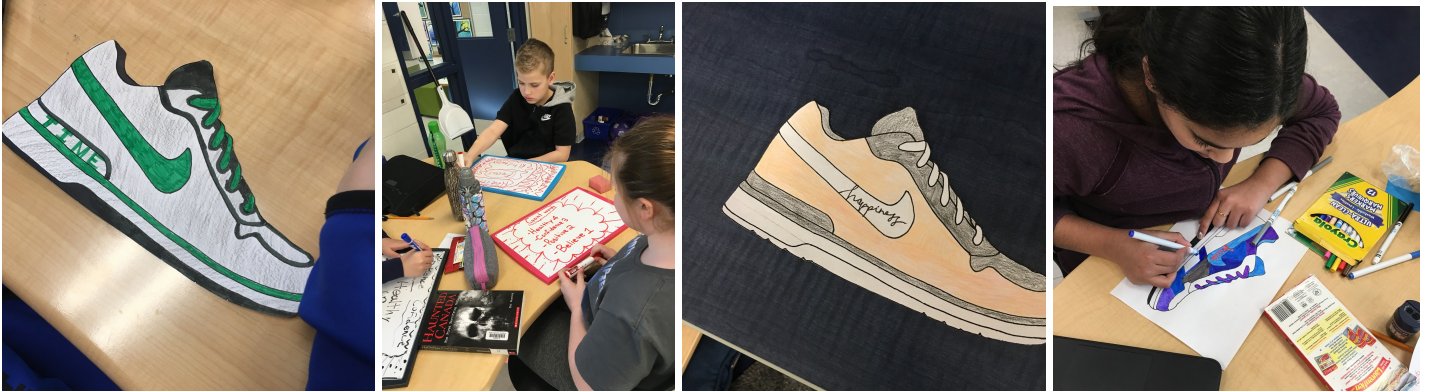


Students at SAA are intentional and thoughtful goal setters. Brainstorming and collaboration helped our students determine their one word for 2019.



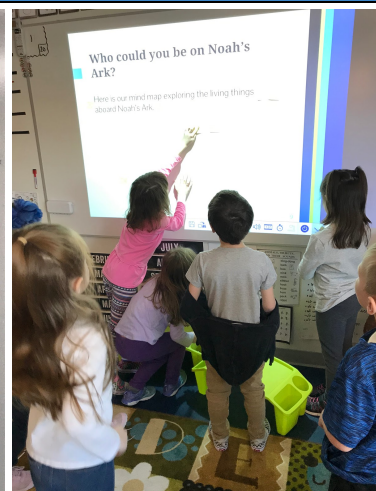
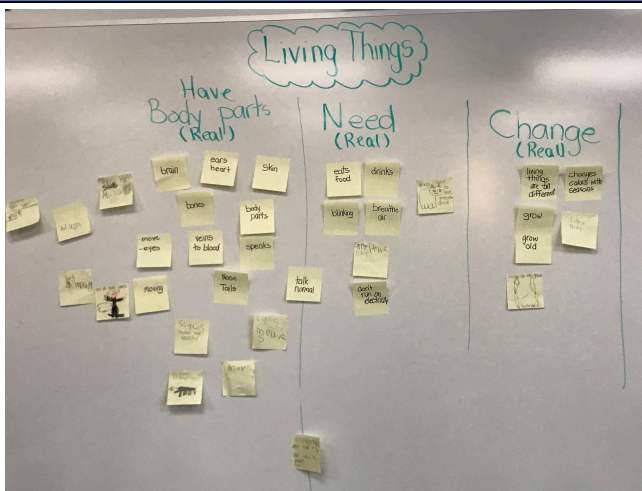
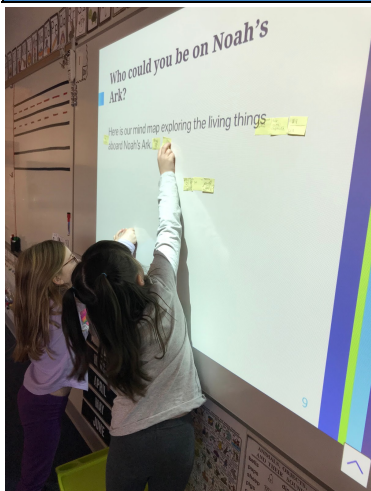
Students at SAA are engaged readers. Our kindergarten and grade 1 students could not wait to get together to read with their grade 2/3 buddies!



