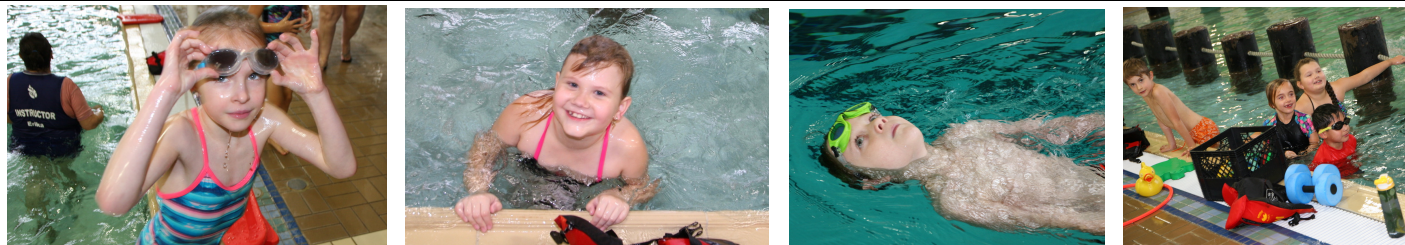


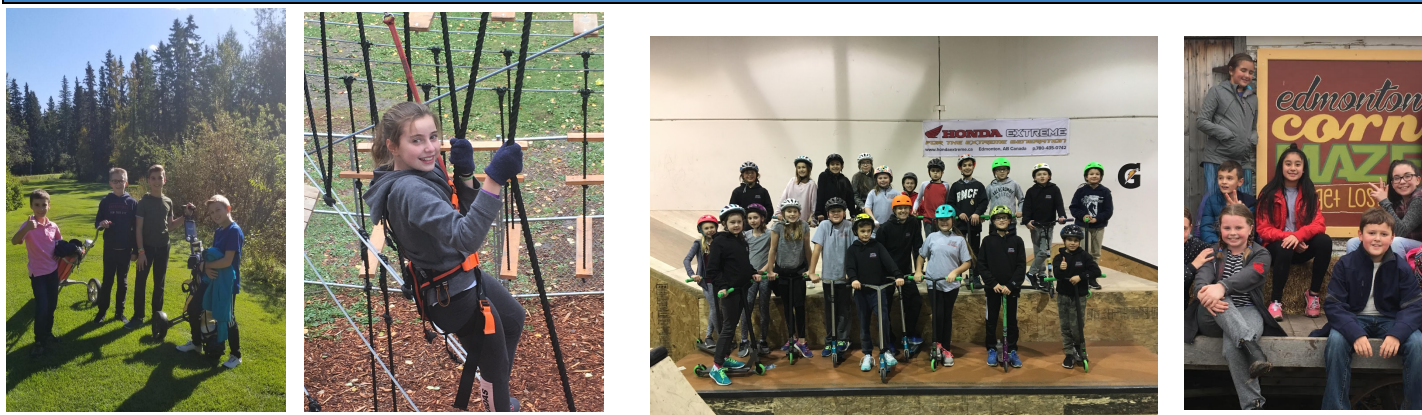
Students at Sister Alphonse Academy SPLASH and get ACTIVE while participating in swimming lessons! Take a look at our grade 2 / 3 crew in the water!



Teachers at Sister Alphonse Academy continue to LEARN and SEEK to be the best for their students! Mrs. Teixeira and Mrs. Shmyr invested two days this week to learning deeply about Animated Literacy!



Students in Rec Academy ENJOY the Great Outdoors and CHALLENGE themselves to try many activities!



