

Students at Sister Alphonse Academy PLAY!



Students in 2/3 use dice and card games to reinforce addition skills!

Students at Sister Alphonse Academy SHOW SCHOOL SPIRIT. (we have spirit, yes we do!)



Students wear their SAA spirit wear to school on Thursdays to show school spirit! Looking sharp!

Students at Sister Alphonse Academy are COLLABORATORS!



Students work together to build snowmen and create beautiful music together!

School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! October 15 - 19

Monday (15)	Book Fair Setup 8:00 am to 9:00 am Book Fair Sale - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Snack Shack Opens
Tuesday (16)	Book Fair Sale - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm After School Book Fair Sale - 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Wednesday (17)	Book Fair Sale - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thursday (18)	SAA Spirit Wear Day - Have your child wear their SAA Spirit Wear or blue and/or green clothing Hot Lunch Day - Mr. Sub(all orders had to be placed by Oct. 12) Last Day of Book Fair - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday (19)	NO SCHOOL - KINDERGARTEN EARLY DISMISSAL Gr. 1-7@ 11:45 am(NO SCHOOL ALL PM)
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Upcoming Scholastic Book Fair!

Sister Alphonse Academy's first ever Scholastic Book Fair is this coming week!! 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. Monday - Thursday, with an **after-school sale on Tuesday, 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! Any proceeds from our Book fair will be go towards purchases of more books and equipment for our Learning Commons.

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.

Get the Mits, Snow Pants, Toques, Gloves and Winter Footwear Out

Just a reminder that the kids are enjoying their time outside but they enjoy it even more when they are properly dressed. It's a good idea to have an extra pair of pants and socks at school. Even on days where it looks like nice please throw these items in the backpack.

Snack Shack Opens Monday, Oct. 15

Our grade seven students will be given the opportunity to participate in the operation and managing of a Snack Shack. The Snack Shack will be open from 12:08 to 12:30 daily. Items available range from .50 cents to \$2. Items such as jello cups, veggie and dip, pepperoni and cheese sticks, cookies, etc. ***This is not a substitution for a student bringing lunch*** and cannot be depended on to provide lunch for a student. Items are limited and may not be available on a daily basis. This is only a supplement to a students lunch and snack. Cash only or parents may choose to purchase a Snack Shack Cash Card on School Cash Online. The milk program will also start on Monday. Students can purchase milk for .80 cents or parents can purchase milk tickets online on School Cash.

Early Dismissal Reminder

All students in grade 1 -7 will be dismissed at 11:45 am on Friday, Oct. 19. The pm bus will depart the school at approximately 11:55 am on this day. Staff will have their regular monthly staff meeting during the afternoon. ***Students in kindergarten have NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 19.***

PowerSchool Login Information for Parents of Students in Grade 7

All parents that have children registered in grade seven should check their child's backpack on Monday evening for information on how to set up an account in Powerschool. By creating an account parents will be able to monitor achievement and attendance. You will also have the option to receive regular updates. Please call the school Tuesday if you require help in setting up your account or your login information did not make it home. Our home page will have a link to the Powerschool Login Portal or you can click on the [Powerschool Login Link](#).

Clothing Orders

Some of you may not have received the cardigan sweaters or other clothing items that you ordered and were told they have been backordered. We received word today that Anything Branded has been notified that these will be shipped to them at the end of next week. Once they receive them they will have them screened and sent out asap. Thanks for supporting our Spirit Wear initiative it was great to see so many students wearing SAA gear and/or the blue and green this past week!

New Plan - Morning Entry Door and After School Exit Door

Opening a new school involves some tentative plans, trying them out and then making adjustments. We have decided that we would like to change our entry and exit plans starting on Monday.

K,1 and 7 - **Main Door**

2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 - **East Door**(next to Playground B and the visitor parking lot)

Thanks for your cooperation.

Global Read Aloud

Last week we told you a little about our whole school Global Read Aloud. Over the next coming weeks students will be reading stories related to refugees at their levels. The theme is around "Empathy for Others". Our kids will be exploring this question - ***How can we be welcoming to others and accepting of our God given differences?*** Our kids will be asked to ponder this question as they read and have discussions in class and around the school. Eventually they will be given choices in how they can respond to this and we are hopeful that students may make some recommendations for actions both in our school and the world. In a week or two ask your children about this question, find out what they are thinking and have some dialogue about that at home. It makes the learning more authentic and real if there is application at home and in our community.

PARENT and PARISH

October School Council Meeting Summary

We completed all of the agenda items at our October Council meeting within our 1.5 hr time frame. We approved the minutes related to our Establishment Meeting on September 20. We reviewed the Roles and Responsibilities of School Council and then we approved our bylaws/operating procedures, rules of order and format for the recording of minutes. Mr. Lamer included a report that gave a break down of student numbers and staff as well as past and future events at SAA. We approved the meeting dates for the remainder of the school year and then discussed some possible future agenda items which included:

- Committee possibilities
- Formation of Fundraising Society
- Social Media possibilities
- Room Reps
- Alberta School Council Workshops
- Google Classroom workshops and other topics of interest

We received an update and report from Mrs. Turner who is the Chairperson of the SAA Playground Committee. We thanked her and the committee for their hard work in making the playground a reality for our kids. One task remains related to the playground which is the planning of a Grand Opening event.

Just a reminder that we will always include the agenda for the next meeting with the weekly bulletin that precedes the meeting. Agendas and approved minutes along with council dates and other council news can be accessed by clicking on the [Council Link](#). ***The next School Council meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 12.***

SAP Parish News

Did you know that St. Albert Parish posts a weekly bulletin that contains information related to weekend masses and events in the parish for the week? Click on the [Parish Link](#) to access the weekly bulletin for St. Albert Catholic Parish.