn to school.
06. Tank tops are not to be worn.
07. Personal Grooming: Hair should be clean and neat. Unconventional hairstyles (Mohawks, multi-colored) and colors other than natural hair colors are generally not acceptable.
08. Piercing and Tattoos: Piercings are restricted to a reasonable number in the ears and should only be studs or small rings. For safety purposes piercings of other parts of the body are generally not permitted. Tattoos should not be visible when dressed in compliance with the school dress code.

Mass Dress (Male and Female)

01. Boys must wear a dress shirt with a collar and a tie along with dress pants, slacks, or cords. Jeans, no matter what color, are not permitted to be worn.
02. Girls must wear a dress or skirt of modest length (no greater than 4" above the kneecap), or dress pants with a blouse, dress top or plain sweater. Jeans (including jean skirts), no matter what color, are not permitted to be worn.
03. All students must remain in Mass dress for the entire day.

Summer Dress (Male and Female):

The starting and ending dates for Summer Dress are at the discretion of the Administration.

01. No short shorts are permitted. Neat, clean, modest shorts with t-shirts may be worn.
02. Tank tops or muscle shirts are not permitted. Shirts must cover from the neck to the edge of the shoulder.
03. Any tops exposing the midriff area, cleavage or underwear are not permitted.

Disciplinary Action to address Dress Code Infractions

1st Offence: Verbal warning to student, written warning mailed to parents.

2nd Offence: Written notification to parents, followed by scheduled consultation between Administration and parents. Student will be required to serve two hours community service.

3rd Offence: Student will receive a suspension and be required to serve community service. Parents will be advised by a phone call, followed by written notification mailed to parents.

Subsequent offences may result in further suspension and/or expulsion from St. Ann's Academy.

Daily Schedule: The schedule of classes for St. Ann's Academy is a 8 x 4 block rotation with each period lasting 75 minutes. The schedule is:

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
A	E	B	F	C	G	D	H
B	F	C	G	D	H	A	E
C	G	D	H	A	E	B	F
D	H	A	E	B	F	C	G

Parking: Parking is available for staff, parents, and visitors. Students may apply for the limited available parking spaces.

Excused Absences: Occasionally a student will be absent for special events such as weddings, funerals, and/or holidays. A note from your parents identifying the reason and dates of

the absence **MUST** be provided to the office. Your class teachers will then be informed.

The student is responsible in advance of the absence for consulting teachers for their homework. Extended absences, such as holidays, should be communicated as soon as they are booked. Don't forget the courtesy of advance notice for your teachers. The responsibility for missed classes, tests, assignments, etc, and the resulting consequences, rest with the student and the parent.

Absence from school during the day **disqualifies** the student from participating in extra-curricular functions such as team practices, team games, dances, etc.

Telephone: There is one pay telephone in the school located outside the Bishop Jennings Auditorium. **Cell Phones are NOT permitted to be used in the school.**

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EVALUATION POLICIES

Assignments:

Presentation:

Neatness and clarity are essential

All assignments must meet departmental standards.
(refer to the course syllabus)

Content:

Proper format should be followed and may include:

- i outline
- ii table of contents
- iii footnotes
- iv bibliography
- v. charts, diagrams, graphs, etc.

Proper (acceptable) language should be adhered to within the assignment.

Tardiness:

Major Assignments: These are due to the classroom teacher no later than 3:00 p.m. on the date due. If the

assignment is turned in after this time, the assignment will receive 0%.

Minor Assignments: (Including Homework) These assignments are due at the beginning of class on the date due. If late, they will only be worth 50% of their original value. If they are not turned in by the next school day, they will receive 0%. This may be slightly modified at the discretion of the department.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. If it occurs the consequences are:

Grades 8 – 10 students will receive a zero and must rewrite the assignment. They will only be able to achieve a mark of 50% (C-) on the rewrite.

Grades 11 and 12 students will receive a zero on the assignment. There will be no opportunity for a rewrite.

Homework: Students are responsible for all their homework and assignments.

Syllabus: Teachers must provide the students with a course evaluation scheme at the beginning of the year. Specific details and changes to the evaluation scheme will be forthcoming if and when applicable.

Absent For A Tests:

- Students must bring a note from their parents/guardians indicating the reason for missing the test and the parents must state that they know that the test was

missed. Notes for missed tests and exams are required within **five** calendar days of the student's return to school. If the student does not bring in a note, he/she will be given a zero on the test. There will be no make-up for a missed test.

- ❑ Safety Tests **must** be passed before a student will be able to proceed with the course.
- ❑ Missing the January exam will mean the final exam must be written – no exemptions are possible.
- ❑ If a student misses a term or final exam, then it will be assumed that the illness was serious enough to see a doctor and a doctor's note will be required to verify that the student was unable to attend school to write the exam. Students without a doctor's note must do an exam at a time determined by administration.