**School News** - Take a look at what's coming up next week! **Nov. 12 - 16**

<b>Monday (12)</b>	<b>School CLOSED</b> - Non-Instructional Day
<b>Tuesday (13)</b>	Last day to purchase Booster Juice Hot Lunch which is on Thursday, Nov. 22.
<b>Wednesday (14)</b>	November School Council Meeting - 6:30 pm in Conference Room B, all are welcome! Please click on the <a href="#">November 14 SAA Council Agenda</a>
<b>Thursday (15)</b>	<b>SAA Spirit Wear Day</b> - Have your child wear their SAA Spirit Wear or Blue and/or Green clothing
<b>Friday (16)</b>	Report Cards go home Gr. 1 - 6. Gr. 7 Parent <a href="#">Login</a> to Powerschool to check updates marks and comments <b>NO KINDERGARTEN CLASSES</b>

### **Children's Choir**

Don't forget if your child has been practicing with Mrs. Switzer at lunch over the past few weeks they will be singing at the 11:00 am mass this Sunday. They should be at the SAP Church by 10:45 am.

### **Booking of Parent Interviews - Be Sure You Have Completed This Important Task**

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 begins on Friday, Nov. 9/18 at 8:00 am.** Use the [School Interviews Link](#) to book an appointment. Once the link is open you should be able to go directly in and book your interview(s). If asked enter ACCESS CODE - **ssstra**. Interview appointments for students in grade 1-7 will be 15 minutes long. ECS Student Led appointments will be 30 minutes. In Junior High parents may book interviews with individual subject teachers. Call our school office at 780-809-2996 if you are encountering any difficulties.

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

### **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 accessed online via Powerschool. Parents can check marks daily-weekly-monthly so there is no need to send a printed Report Card home in Term 1 and 2.

### **Term 1 Extra Fee Payments**

If your child was on a Field Trip in the first term or had some extra fees associated with some Dynamic Options you will receive a letter indicating the charges. Kindly pay by December 15, 2018. We hope that you will use School Cash Online but we will accept cash/cheque at the school office.

### **Staff Meeting/PD Day Nov. 9**

Our teaching staff will take part in a workshop with Corrie Ziegler on Concept Based Planning and have some time to examine the new K-4 Draft Curriculum during the morning of Friday, Nov. 9th. In the afternoon we will have our regular staff meeting and our staff will do more learning related to Inquiry Based Learning. We appreciate these Fridays and thank our parents for supporting this model of PD in our District.

### **Cold Weather - Indoor or Outdoor Recess?**

When the weather turns cold, we often have parents ask, "How cold does it need to be before you keep the students inside." Our District's Administrative Procedure clearly outlines when students should not participate in activities outside. The temperature at which outside recesses and outside activities are not permitted is when

1. the temperature is -20 degrees celcius or colder.
2. the temperature and the windchill is -20 degrees celcius or colder.

Staff and administration can also choose to keep children inside or limit the amount of time outside if, in their estimation, local conditions change quickly and make it necessary to keep students inside or bring them in when outside. Our District AP calls for us to use the Environment Canada website to gather information about weather conditions.

### **Volunteers Needed in the Library**

Some volunteers are in needed in the library to stamp books on the 13th and 16th. 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](mailto:lgamache@gsacrd.ab.ca)) or by telephoning the school. Thank you so much!

### **Christmas Concert Tickets**

We are hoping to have concert tickets available for parents in K - 6 beginning Friday, Nov. 30. Our tentative plan is to allow each family to purchase 6 tickets. Tickets will be \$3 each. \$1 from every ticket will go to Catholic Social Services and the rest of the sales will go to offset costs related to the concert and for enhancements to materials/resources in our music program. Parents will be able to purchase tickets through School Cash online and tickets will be sent home via the youngest child in the family.

### **Christmas Activities and Projects**

We would like to give you a heads up in regards to activities and projects throughout the remainder of November and December

#### **Toonies for Turkeys**

Our Leadership students in conjunction with the St. Albert Kinettes will be asking children to bring a toonie which will be used by the Kinettes to purchase turkeys for the Christmas Hampers. Students will have an opportunity to toss their toonies to win a few prizes. Toonies can be donated from Nov. 13 - 21st. The Toonie Toss will take place during the lunch recess on Nov. 22.

