



*Welcome and thank you for coming. In planning for our presentation tonight, we took into account the information that some parents provided to us. A large majority of parents wanted to know more about Academic and Recreation Academy programming. The bulk of our presentation will be spent on these topics so we have provided information on other topics in this handout. As always, please do not hesitate to ask questions after our presentation.*

### **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

While substantial completion of the building is predicted to be end of March the most current projection for 100% completion of the school is early to mid-May. We hope to be able to provide access to parents for tours and Open Houses beginning late May or early June.

### **CHILD CARE**

We are pleased to announce that we have entered into an agreement with **SIGIS Child Care Society** to provide full-time and part-time care for children in Kindergarten through Grade Six at Sister Alphonse Academy. Contact SIGIS for more information regarding times and child care prices. (780-460-1024)

### **SCHOOL START & END TIME**

We are currently planning for an 8:30 am start. First bell and entry to the building would occur at approximately 8:20 am. School end time would be at approximately 3:00 pm.

### **REGISTRATION PACKAGES GRADE K – 9**

Registration packages for students in Kindergarten – Grade 9 can be picked up at our District Office (6 St. Vital Avenue, 780-459-7711), Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. You may also download the full Sister Alphonse Academy Kindergarten, Grade 1 – 3, Grade 4 – 6, and Grade 7 - 9 Registration Package by visiting our [school website](#) and clicking on the registration tab. Please return all completed registration packages to District Office, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

### **GRADE 4 – 9 OPTION REGISTRATION**

In order to provide students with more choice and voice in our programming, the registration package includes an **Option Interest Form**. Please ensure that you complete this form with your child because we will use this information to gauge student interest in order to make program choices for our final option menu. Students will officially register via online form for options in late May/early June.

### **SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR**

We are currently considering a number of companies to provide school spirit wear. We will provide more information and samples for sizing of school clothing at our Open Houses later in the spring. It is likely that ordering will be done online directly with the vendor. Clothing will be delivered to the school in late August.

## KINDERGARTEN

Currently we are offering Half Day, Progressive (extra fee), and Full Day Every Day (extra fee) choices for parents. More information regarding these programs can be found in the [Kindergarten registration package](#). We are tentatively planning kindergarten orientation date visits during the last week of June or they may occur in late August.

## SCHOOL BOUNDARY

Our K – 9 boundary serves resident students in the community of Jensen Lakes and parts of Erin Ridge North (residences north of Erin Ridge Road). We welcome inquiries for student enrolment from outside of our school boundary areas, but preference is given to in-boundary resident students. For that reason, we will establish a “waiting list” and confirmation of registration for students outside of our school boundary will happen in May-June. Confirmation is dependent upon a number of variables including space, enrolment, programming requirements, and resources. Please contact school administration for more information.

## TRANSPORTATION/BUSING

All students who live within the boundary of Sister Alphonse Academy and live outside the walk boundary can access busing to SAA. Applications for busing are done online at <http://transportation.gsacrd.ab.ca>. Some students may be able to access busing if they live within the walk boundary or live outside the school attendance boundary. Please call our Transportation Department at 780-459-7711 for more information.

## PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT and SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are very fortunate that the Alberta Government has allocated financial resources for the development of playgrounds for new schools. Sister Alphonse Academy qualifies for the grant which will provide a preliminary lump sum to begin planning. We would like to form a Playground Development Committee very soon so that we can meet with the City of St. Albert and begin plans. The Playground Committee would eventually become a committee of the SAA School Council. **If you are interested in serving on a Playground Development Committee please leave your contact information on the sign up sheet at our Information Night or email Mr. Greg Lamer at [glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca).**

School Council Regulations in the Province of Alberta indicate that only parents who have officially enrolled/registered their children in a school may participate on School Council. It is likely that School Council will be formed in September of 2018.

## SCHOOL FEES

2018/19 School Fees for Sister Alphonse Academy are expected to be finalized soon and approved by June 26, 2018. We do predict basic school fees in the \$75 to \$85 range. At the grade 4 – 9 levels, there may be additional fees for Dynamic and Complimentary Options to support additional costs for special projects and/or off-site activities. Fees for interscholastic sports teams, clubs, and field trips should also be expected throughout the year. Per student **Approved Fee Maximums** will be posted on the District website, following approval by the Board of Trustees.

## STUDENT SUPPLY LISTS

Student Supply lists will be posted on our website later in the spring. At grades 4 – 9 the list contains one robust electronic device that has the following capabilities; keyboard, interactive - flash and java, camera, audio/video recorder and playback, can read PDF files, Wi-Fi enabled, access/use apps (IOS or Android) headphone jack and reasonable battery life. Ex. Chromebook, MacBook, robust tablet