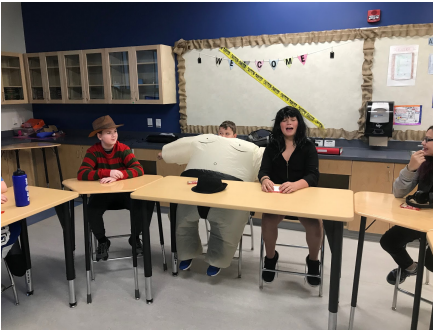


We Have Spirit Yes We Do!



HOLY COW (Green School Acronym for Create, Observe and Wonder) Authentic Learning Opportunities for Grade 2, 3 and 4. Inquiry has students propose questions and then with the support of teachers and other students find answers that lead to more questions!



Monday (5)	Gr. 3/4 Swimming Lesson at Fountain Park Pool(10:45 - 11:30 am) - Have your child bring their swimming gear and towel.
Tuesday (6)	
Wednesday (7)	
Thursday (8)	-Lest We Forget - Remembrance Day Ceremony @9:45 am -Hot Lunch - Edo Japan(Orders had to be submitted as of Oct. 30/18) NO SNACK SHACK - SAA Spirit Wear Day - Have your child wear their SAA Spirit Wear or Blue and/or Green clothing. Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides are all welcome and encouraged to wear their uniforms.
Friday (9)	No School All - Staff Meeting PD Day Online Parent/Teacher Interview Booking Begins - 8:00 am. Use the School Interview Link to book an appointment.

Reminder - 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 mass 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 and if you can we would encourage your children to wear their Spirit Wear to the mass.**

Grade 3/4 Swimming Lessons

A reminder to parents who have children in Mrs. Trenchard's Grade 3/4. Starting Monday, November 5 and continuing Nov. 19, 26, December 3 and 10. Students will be transported to and from Fountain Park Pool via St. Albert Taxi Van.

Silver Collection for Poppy

Teachers will be taking donations(consider a loonie or some change) for a Poppy from the legion. We will pass out the poppies just prior to our remembrance Day ceremony. Your child can bring in a donation anytime during the week.

Remembrance Day Ceremony and Liturgy of the Word

Please join us on Thursday, November 8 at 9:45 am for our Remembrance Day Ceremony and Liturgy of the Word. Our grade six class will be leading our Ceremony. We would ask all children who are a member of the Brownies, Cubs, Scouts or Guides to wear their uniforms. **If you are currently a member of the Canadian Armed Services we invite you to contact the school and be a part of our Ceremony.**

No School All - PD/Staff Meeting Day

On Friday, Nov. 9 there will be no school for all students K - 7. Our staff will be involved in District wide PD activities throughout the morning. In the afternoon we will have our regular monthly staff meeting.

School Closed - Monday, Nov. 12

Just a reminder that our school will be closed and there will be no classes K- 7 on Monday, Nov. 12 due to Remembrance Day on Sunday.

Thursday, Nov. 8 - Hot Lunch Day - Edo Japan

If you ordered hot lunch for your children you don't have to prepare a lunch on Thursday, Nov. 8. A reminder that the **SNACK SHACK will not be open on this day.**

2018/19 School Fees

Thanks to 95% of families who have paid their school fees for the 2018/19 school year by October 30/18. We appreciate that you have looked after this important task. If you have not yet completed this task we would ask that you do it ASAP. Thanks for your cooperation.

Term 1 Report Cards

Report Cards for students in grade one to six **will be issued on Friday, Nov. 16.** Kindergarten students do not receive a Report Card in the first term. Students in grade seven will not receive a printed Report Card. Parents of students in grade seven have all been contacted regarding the setup to access PowerSchool. Marks for students in grade seven are cumulative. Parents can check marks daily-weekly-monthly so there is no need to send a printed Report Card home in Term 1 and 2.

Booking of Parent Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interview dates are Tuesday, Nov. 20/18 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and Wednesday, Nov. 21/18 from 3:30 - 6:30 pm. **Booking of Interviews will begin on Friday, Nov. 9/18 at 8:00 am.** Use the [School Interviews Link](#) to book an appointment. Interview slots for students in grade 1-7 will be 15 minutes long. ECS Student Led slots will be 30 minutes. In Junior High parents may book interviews with individual subject teachers.

**** Please note that depending on teaching assignment some teachers will only be available on one evening.****

Volunteers Needed in the Library

Some volunteers are in needed in the library to stamp books on Tuesday the 6th. Volunteers can come in at whatever time they are available. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Gamache in the library, either by email (lgamache@gsacrd.ab.ca) or by telephoning the school.

Great Kid Award

Do you know a youth has made an outstanding contribution to their community while overcoming significant challenges? If you do click on the [Great Kid](#) link to find out how to nominate them for an award.

Spirit Wear Orders

We received and distributed the backordered items from Anything Branded on Tuesday morning of this past week. All orders should be complete. Please call Anything Branded at 780-732-5003 if you have not received your order.

School Yearbook

We did receive emails from some parents indicating an interest in purchasing a yearbook. We would love to have a yearbook produced for Sister Alphonse Academy in our first year. We have decided to meet with a representative from ICON to discuss exact details and price of a book and that will be occur this coming week. However, we are still trying to determine if there is enough interest to enter into a contract with ICON to produce a book. As indicated in a previous bulletin the price of a yearbook would likely be in the \$24-28 range and it would require a minimum order of 30 books. We have a little over 50 families in our school so we are hoping that about 50% of our families would support this. If you would like to indicate that you would purchase a yearbook send an email to glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca. In the subject field say, "Yes to Yearbook" If we feel there is enough interest we will move forward. More information will be coming.

Lunch Supervisor Position

We have filled our Lunch Supervisor position at SAA. We are still taking names of parents who might like to have their name added to a sub list in the event our Lunch Supervisors cannot attend. If you are interested call the school. Criminal and Child Welfare checks must be submitted in or order for parents to be considered.

SAA School Council News

The next meeting of School Council is on Wednesday, November 14 @6:30 pm. We have been notified that Trustee Serena Shaw will be our Trustee Liaison for the 2018/19 school year. We welcome Mrs. Shaw to our Council Meetings.

St. Albert Parish News

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

SVDP assists families and individuals who require beds and furniture as well as other basic needs. We work with other agencies to provide necessary services. Our operation is 100% volunteer based. Interested in joining? For Assistance, or to donate furniture, call 780- 471- 5577. To donate time or money contact Ken Gallagher at 587- 341- 5711.

Craft Fair

The Youville Home will be hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday, November 4th from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Youville Home, 9A St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert. Come and start your Christmas shopping early!! If you would like more details call 780- 418- 5301.

Click on the [SAP Parish Link](#) to access the weekly bulletin for St. Albert Catholic Parish.

[Holy Family Parish News](#)

Pancake Breakfast

Nov. 4 @ after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses Nov. 4

Ukrainian Night

Nov. 24 @ 6:00 pm

Click on the [HF Parish Link](#) to access the weekly bulletin for Holy Family Parish

