



Bulletin #1 – Sept. 7/18

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wow, great first week! We have settled into a nice routine and there is much excitement. Thanks for your help with this.

September 10 – 14 Week at a Glance

Sept. 12

-Spirit Week Activities Begin

Sept. 13

-Spirit Week Activities Continued

-SAA Formal/Spirit Wear – Have your child wear their SAA clothing or have them dress in blue or green.

Sept. 14

-**NO SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN** – A reminder that there are no classes for students in Kindergarten on Friday September 14.

-Spirit Week Activities Continued

Mark Your Calendar – Picture Day September 26

Icon will be here on Wednesday, September 26 to do individual school photos. More information will be coming later in September.

SAA Spirit Week Activities

Beginning on Wednesday we will start with a number of school wide activities that will culminate in the choosing of a school name for our interscholastic teams.

Volleyball

Mrs. McKinnon and Mrs. Trenchard are looking for students in grade 6 or 7 who might be interested in playing Volleyball. Students are asked to sign up on Monday. Practices will start next week and will likely occur on Monday and Wednesday after school. Talk to your child about this opportunity.

Running Club

Mrs. Lobel and Mrs. McKinnon have invited children in grade three to seven to participate in running club once or twice a week at lunch. Talk to your child about this opportunity.

Absence Reporting – SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM

Please be advised that our District uses the SAFE ARRIVAL absence reporting system. Over the summer our District has upgraded the Safe Arrival absence reporting process to support families in having their children arrive safely to school. This absence reporting system will allow the school to verify student attendance, and quickly notify parents and guardians of absences that were unexpected or unplanned.

Report your child's absence in advance with 3 convenient methods:

1. On a mobile device, install the District App (search "Greater St. Albert Schools" in the Apple App or Google Play stores). Select SafeArrival - Attendance - Report an Absence. (Please note, to sign up for the new School Messenger SafeArrival it is best to use a computer)
2. On the SAA website select REPORT ABSENCES or SafeArrival website, go.schoolmessenger.ca. Sign Up to create your account, then select Attendance followed by Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-844-502-5100 to report an absence using the toll-free system.

What happens if I do not report my child(s) absence?

If your student is marked absent and it is not explained in advance, the SafeArrival system will send notifications by automated phone call, text message, email, or mobile app push notification to get a reason for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up. Calls and contacts will continue until you choose an option to explain the absence.

Begin using the system September 4, 2018

Reminder – No Peanut or Nut Products

Currently we have a few children and one staff member who have severe allergies to peanuts and nut products. Please be sure not to send these products or food containing nuts to school. Remember, any child at any time can become allergic to these foods.

Indoor Recess Will Continue for a Few More Days

We had hoped that all landscaping would be completed this week but it appears we will have a couple more days of indoor recess. The tentative date for inspection of the playground is this Tuesday afternoon. The playground cannot be used while there is construction/landscaping being completed around it. Oh well a few more days, the kids are enjoying the new gymnasium.

Expect a Call

You should receive a call from your child's homeroom teacher sometime during the next two weeks. The purpose of this call is to check in and discuss briefly how things are going.

Special Guests

Last Thursday afternoon the Minister of Education and MLA Trevor Horne made a short visit to our school. They were joined by our Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services and some of our Trustees. We were proud to show them around our new school.

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.

Formal/Spirit Wear Days

We are hoping that you will consider purchasing SAA Spirit wear for your children. If you choose not to do this we would ask that you consider having your child(ren) wear blue or green on our Formal/Spirit Wear Days. Generally, this is every Thursday during the school year but check our calendar for dates.

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.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Greg Lamer
Principal

Lisa Kleparchuk
Vice Principal



