

SAA Bulletin # 4 Friday, September 28

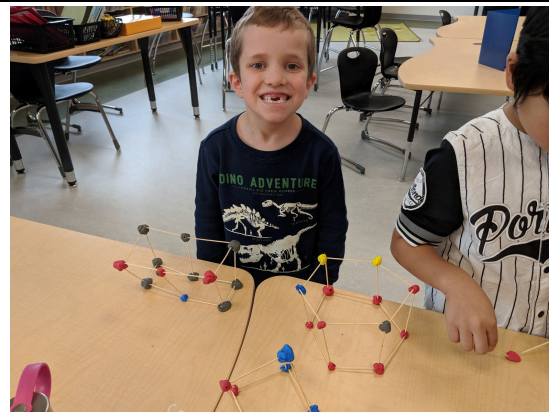
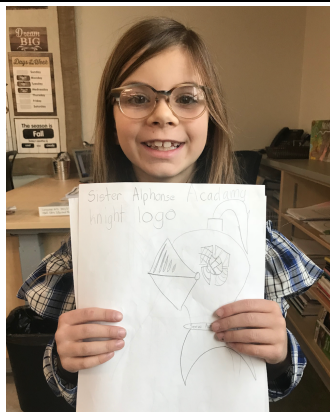
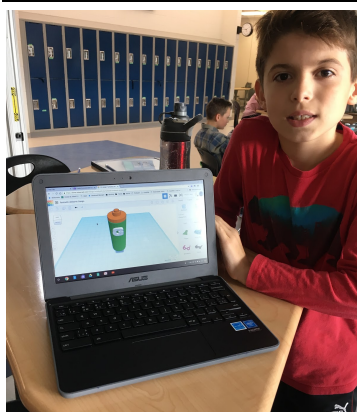
Take a look at some of the learning that took place in our school this week!

Students at Sister Alphonse Academy SERVE!



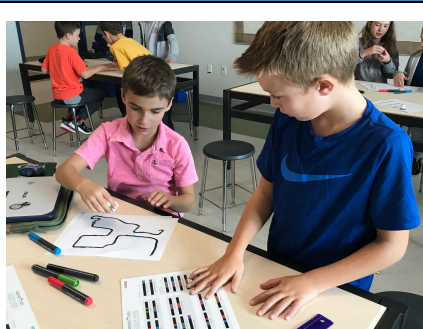
We serve by running for Terry, friends and family affected by cancer and offering our talents at liturgies.

Students at Sister Alphonse Academy are CREATIVE!



Design students create use Tinkercad 3D software, others design ideas for our Knight Logo and still more use sticks and plasticine in math to create 3D shapes.

Students at Sister Alphonse Academy are COLLABORATORS and CRITICAL THINKERS!



Kindergarten students work together to make applesauce during kinder-cooking. Students demonstrate geographical thinking skills by coding Ozobot through student created maps.

School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! Oct. 1-5

Monday (1)

Read in Week Oct. 1-5

Check to see if pictures from ICON are available online for viewing and purchase - iconexp.com

Check Children's Backpack for October Hot Lunch Order Form and other Hard Copy Correspondence

Tuesday (2)	
Wednesday (3)	
Thursday (4)	
Friday (5)	SAA Thanksgiving Liturgy - 9:45 am - parents and friends of SAA welcome! NO SCHOOL - KINDERGARTEN SAA Spirit Wear Day - Have your child wear their SAA Spirit Wear or Blue and/or Green clothing

A Great Start!

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of many, many people we are excited to say we have completed our first month at Sister Alphonse Academy. As of September 28 we have 97 students enrolled from K -7 along with 13 staff. Things are running smoothly and our kids have been great. However, there are a few bugs to work out, items to fully complete and new procedures to develop, it's a work in progress! Thanks to all our parents for your support and trust with your children. It has been a marvelous start and we are excited for the future.

SAA School Council is Established!

We are very pleased to inform our school community that we have officially created the Sister Alphonse Academy School Council at the Establishment Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 20. Mrs. Angela Dejong of the Alberta School Council Association chaired The Establishment Meeting which has provided the framework for the SAA School Council by coming to consensus on the following agenda items:

- The model of governance shall be TOWN HALL (all parents who have children enrolled at SAA are members of the SAA School Council)
- The Executive of School Council shall be comprised of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. All executive positions shall be term positions of one year.
- We are pleased to announce that the following parents have volunteered and were acclaimed: Chairperson - Mr. Chris Turner, Vice Chairperson - Mrs. Karla Bergstrom, Secretary - Mrs. Gillian Bourgeois.

