



Update Bulletin #4,

Dear parents/guardians,

GSACRD staff completed the 2017/18 school year with a closing mass on last Friday afternoon. They have worked hard and deserve a rest. While they rest we will continue to plan and organize for the opening of SAA.

Welcome to New Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome three new staff to Sister Alphonse Academy. We are pleased to announce that we have hired Mrs. Janice Manderson to teach music. She currently teaches music at Neil M. Ross but thanks to the cooperation of the administration at NMR her schedule will also allow her to join us at Sister Alphonse Academy next school year. We have heard fabulous things about her and look forward to having her join our team.

Welcome to Mrs. Marie Claude Morin who will be working with Mrs. Despins in a receptionist/secretary position at SAA. Mrs. Morin has just returned from Tunisia where she worked at the Canadian Embassy. Prior to that she worked as a school secretary at Marie Poburan in St. Albert and at a K-9 school in B.C.

Welcome to Ms. Lucille Gamache who will be our Library Tech working two days a week, tentatively on Tuesday and Friday. Ms. Gamache currently works three days a week as a Library Tech at a school in Elk Island School Division.

Equipment and Resources are Arriving

It will be a very busy month of July as we accept furniture, learning resources and equipment deliveries all through the month of July. Today our LTS Department began delivering and installing Short Throw Projectors and Network WIFI Devices for our school.

Option Registration Forms for 4-6 and Junior High

Thanks to all of you that have completed and submitted your child's Option Registration Form. We sent out the forms via email on Thursday, June 28. If you have not submitted your child's

yet, please try to so by Thursday, July 5. Check your email and if you believe that you did not receive the form please contact Mr. Lamer by email at the address below.

Summer Learning

Wondering how to keep the learning going over the summer? Try thinking about this list courtesy of Edutopia - <https://www.edutopia.org/>

Parents can also do a great deal to support their children's summer learning through educational and engaging home-based activities that will help keep them mentally and physically fit, and ready to start the new school year with success. Here are four ways to get started:

1. Read to your children -- or encourage your children to read -- books recommended by their teachers, your local library and online summer reading lists. Sign up for your library's Summer Reading Program, which offers incentives for summertime reading.
2. Visit free local learning resources in your community that are entertaining, educational and close to home, such as libraries, parks, museums, universities and recreation centers.
3. Play fun math and word games that turn everyday household activities into learning opportunities. For example, have your kids add up prices at the grocery store and challenge them to tally up the final bill. When going on drives, ask them to look for certain shapes, colors, letters or words on billboards and signs.
4. Get moving and get healthy. Turn off the TV, computer and video games (or at least put limits on screen time), and keep your kids moving with physical activities that also encourage learning. For example, organize a scavenger hunt that leads them around a local playground, park or museum.

With a little time, planning and creativity, parents can play an important part in making sure that every summer matters in advancing their children's learning, health and well-being.

Bulletins Every Second Week

For about the next six weeks we will issue a bulletin about every two weeks. Don't forget to check the website and to mark down the evening of August 23(Open House) and August 30(Meet Your Child's Teacher/Staff). Hoping you enjoyed an excellent Canada Day weekend!



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