



## **Bulletin #9**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

The excitement grows and we continue to work very hard to be ready for September 4.

### **Tentative Class Assignments**

Many of our families have now been contacted regarding current class assignments for your children. Please remember that these are tentative and class configurations due to changes in enrolment could occur by September 4 or throughout September. At this time we are planning the following:

K AM - Mrs. Shmyr – Room 1004

Gr. 1 AM – Mrs. Teixiera – Room 1007

Gr. K/1 PM – Mrs. Shmyr – Room 1007

Gr. 2/3 – Mrs. Trenchard – Room 1109

Gr. 4/5 – Mrs. Lobel – Room 1106

Gr. 6 – Mr. Brass - 1105

Gr. 7 – Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs Kleparchuk – Room 1102

### **Opening Grade Configuration 2018/19**

We are very excited to open Sister Alphonse Academy which has been designed as a K-9 school. Due to current enrolment numbers we are currently planning to open the 2018/19 school year with a kindergarten to grade seven configuration. We will continue to monitor and welcome registration enquiries. If you would like to discuss the possibility of grade eight and nine programming please do not hesitate to contact our school.

### **Meet and Greet**

A reminder that our Meet and Greet is scheduled for today Thursday, August 30 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. You will have the opportunity to drop in and meet your child's teacher or teachers. Bring a device and if possible download the ACTIONBOUND APP prior to coming. It will guide the students as they do a scavenger hunt so they can add some pictures. They can also do it with a pencil and a handout. A cold treat will be provided when kids complete their tasks.

### **First Day – September 4**

On the first day of school we would like all students to enter the building VIA the MAIN SCHOOL DOOR. Students will proceed directly to their classroom and wait in their teacher's room for the start of school. Teacher names have been posted on the doors. Once you bring your child to the classroom it is strongly recommended that you wish them well and let them get on with their day once the teachers are ready to begin.

Students who are accessing Before School Care with SIGIS would enter the school at the EAST DOOR of the school near the visitor parking lot. Children will wait in the SIGIS room and then be brought to their classrooms near the start of instruction.

### **Robust Device**

We have had some parents ask us about our recommendations for a Robust Device for your child in grade 4-7. Although we won't recommend specific models or kind of devices we would encourage you to purchase a device that features the following:

- Wireless networking capability (the district provides wireless access in all buildings for students)
- A microphone
- An external keyboard for entering text
- An audio output for earbuds or headphones
- A minimum of 6 hours of use from one battery charge
- A full-functioning, recent Chrome web-browser that will allow access to Google Apps for Education tools and documents.
- A sturdy carrying case that will protect the device
- An integrated camera that takes both still photos and video
- The ability to run Flash software

Chromebooks, iPads, tablets, laptops of various types would have all or nearly all the features listed above.

### **Notification of Sister Alphonse Academy School Council Establishment Meeting**

Please be advised that as per Section 22 of the Alberta School Act, Alberta School Councils Regulation and Administrative Procedure 110 of GSACRD notice is being given of the Establishment Meeting which will occur in the Conference Room of Sister Alphonse Academy on Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and determine the following:

- school council membership
- size of the school council and executive positions
- term of office of each member of the school council
- model of governance to be followed and bylaws for the organization
- preferred decision-making model, including eligibility to vote
- frequency of school council meetings
- election of executive members of the school council

All parents who have children officially enrolled at Sister Alphonse Academy as of September 20, 2018 are eligible to attend. For more information please contact school administration.

### **The Shelves Are Full**

On Tuesday with the help of many enthusiastic parent volunteers, staff and members of ULS we unpacked and shelved all kinds of great books for kids to enjoy. I bet the kids will be excited to choose a book!



### **Spirit Wear Clothing**

We want to remind all parents that ANYTHING BRANDED will deliver your order to the school for “FREE” **if you use the coupon code; WPU** on your order. If you choose to have your clothing delivered to your home you will be charged an \$18 shipping and packaging fee. You are encouraged to call ANYTHING BRANDED if you missed this on your order. 780-732-5003.

A reminder that any clothing that was ordered after August 15 will not be delivered to the school until September 30.

### **Parking and Unloading of Students**

It is paramount for student and staff safety that all visitors to the school drop off and pick up students in the correct areas of our site. The site plan for loading and unloading of passengers has been carefully designed to route traffic safely. All we need is the cooperation of visitors to the school to adhere to the plan.

### **STAFF PARKING**

The Staff at Sister Alphonse Academy will park directly in front of the school along the North Side of the school. Staff should enter the staff parking lot via the northeast entrance. Visitors to the school **MUST NOT ENTER** the staff parking area.

### **BUS LANE - LOADING AND UNLOADING OF STUDENTS**

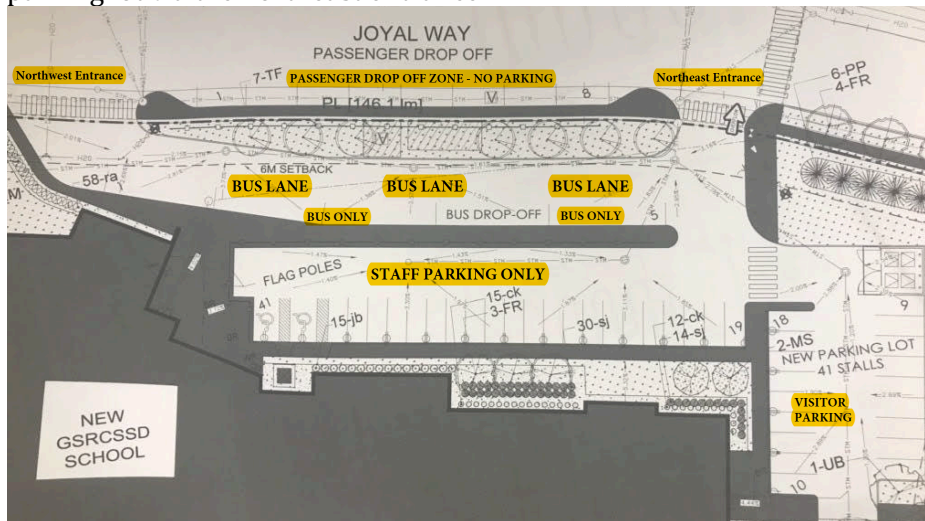
Busses will enter the parking lot via the northwest bus lane. The BUS LANE is reserved for busses between the hours of 8:00 am and 9:00 am and 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm. The bus lane is one way only. Students will board and disembark busses along the sidewalk adjacent to the bus lane.

### STUDENT DROP OFF

A passenger drop-off lane has been created along the north sidewalk in front of the school. This lane is only for dropping off of students. PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED in the drop off zone.

### VISITOR PARKING

A visitor parking lot is found immediately east of the school. Visitors should enter and exit the visitor parking lot via the northeast entrance.



**Take care, see you all soon.**

Sincerely,

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