Students at SAA learn about the fuel our bodies need to be healthy. We also learn about the importance of exercise and outdoor play.



Students at SAA are collaborators. K/1 students are excited to work on their next inquiry project. Students work together to co-construct criteria for living things.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! Jan. 14 - 18

Monday (14)	- CHECK BACKPACKS - Consent forms for Ski Trip to Rabbit Hill
Tuesday (15)	
Wednesday (16)	-6:30 pm - Google Classroom for Parents(20 minute workshop) -School Council Meeting - Immediately Following. January Agenda Link -Gr. 5 - 7 Drop In Basketball(3:05 pm to 4:00 pm)
Thursday (17)	- Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day - Pre K and Kindergarten Expo for families with children who will be attending Pre K or Kindergarten next year. 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm @ St. Albert Catholic High School. EXPO LINK -Gr. 5 - 7 Drop In Basketball(3:05 pm to 4:00 pm) - Subway Hot Lunch - No Snack Shack on that day. Orders needed to be in prior to Christmas
Friday (18)	No Kindergarten Classes

Happy New Year

From all the staff at SAA, peace, health and happiness to you and your family in 2019!

One Word

One word, just one word or focus can lead to big growth, wellness and/or learning. All of our students have chosen one word to focus on in 2019. Ask your child, "What is your word focus for 2019?"

Google Classroom for Parents - Would you like to know a little more about Google Classroom? Mr. Brass will be providing a short presentation for parents(20 minutes) at the start of our School Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 16 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

School Council Meeting - A reminder that our next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16 at 6:30 pm in Conference Room B at SAA. All are welcome. Check the agenda, we hope to receive feedback from parents on the 2019/20 and 2020/21 school calendar and fee payment. [January Agenda Link](#)

Alberta Education Accountability Pillar Survey - Every year Alberta Education surveys stakeholders (parents, students, teachers) in all schools across Alberta. The results are provided to each school jurisdiction and are used to update their three-year education plans, to report in their annual education results reports and to evaluate school authority performance on Accountability Pillar survey measures. By completing the survey, you are giving your school, school authority and provincial government important information to gauge the quality of education your child is receiving and ensuring they are being prepared for success. As part of the accountability process, school authorities report their Accountability Pillar results to their communities through their education plans and annual education results reports, which are posted on their websites. Sharing the results with their communities allows Albertans to see how their school authority is performing and ensures that the entire education system is more open and accountable. Because our school population on September 30 was below 120 surveys are sent to all parents of children in grades four and up. If you have more than one child in these grades you should receive a survey for each child.

Participation in the survey is voluntary. However, we hope that you will consider completing the survey and mailing your response or you have the option of completing it online. It provides us, our District and Alberta Education important information that guides planning and continuous improvement. Aggregated survey results are reported back to school authorities and schools in May of each year. Three-year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports, which include survey results and achievement exam results are posted publicly by jurisdictions and our school by November 30. Deadline to submit surveys is February 22, 2019.

Our teaching staff and students in grade 4-7 will be completing the survey online in the coming weeks. Thanks for your help with this, we appreciate your feedback and hope you will consider providing it if you receive a survey.

