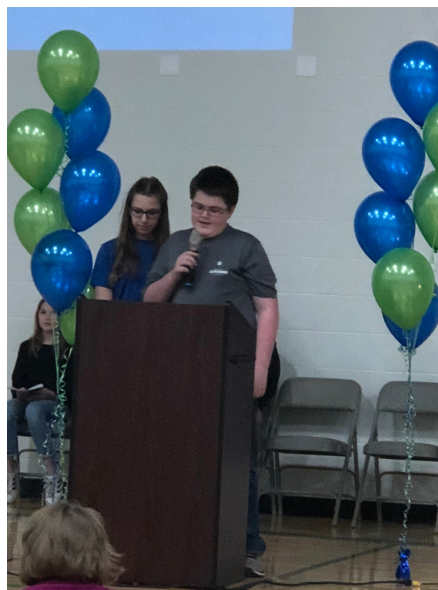


SAA Bulletin # 8 Friday, Oct. 26

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

Students and Special Guests Celebrate the Grand Opening of Sister Alphonse Academy !



After the ribbon cutting we all cheered!

Our two MC's did a great job!



Representatives of the Grey Nuns helped us celebrate and brought us some special gifts to honor the legacy of Sister Alphonse.



Our grade six class played while all students sang Walk With Me.

Archbishop Smith Blessed our school and every classroom.

Monday (29)	<i>Gr. 2-3-4 attends Green School - Leave at 8:35 am - Return at 2:50 pm.</i>
Tuesday (30)	<i>Gr. 2-3-4 attends Green School - Leave at 8:35 am - Return at 2:50 pm.</i>
Wednesday (31)	<i>Gr. 2-3-4 attends Green School - Leave at 8:35 am - Return at 2:50 pm. Students may wear a costume. Kids attending Green School should only wear orange and black clothing.</i>
Thursday (1)	<i>Gr. 2-3-4 attends Green School - Leave at 8:35 am - Return at 2:50 pm. SAA Spirit Wear Day - Have your child wear their SAA Spirit Wear or blue and/or green clothing</i>
Friday (2)	<i>Gr. 2-3-4 attends Green School - Leave at 8:35 am - Return at 2:50 pm.</i>
Saturday(3)	<i>Catholic Education Mass @ 5:00 pm St. Albert Parish</i>

2018/19 School Fees

We still have a few families that have not paid school fees. 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 all those who have completed this task!

Other Fees - Field Trips, Options, Etc.

Please be aware that parents will receive notification and an invoice for all outstanding fees related to Dynamic Options, Field Trips and other special classroom projects with your child's Report Card in November, March and then a separate invoice in early June. We do this so that parents do not have to pay a number of times. It's kind of like the bill you receive after the holiday is complete. Some of you may have little or no charges, some may have a little more depending upon options selected or field trips, activities during that time of the year. The only times where you will be asked to pay as we go are for snack shack cards, milk tickets and larger events such as swimming or camp. As indicated above the first invoices will go out in a few weeks with your child's Report Card. We are hoping you will consider paying online via School Cash but we will also accept a cheque made out to Sister Alphonse Academy.

Authentic Learning Activities

A key ingredient in providing activities that promote Deep Learning is to try and plan learning activities that are Authentic. Authentic Learning Activities allow students to explore, discuss and meaningfully construct concepts and relationships in contexts that involve real-world problems and projects that become relevant to the learner. It also endeavours to put children in environments that are real-world. Thus, you might plan opportunities for students to be able to see and touch butterflies and visit the environment of the butterfly to help make the learning become more meaningful. You might have children dig in the dirt to discover the insects that are found there and then have them begin to explore and discuss questions that they ask about what they discover. You might challenge students to prepare nutritious fruit smoothies and then have an opportunity to share their learning and receive feedback from other people on their product. These activities help the learning to be more Authentic and perhaps more engaging and fun.