Exams: Any term or final exams will be cumulative in content from the beginning of the year. (For example, material covered in September will be on all subsequent exams).

Exemptions from the final exam:

St. Ann's Academy exemption policy is that students from grade 8 to grade 12 have the possibility of being exempted from the final June exams.

Grade 8 – 9: Maintaining a minimum 80% average. Also the teacher will consider other criteria such as homework completion, attendance, work ethic, attitude, and discipline.

Grade 10 – 12: Maintaining a minimum 80% average. Also the teacher will consider other criteria such as homework completion, attendance, work ethic, attitude, and discipline.

Exceptions to this exemption policy are:

- I. Provincially Examinable Course.
- II. Department modifications and discretion may be applied to the exemption policy.
- III. When the student misses 10 or more classes. (If there is an extended medical reason, with a doctor's note, this may be waived.)

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Exemptions from final exams are a privilege, not a right, and should be used as a reward for performance and consistent effort. Exemptions require the approval of the subject teacher.

Teacher Duties:

- Tests and assignments must be returned to the students within a two-week period for their perusal.
- It is the responsibility of the subject teacher to return all exams, assignments, projects and research papers to their students for their perusal during class time. These may be retained by the teacher at his/her discretion. Final exams must be kept on file.

**ST. ANN'S ACADEMY
GRADING POLICY**

A	86 and higher	
B	73 – 85	
C+	67 – 72	G = Good
C	60 – 66	S = Satisfactory
C-	50 – 59	N = Needs Improvement
F	00 – 49	

REQUIREMENTS FOR HONOUR ROLL

01. The Grade Point Average (GPA) is tabulated as follows:
- A = 4 points
 - B = 3 points
 - C+ = 2 points
 - C = 1 point

This total is divided by the number of subjects taken.

02. **First Class Honours** – a grade point average of 3.50 or greater with no subject having a grade below C-.
03. **Honours** – a grade point average of 2.75 to 3.49.
04. **Effort** – The student has to achieve an effort grade of G (Good) from all subject teachers.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Starting in Grade 10, students wishing to graduate with a Dogwood have to pass certain basic courses in the Graduating Program, for example English, Math, and Science.

From the table below you will need:

- ✓ 48 credits from required courses
- ✓ 28 credits from elective courses
- ✓ 4 credits for your Graduation Portfolio

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED COURSES:	
Subject Area:	Minimum Credits
English 10	4
A Language Arts 11	4
A Language Arts 12	4
Socials Studies 10	4
Social Studies 11 or BC First Nations Studies or Civic Studies 11	4
Science 10	4
A Science 11 or 12	4
A Mathematics 10	4
A Mathematics 11 or 12	4
Physical Education 10	4
Planning 10	4
A Fine Arts and/or Applies Skills 10, 11, or 12	4
Total	48 credits
ELECTIVE COURSES:	
Students must earn at least 28 elective courses from Grade 10 – 12 courses	28 credits
GRADUATION PORTFOLIO:	
Students must earn 4 credits for a Graduation Portfolio	4
OVERALL TOTAL:	80 credits

Of the 80 credits for graduation, at least 16 must be at the Grade 12 level, including a Grade 12 Language Arts course.

Students must complete at least **FIVE Government Exams** in Grades 10, 11, and 12. Required exams are in English 10, Math 10, Science 10, Socials 11, and a Language Arts 12.

ST. ANN'S ACADEMY AWARDS
YEAR-END AWARDS

01. Grade 12 (sponsored by the St. Ann's Academy Parent Support Group)
A Bursary and Scholarship booklet is available on the school's website from which grade 12 students can receive information about bursaries and scholarships available to them. For more information, contact Student Services.

02. Grade Eight to Grade Eleven Class Awards: A panel of teachers chooses the top three students in each grade level for the following awards:
 - ❑ Academic excellence
 - ❑ Religion (attitude, academic achievement in subject of Religion, class participation, etc.)
 - ❑ Citizenship (classroom, school, community, and friends)
 - ❑ Merit (in academic, classroom, or school activities)

03. High School Subject Awards: Awards are given to the top students for each subject taught in the High School, i.e. Science 8, French 9, Physics 11, etc.

04. High School Special Awards:
 - ❑ C.W.L. Christopher Bursary - \$300 given to a Grade 11 student for Christian service and attitude.
 - ❑ Brother James C. Bates Missionary Award – given to the High School class that donates the greatest amount of money to the Missions.