Gr. 5 - 7 Drop In Basketball - Unfortunately, we do not believe that we have enough students for a viable junior basketball team for the boys or girls that we could enter into a league or commit to tournaments. We do know that we have some students who would like to play but cannot commit to being on a team and we do have some students who are very excited to play. In order to give students an opportunity to play basketball, Mr. Lamer and Mr. Brass will offer Drop In Basketball Skills/Scrimmage sessions for any student registered in grade 5 - 7 weekly. These will be offered weekly from 3:05 to 4:00 pm. Students will get an opportunity to work on some basketball skills and then get an opportunity to participate in scrimmage games. These will run through the remainder of January and into February. Students can come and participate when their schedule allows for it, there is no commitment, a student can participate once or come to all of them. Drop in basketball will occur on most Wednesday and Thursdays right after school from 3:05 to 4:00 pm. **There is no fee but parents must provide transportation home.** Check our weekly bulletins and our school web calendar for Drop In Basketball times.

Rabbit Hill Ski Trip - Wednesday, February 6 - We are hoping that parents will give consent for all children K -7 to take part in an all school day outdoor field trip to Rabbit Hill. That would mean that half day kindergarten students would attend all day. Permission forms and information about costs for this field trip will go home with students on Monday. Please return consent forms and arrange for payment on school cash by Friday, January 24th. We will need both skiing/snowboarding supervisors (eyes on the hill) and chalet supervisors (help students as needed). Parent/guardian volunteers who are skiing need to be active on the hill, carry a cellphone. **Please know that if you are a supervisor, you must have updated child welfare and criminal record checks submitted at the school office.** If you would like to ski with your child and not supervise, you are welcome to join us. You will be responsible for the cost of your lift ticket and rentals (if needed) at the hill. If you are planning on transporting your child (to or from the hill), special forms need to be filled out at the school **before our departure**. Please note that alternate transportation (student not on the bus) can **ONLY** be provided by a parent or guardian. Please direct any other questions to the school office. Thank you so much!

St. Albert Parish News

Pastor's Thank You!

On behalf of St. Albert Parish, I wish to thank all the children who participated in our Christmas Eve pageant during the 5:00pm Mass. We also wish to express a very special thank you to everyone who participated in any way with our Christmas celebrations. Many thanks to the decorating committee and volunteers responsible for decorating and preparing our church for the Advent and Christmas season. The church was beautifully decorated inside and out! Also, a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their good wishes to the parish staff. Your kindness and thoughtfulness with Christmas cards, gift cards and goodies were very much appreciated! God's blessings for a Happy New Year!

Fr. Ignacy Warias, OMI

January 11 - Chronos Vocal Ensemble Concert

Once again, we are so pleased to have one of Edmonton's premiere choirs perform in our parish on Friday, January 11th at 8:00pm. This accomplished group of singers is in its 6th season, and they will be presenting a preview of the music that will be featured in their second concert of the 2018/2019 season for us. Come and enjoy the sensational performance that will be about 1 hour long with no intermission! Admission is by donation.

January 12 - Movie Night

Join us at 6:15pm after 5:00 pm Mass January 12 in the parish hall for faith movie night. Light food and drinks are provided. Donations are accepted. Bring a friend! Our upcoming movie is "Caged no More" which details the plight of human trafficking. This movie is for 14 years of age and older.

January 19 - Chilli, Chilli Bang Bang Family Fun Night

We are looking forward to an evening of fireworks, sleigh rides, marshmallow roasting, chili, mac & cheese, popcorn, snow cones and a funny photo booth on Saturday, January 19 following 5 pm Mass! Don't miss this "best night ever" on Mission Hill! This is a night for the whole family – children, parents, grandparents! Everyone will love it! Remember what we say..."Be there or be square!"

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

Holy Family Parish News

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

Community

Babysitting Courses - Please be advised that the Alberta Safety Council Babysitting Courses are being hosted by the St Albert Community Information & Volunteer Centre, please?

The dates are as follows for the winter session:

January 19/20 (Saturday/Sunday)
February 7/8 (Thursday/Friday Teacher's Convention)
March 25/26 (Monday/Tuesday Spring Break)
March 28/29 (Thursday/Friday Spring Break)
April 27/28 (Saturday/Sunday)

All classes are held at our CIVC Office located at #10, 215 Carnegie Drive from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Courses are intended for students 11.5-14 years of age. Course Cost is \$75.

Thank you!

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