

Students at Sister Alphonse Academy SERVE!

Students from each class took time to chop, mix, cook, bake and finally serve our Harvest Lunch!



Students at Sister Alphonse Academy WELCOME AND LEARN FROM COMMUNITY VISITORS!



An expert beekeeper came to share his knowledge and several parents came to read with students!

Students at Sister Alphonse Academy CELEBRATE TOGETHER!



Our kids were very thankful for the completion of Playground B! Students, staff, parents and Father Wladek of St. Albert Parish gathered to give thanks to God for our many blessings during our Thanksgiving Liturgy.

School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! October 8 -12

Monday (8)	No School All - Happy Thanksgiving Day!
Tuesday (9)	No School All - ATA Institute and Staff Professional Development Day
Wednesday (10)	October School Council Mtg - Conference Room B @ 6:30 pm - All parents welcome!

Thursday (11)	SAA Spirit Wear Day - Have your child wear their SAA Spirit Wear or blue and/or green clothing
Friday (12)	Student Leadership Team attends We Day in Edmonton

Congratulations Mrs. Trenchard - On Wednesday our District gathered for our Long Service Awards. We would like to congratulate Mrs. Nadine Trenchard who received an award for 15 years of service to the students, staff and parents of our District. Mrs. Trenchard is a passionate, dedicated teacher and we are so lucky to have her here at SAA!

Playground B is Complete

The landscaping around our building and construction of Playground A and B are now complete. We would like to give a big thanks to our Playground Committee that worked very hard so that our kids could have a playground when the school opened, it was a big task but they achieved their goal. Huge thanks also goes to: Mrs. Donna Hinchey and Mr. Dean McMullan of the Community Recreation Department at the City of St. Albert and to Mr. Ron Gamache and Mr. Neil Roberts of the Operations and Maintenance Department of GSACRD. Without their support and guidance we would not have been able to do it.

Entry and Exit to the Building

Now that landscaping and construction are complete around our building we will change our entry and exit to the building for students. This will all begin on Wednesday, October 10.

K and 1 - Main Door

½ - East Door

4-7 - South Door

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 sales 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.

School Wide Global Read Aloud

Our school is one of thousands of schools across the world that is part of a Global Read Aloud. Our students will be reading books that will be read by over 1.2 million kids all around the world. Interestingly, the chosen books all have the same theme of "Empathy for Others". Students will use this book study to deepen their understanding of responding, understanding, critiquing and producing text. We'll also challenge their thinking about welcoming others and accepting differences. Check out [the GLOBAL READ ALOUD 2018](http://theGLOBALREADALOUD2018.com) website if you are interested in learning more! Our school will also be supporting the **Immigration and Settlement Service** with Catholic Social Services this year.

Read - in - Week

Thanks so much to the many parents and special guests who participated in our Read-in-Week. We appreciate your time and support! We would also like to thanks Mrs. Teixeira for organizing the week.

No School October 9 ALL - ATA Professional Development Institute Day

A reminder that students do not have classes on Tuesday, October 9. Our staff will be involved in Professional Development activities around our School District. In the afternoon we will gather at SAA to continue planning our school wide Global Read Aloud and continue school wide concept planning.

Thanksgiving Food Bank Challenge

Just a reminder that we will continue to collect food donations for the St. Albert Food Bank until Friday, October 12. Currently the grade ½ class has the lead in the points challenge!

Morning Kindergarten Pickup

Due to some scheduling changes within our school we must ensure that all ECS students are picked up by parents no later than 11:26 am. Please ensure that you arrive at school to pick your child up by 11:20 am.

Individual Student Pictures

Individual pictures are available for viewing and purchase. **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.

Terry Fox Run

Thank you for your generous support of the Terry Fox Run at Sister Alphonse Academy. A cheque in the amount of \$167.35 will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Volleyball Update

Our Knights have participated in one tournament in Morinville and are now playing games with other schools in St. Albert and area. The team is made up with students in grade six and seven. We are grateful to the coaching staff of Mrs. Trenchard, Mrs. McKinnon and Mrs. Teixeira for leading the Knights.

Graphic Designers?

Do we have any parents who are Graphic Designers? We would like to take some of the students that submitted ideas for our Knights Logo work with a Graphic Designer to design our Knights logo. If you work in the Graphic Design field or know somebody who would be willing to volunteer to work with a few students through a design process please have them call our school.

2018/19 School Fees

A gentle reminder to 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 more of you who have completed this task!

Hot Lunch - Turkey Dinner

A big thank you to our staff and to all our students who helped prepare the first hot lunch at our school. What a meal! We think the kids thought it was extra special because they helped with the preparation. **The next hot lunch is on October 18. Orders must be paid online by October 11. Mr. Sub is our provider.**

Spirit Wear Clothing Order

Unfortunately we have not received the September 30 order as of 2:00 pm on Friday, October 5. We have spoken to the vendor twice during the week and expressed our concern and disappointment with the delays in delivery. We appreciate your patience.

Happy Thanksgiving!

From all the staff here at Sister Alphonse Academy. We give thanks for the wonderful children and support you have given us. We are thankful for a great first month in our school. Wishing your family a Happy Thanksgiving weekend!

PARENT and PARISH

October School Council Agenda

The Agenda for monthly School Council Meetings can be found on our school website under the Parents TAB. In addition we will provide a link to access the agenda for monthly meetings on the weekly bulletin that precedes the next meeting. For the agenda to the October School Council Meeting on Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 pm click on the following [agenda link](#). All parents are welcome.

Community News and Programs

Click on this [link](#) to access news, programs, workshops and events in our community that are passed on to our school.

St. Albert Parish Children's Choir Opportunity

St. Albert Parish Church is trying to form a children's choir for the 11:00 am mass on October 14. Students from SAA will be invited to participate and join when the Parish visits this Wednesday. Information regarding the Choir will be given to interested children at that time.