Halloween

Our staff will allow students to wear a costume on Halloween but we do ask your cooperation with a number of items related to do this. We cannot allow any costumes that would have props such as toy guns, knives, etc. These items are not permitted at school. Masks are usually very difficult to manage for young children. Makeup is usually the best. All costumes must meet our School Dress Code requirements that can be found in our School Handbook which is located on our website. If you prefer not to send your child with a costume that is fine as well. We would encourage a child to wear orange and black colors instead. All of our students in grade two, three and four will be attending Green School on this day so they **should not be wearing a costume**. Orange and/or black clothing along with other gear(outlined in the permission forms) for Green School would be worn.

Treats after Halloween

A reminder, please do not send any treats to school after Halloween that have peanut or nut products in them. Also, could you please limit your children to one or two treats per day? Thank you for your cooperation.

Green School

A reminder to parents of children in grades two, three and four. Your child(ren) will be attending Green School Monday - Friday this week. Green School is located at the U of A Botanic Gardens located just north and west of Devon. Students will be leaving the school right after announcements and returning to the school prior to the dismissal bell. It will be very important that your child arrives on time for school and that they have everything outlined in their permission letter with them for this amazing learning adventure. We can't wait to read all about it in their student journals the following week.

Grand Opening

We would like to thank all the parents who joined us for our Grand Opening Celebration on Tuesday. Please be advised that all children received a small memento that was prepared by some of our SAA staff to mark this special event. It's a nice keepsake ornament that the students have put their name and year on. In early December they will bring them home and they can be added to your Christmas Tree or another special place.

CBC Music Challenge - From Mrs. Manderson

Last month a friend of mine thought that I might be interested in a wonderful musical opportunity. I am very excited to announce to you that I have entered all the students from K-6 in the 2018 CBC Music Class Challenge. This challenge celebrates Canadian Music in the classroom as well as it promotes the passion that teachers and students have for music. We can have fun with music while at the same time realize the importance music has in our lives. I have entered the vocal category for our students and from a pre-approved list of songs. The K-3 classes will perform, "Must Be Santa" by Raffi. The Grade 4-6 classes will perform, "What I Wouldn't Do" by Serena Ryder with the chorus of "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen. A big thank you goes out to Mr. Brass who is volunteering to video tape our performances for us. We will videotape our songs on Wednesday, November 7th. On Tuesday, December 11, the top ten in each category will be announced. Then on Tuesday, December 18th the winners are announced. We have three chances of winning \$5,000 in musical instruments for our school because we have two entries in the vocal category and one for the music class showing the most passion performing their song. Lastly, a big thank you goes out to the entire staff at Sister Alphonse Academy for supporting me in this exciting adventure and to you the parents and guardians of these incredibly gifted students! Serve, Achieve, Aspire! For more information on this wonderful opportunity you can go to the following link:

<https://www.cbcmusic.ca/musicclass>

Book of Remembrance

November 2 is the Feast Day of All Souls. On All Souls' Day we remember those who have died, particularly family members and friends. We may pray that the souls of these loved ones rest in peace in heaven with God our Father. You are encouraged to have your children bring in the names of deceased loved ones which will be added to our Book of Remembrance all during the week. This book will be displayed on our Prayer Table as you enter the school.

Catholic Education Sunday Nov. 3 and 4

Every November, typically on the first weekend of the month, we celebrate Catholic Education Sunday in Alberta. In keeping with the theme for this year's Synod of Bishops: Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, the theme for this Catholic Education Sunday is ***Rejoice and Be Glad***.

We recognize Catholic education as a gift – a gift that we treasure and protect. On Catholic Education Sunday, we acknowledge the value and blessing of our Catholic schools and give thanks for the faith-based education they offer. Here in Alberta, unlike some other provinces, we are especially blessed to have publicly-funded Catholic education, which benefits us in many ways, including:

- Our children and school staff have the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and the Church that Christ instituted.
- We enjoy the freedom and the benefit of prayer. In liturgical celebrations at school and in the church, our students and staff express and celebrate their faith.
- In every subject and in all aspects of school life, we freely apply and connect our faith. Faith is integrated or permeated in all we do whether it be science or Language Arts, Christmas concerts and especially in our interactions and relationships with students.
- Finally, in Catholic schools we have the opportunity to *inform* our young people in the faith and to help *form* them in the moral or Christian life.

