



Update Bulletin #7

Dear parents/guardians,

Yikes!! The summer is quickly moving along but rest assured we will be ready for the start of school in September. We have some exciting news to pass along.

We Have Received Occupancy and are Open for Tours or Visits

We received notification from the City of St. Albert that we have received Occupancy status. This means that although there are still a few items to complete and minor deficiencies to correct we can begin to have parents and students tour the building **starting today**. We have listed tour times for this week. Tour times for the week of August 27 will be posted on the website. **We would ask your cooperation in regards to tour times. This will allow our staff to continue to prepare for the start of the school year.** We would like to thank you all for waiting patiently for this news, we appreciate it!

Monday, August 20

7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 21

10:00 am

12:30 pm

2:30 pm

7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 22

10:00 am

12:30 pm

2:30 pm

7:00 pm

Thursday, August 23

10:00 am

12:30 pm

6:30 – 8:00 pm OPEN HOUSE

Friday, August 24

10:00 am

12:30 pm

2:30 pm

Please arrive at the school 5 minutes before the time. One of our staff will come to the front door and will take you around the building. The tour should be approximately 20 minutes in length. **Don't forget about our Open House on the evening of August 23 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. You may visit anytime between 6:30 and 8:00 during the Open House.**

SAA Office Open – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm beginning Monday, August 20

Our school office will be open to accept registrations beginning Monday, August 20. Tour times for the week of August 20 have been listed above.

Please Visit our Office to Check Registration Information or Update Your Information

Our secretaries Mrs. Despina and Mrs. Morin have asked that all parents stop in at the office or call the school to ensure that all registration documents have been submitted and all paper work has been 100% completed. If you have to update any information please call the school or do that when you stop in. Accurate phone numbers and email addresses are critical for correspondence with parents. Thank you in advance for attending to this important task.

School Organizational Plan

Our tentative organizational plan has been ready to go since the end of June but it could change based upon registrations over the next few weeks. We should have a real good idea by the end of this coming week once people have had an opportunity to tour the building.

Playground and Field Update

Kid Nation has mobilized and has started construction on the south west playground. The City of St. Albert has sodded the field and it's looking pretty good! Final landscaping around our building continues. Safety fencing around our parking lot has been completed and construction fencing has been removed.

Inside Construction

Construction on the inside of the building is almost 100% complete. Over the last two weeks we have had sub-contractor's complete or nearly complete installation of the phone system, sound system in the gymnasium, intercom in the school, classroom sound-field systems and the digital signage system. The LED Media wall for the Gym has been roughed in and will be installed in mid-September when it arrives. Last Friday final connections were made to the school and we now have WIFI and a connection to the Internet.

SAA Spirit Wear Clothing Size Samplers

We do have clothing size samplers available in the school if you would like to drop in and check sizes next week and moving forward. Please do so between the hours that are listed on our school website. Spirit wear clothing purchased now will have delivery at the end of September.

ECS Orientation

All parents that have children in kindergarten were contacted in June about a short orientation visit for your child on Tuesday, August 28. If you have misplaced your child's orientation time please call the school between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm this coming week to confirm your child's time. Please be advised that parents must provide transportation for their child to and from this event.

SAA - School Phone Number

Now that we have a connection to the internet our phone system is online. You may now call the school at **780-809-2996**. Please be patient with us as there is likely to be a few bugs to work out.

Option Selection Form

We have now received nearly all of the Option Selection Forms. Just waiting on four or five more. We will contact those who have not completed the form or we did not receive it in a few days.

ECS Supply List

Just a reminder that the Supply List for ECS is posted on our school website. We are asking for each child to have indoor non-marking shoes, backpack and lunch bag. In addition, it would be wise to send a change of clothes on the first day to be kept at school.

SAA School APP

The SAA App for iOS and android is now available. Just search for “My School Day” on the app store. When you run it, it will guide you through selecting Sister Alphonse Academy- this only needs to be done once. The app will be used to send out news and notifications from our school. In September you will be able to subscribe to homeroom channels and channels for team and club information. Another excellent way to stay connected to our school.

Volunteer Information

We have updated our website to include information for parents or community members to volunteer at the school. All the required forms are there as well. It’s a good idea to get these completed before the start of school so that we can have your help right from the beginning of the year. Click on <https://www.saa.gsacrd.ab.ca/parents/volunteer-information>

Learning Commons Book Delivery - We Need Your Help

On Monday, August 27 about 2500 books will be delivered to the school. They will need to be unpacked and shelved in our Learning Commons on the 28th of August. Many hands make light work! If you could help with this task it would really help out. Please email Mr. Lamer at glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca or call the school and leave your name with our secretary if you can help. We hope to start at about 8:30 am.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer. Looking forward to meeting you all soon.

Sincerely,

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