- ❑ Knights of Columbus Citizenship Award:
 - a. Senior student (Grade 10 or 11)
 - b. Junior student (Grade 8 or 9)
 - ❑ Bishop Harrington Academic Excellence Award
 - a. Senior student (Grade 10 or 11) with the highest average of all subjects taken
 - b. Junior student (Grade 8 or 9) with the highest average of all subjects taken
05. Crusader of the Year – Archbishop Adam Exner Award for the student of the year – presented to a senior student for academic effort, school spirit, leadership, citizenship, participation, and effort.

Criteria: (For Crusader of the Year Award)

- ❑ Acceptable grades for student’s ability
 - ❑ Involvement in extra curricular activities
 - ❑ Leadership in class and extra curricular activities
 - ❑ School ambassador
 - ❑ Positive Christian attitude toward community members
 - ❑ Citizenship – class, school, community
 - ❑ Commitment
 - ❑ Punctuality
06. Passport to Education – Grade 10 – 12:
A number of students in each grade level (10 to 12) will receive Passport stamps, which can be used to pay for some of their post-secondary education.

The value of the stamps is as follows:

Grade 10	\$250
Grade 11	\$225
Grade 12	\$275

Students forfeit their opportunity to receive a Passport when:

- (a) They are suspended from school for any reason
- (b) They have an unexcused absence from any activity day including Walk-a-thon, Career Day, Sports Day, and Retreats.

Qualifications for winning a Passport stamp are:

- (a) Two-thirds (2/3) of the determining criteria is academic, based on the student's five best subject marks
- (b) One-third (1/3) is based on a student's citizenship, effort, attitude, and school community involvement.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Students' council is a forum for student input. This group of dedicated students comes together to work for you, the student body. The work of students' council is very important and essential, and we urge those of you who are elected to do your best when serving your fellow students.

The Student Council for the school year 2007 – 2008 will be elected by the student body during the month of June 2007.

Regular High School Daily Schedule		High School Assembly Day Schedule	
8:25 - 9:45	PERIOD 1	8:25 - 9:20	PERIOD 1
9:45 - 9:50	ANNOUNCEMENTS	9:20 - 9:25	ANNOUNCEMENTS
9:55 - 11:10	PERIOD 2	9:30 - 10:25	PERIOD 2
11:10 - 11:25	BREAK	10:25 - 10:40	BREAK
11:30 - 12:45	PERIOD 3	10:45 - 11:40	PERIOD 3
12:45 - 1:30	LUNCH	11:40 - 12:20	LUNCH
1:35 - 2:50	PERIOD 4	12:25 - 1:20	PERIOD 4
		1:25	ASSEMBLY

High School Mass Day Schedule A		High School Mass Day Schedule B	
8:25 - 8:45	HOMEROOM	8:25 - 9:25	PERIOD 1
8:45 - 10:00	LITURGY	9:30 - 10:39	PERIOD 2
10:05 - 11:00	PERIOD 1	10:30 - 10:45	BREAK
11:00 - 11:15	BREAK	10:45 - 12:00	LITURGY
11:20 - 12:15	PERIOD 2	12:05 - 13:05	PERIOD 3
12:20 - 13:15	PERIOD 3	13:05 - 13:45	LUNCH
13:15 - 13:55	LUNCH	13:55 - 14:59	PERIOD 4
14:00 - 14:50	PERIOD 4		

SCHOOL FACTS

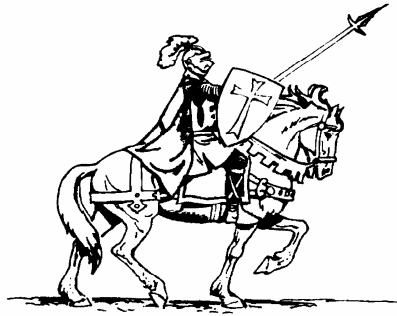
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School Colors: Blue and Gold

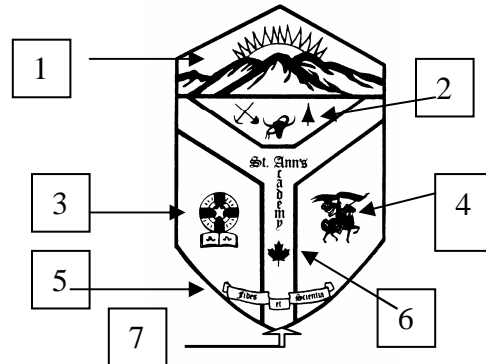
School Motto: Fides et Scientia (Faith and Learning)

Nickname: Crusaders

Logo:



OUR SCHOOL CREST



1. The mountains and sunrise represent BC
2. The three symbols represent industries important to BC and Kamloops, mining, ranching, and forestry.
3. The Congregational crest of the Christian Brothers.
4. The school logo, The Crusader
5. The school motto, Faith and Learning
6. The maple leaf represents Canada
7. The "Y" represents the origins of the name Kamloops – "The meeting of the waters", the North and South Thompson flowing into the Thompson.