In a letter to all parishes and schools, the Alberta bishops recognize that parents, in the context of the family, are the primary educators of their children in matters of faith, with the parish and the school taking a supporting role. We – all of us – are challenged by the emerging values of the 'popular culture' including relativism, individualism, secularism, and consumerism. However, we draw strength from the Holy Family of Nazareth as we strive to hand on the faith to our young people who in turn transform the world by being Christ for others.

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools is honored, and proud to serve the students and families of Legal, Morinville, St. Albert and Nampa in providing a welcoming, Christ centered learning community. ***Staff from Sister Alphonse Academy and St. Albert Catholic High School will be involved in some of the ministries at the 5:00 pm on Saturday, November 3 at St. Albert Parish Church.. We hope that your family can join us and share in the celebration of Catholic education.***

Lunch Supervisor Position

Please be advised that we now have an open Lunch Supervisor Position at Sister Alphonse Academy. The position involves daily supervision during the eating portion of the lunch break and the outside portion of the lunch break. The ideal candidate would have the following qualities, skills and certification

- Experience and or training working with children of a variety of ages.
- Standard First Aid Training
- Current Criminal Record and Child Welfare Check
- Ability to effectively work and collaborate with other team members in the school
- Physically able to manage the rigors of outside supervision including being able to climb some play structures

The position runs from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm on school days. The rate of pay is \$23.46 per hour. If you are interested in this position please call or email Mr. Lamer(glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca) or Mrs. Kleparchuk(lkleparchuk@gsacrd.ab.ca) as soon as possible. The position begins as soon as a suitable candidate can be found and hired. Also, if you are interested in being on a list of subs on the occasion that a Lunch Supervisor is unable to complete their duties please call or email as well.

School Council News

The next meeting of School Council is on Wednesday, November 12 @6:30 pm.

SAP Parish News

Click on the [Parish Link](#) to access the weekly bulletin for St. Albert Catholic Parish. St. Albert Parish is looking forward to celebrating mass with our GSACRD families on November 3 or 4th.

All Saints Party for St. Albert Parish Youth and Holy Family Parish Youth on Oct. 30th!

Ain't no party like an All Saints Halloween Party! We are so excited to team up with Holy Family Parish Youth to present a super fun evening of fellowship to celebrate All Saints and Halloween! What better way to make new friends and have a blast doing it than to PAAAAAARTY! We will have games, relays, trivia, dancing, food, prizes and more! Come dressed up as your favourite Saint (optional)! THIS IS A FREE EVENT! Gr. 4 - 12 welcome! Don't miss the action and fun in the St. Albert Parish Hall! We'll gather for 7pm and wrap up by 9pm.

St. Albert Parish Youth

Our monthly youth group night has kicked off and was a super SAPY success! The next M.A.P night is on **Nov. 13th**. Remember that anyone Gr. 4 - 12 are welcome! We meet in the Lacombe Room (*Children's liturgy room in the Parish Hall*) from 6:30 – 8pm. We hope our SAPY people will join us for these great evenings to have some fun while navigating our journey of faith in this parish community. Feel free to contact Anne-Marie for more information.



Zachary S. in kindergarten was the first student to officially register at SAA. He represented all students now and in the future by cutting the ribbon with the Honourable David Eggen, Minister of Education. Along with David and Zachary are members of the Grey Nuns, Mr. David Keohane - Superintendent of Schools, Archbishop Richard Smith, Mr. Trevor Horne MLA Spruce Grove/St. Albert, Mrs. Jacquie Hansen - Acting Deputy Mayor of St. Albert, Mr. Joe Becigneul - Chairperson of Greater St. Albert Catholic School Board and Mr. Greg Lamer - Principal of Sister Alphonse Academy.