#### **Monday Advent Reflections**

Every Monday morning in December we will gather as a school community to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ by having about a 10 to 15 minute Advent Reflection in our Learning Commons and gathering space. Parents are welcome to stick around after dropping your children off at school to pray with us. This will occur right after announcements.

### **Christmas Gift Baskets for Refugee Families**

Working with Catholic Social Services as part of our school wide Read-Aloud we hope to have every class contribute to a Christmas Basket for a refugee family. Every class will be given a list of items and students will be asked to bring in an item or two to contribute to their classes basket. More details will come.

### **Christmas Concert**

Our Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm.

### **K-7 School Movie**

Staff and students will be going to view the newly released "The Grinch" on Tuesday, December 18th at 9:15 am. We will be walking over to the Landmark Cinema and enjoying the movie together along with pre-ordered concession snacks. A portion of the cost of the movie admission will be covered by the school activity fee in the school fees. The movie is a remake of the original Dr. Seuss where The Grinch and his loyal dog, Max, live a solitary existence inside a cave on Mount Crumpet. When the Whos decide to make Christmas bigger and brighter, the disgruntled Grinch realizes there is one way to gain peace and quiet. With help from Max, the green grump hatches a scheme to pose as Santa Claus, steal Christmas and silence the Whos' holiday cheer once and for all. Permission forms and further information will be coming early in December. If you have any questions, please contact admin.

### **Green/Red Day**

On Wednesday, December 19th we will be asking all students to wear clothing that is in the festive seasonal colors of red and green. This could include hats or Christmas sweaters, etc.

### **Christmas Lunch**

On Thursday, December 20th we plan to provide and have our students prepare a Christmas Lunch for all. There will be no cost for this as it will be paid from the School Activity Fee. In addition kids are welcome to wear their ugly/tacky Christmas sweater on this day.

### **PJ Day and Sing Along**

On Friday, December 21 kids can wear their PJ's and be ready for an old fashioned Christmas Sing-a-long.

In addition there will be some Spirit Week activities for our House Teams during the lunch recesses throughout the week of December 17- 21.

### **SAA School Council News**

The **next meeting of School Council is on Wednesday, November 14 @6:30 pm**. Please click on the [November 14 Agenda Link](#). Our meeting will include information on the School Education Plan, a discussion about Room Reps, the creation of a Fundraising Society and the possibility of a Volunteer Coordinator position and a Partners in Prayer Committee. Please join us if you can.

### **St. Albert Parish News**

#### **SAPY**

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 everyone in Gr. 4 - 12 is 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 their journey of faith in this parish community. Feel free to contact Anne-Marie for more information.

#### **Children's Mass**

Our parish will celebrate a children's Mass at 11:00 am on the second Sunday of every month. Upcoming Children's Mass November 11th!

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

### **Holy Family Parish News**

#### **Ukrainian Night**

Nov. 24 @ 6:00 pm

#### **HFYG**

Do you want to meet youth your age who share your faith? Do you want to play amazing games with amazing people? Do you want to have great discussions about the faith? Unite and Verve are for you! Mondays from 7:00—9:00 pm, Unite will be held at the church for youth in grades 9-12. Verve will be on Wednesdays from 7:00—8:30 pm. Our first few nights will be filled with fun games and activities, so that we can get to know each other. If you are interested, or have questions, please email Noëlle at [youthpro-grams@holyfamilyparish.ca](mailto:youthpro-grams@holyfamilyparish.ca)

#### **Respite Worker Needed**

A family in our parish is looking for someone to provide respite care for them approximately once a week for 5 hours (could be anywhere from 20-35 hours per month) at a rate of \$17/hour. Days and times of respite are flexible and open for discussion. The children are helpful, creative and entertained easily with crafts and story time. They are ages 11, 8, 6 and a fully toilet-trained 2 and a half year old. If you are 18 years or older please contact Vincent at 780-419-2599. Thank You.

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