We are so grateful to these parents for stepping forward to lead our School Council this year. We are also very grateful and would like to give a big thank you to all the parents who were at the meeting and worked together collaboratively to establish our SAA School Council. Our next School Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 pm. All parents are welcome! Look for an agenda with next week's bulletin. For more information about School Council and parent resources and information check out our parent information found on our website [link](#).

Mark Your Calendar - Christmas Concert

Be sure to circle Wednesday, December 12. This will be the night of our SAA Christmas Concert that will be held in our school gymnasium. It will be here before you know it!

Playground B Update

Last Wednesday the construction related to Playground B was completed. All that remains is the final landscaping to be completed immediately around the play area and the final inspection by the City of St. Albert. We are hopeful that this will all take place sometime during the upcoming week. If it does, kids will have another great place to play and our parents should have the visitor parking space back!

Individual Student Pictures

ICON has informed us that individual pictures will be available for viewing and purchase today, September 28 on iconexp.com. **A reminder that parents must place an order by October 8, 2018 in order to receive free delivery.** Orders placed after this date will incur a delivery charge of \$4.95. If your child did not bring the ONLINE CODE SHEET home please call 780-449-3558 and they will be able to help you access your photos. All orders (digital downloads excluded) over \$75.00 will receive a 15% discount. To receive this discount all your children's portraits must be placed together in one order. When you complete the first order choose the button that says change gallery and enter your next child's online code.

Upcoming Scholastic Book Fair!

Sister Alphonse Academy's first ever Scholastic Book Fair is coming October 15-18! Show your support for our library by getting the latest books from Scholastics. The shopping hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with an after-school sale on October 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our enchanted Book Fair!

Volunteers Needed For The Book Fair

Would you like to help with the upcoming October book fair? We would greatly appreciate a few volunteers for tasks such as:

- Setting up the fair on the 15th, starting at 8:30 a.m..
- Handling cash during the fair on the 17th and 18th .

If you would like to help with any of these tasks, then please contact Ms. Gamache in the library(lgamache@gsacrd.ab.ca). Thank you for your support.

SAA Web Calendar

Our website calendar is back up and running. We have migrated our website calendar to a Google Calendar. Thus if you currently use a Google Calendar you may add our school calendar to your own calendar.

SAA School App

We now have 56 subscribers to notifications and news from our School App. Many parents are finding that it is handy. Here are the directions again to download our School App to your apple or android device. 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.

2018/19 School Fees

We now have our school fees posted on our website and listed in School Cash Online. Please pay your school fees by October 30. We are hoping you will consider doing it online via School Cash but we will also accept a cheque made out to Sister Alphonse Academy. Thanks to many of you who have completed this task!

Gr. 7 Parent Access to Powerschool

Thanks for your patience, we will be able to give you access to Powerschool Marks but it looks like it will not be able to do this until about the middle of October. We will let you know as soon as this is organized.

Hot Lunch Forms

Check your child's backpack on Monday in regards to placing orders for our Hot Lunch Days in October. More information will be coming.

Emergency Procedures

We have now completed a total of four Evacuation Drills, three that were school initiated and one supervised/initiated by the City of St. Albert Fire Department. We have also completed one On Alert and one Lock Down Drill.

September 30 Spirit Wear Orders

We have been informed that all spirit wear clothing will be delivered to the school early this week.

Bus Regulations

We have been asked to notify all parents of the following school bus regulation. This would be applicable to all students on Field Trips and other school events as well as for students who ride the bus to and from school.

Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation Violation is being enforced around the province of Alberta. The Fine for a violation of section 29 is \$310.00. As per the Provincial Offence Procedures Act of Alberta, Section 29 is directed to the offender if the offender is 16 year old or older. If the offender is under the age of 16, then the violation ticket would be issued to the person responsible for the child at the time of the offence.

Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation

STANDING, ETC. IN SCHOOL BUS

29 When a school bus is used for a purpose under section 19, no person shall

- a) stand in the school bus
- b) get up from that person's seat in the school bus or
- c) embark onto or disembark from the school bus while the bus is in motion

