

Students at SAA set personal goals for 2019 using the power of one word.



Students at SAA do experiments to learn deeply about concepts in Science! These grade 2 students are answering the question: What qualities make one liquid unique compared to another liquid?



Mrs. Shmyr, Mrs. Kleparchuk and Mr. Lamer were happy to meet with parents who will have children in kindergarten next year at SAA during our Pre-K and Kindergarten Expo on Thursday evening. Kindergarten registration for the 2019/20 school year is now open at SAA.



## School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! Jan. 21 - 25

<b>Monday (21)</b>	
<b>Tuesday (22)</b>	<b>Community of Practice Visit -PM</b> (see below)
<b>Wednesday (23)</b>	- <b>Author Visit</b> - David Bouchard(see below) -Gr. 5 - 7 <b>Drop In Basketball</b> (3:05 pm to 4:00 pm)
<b>Thursday (24)</b>	Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day <b>Last Day to provide payment and permission for Rabbit Hill Ski Trip</b> -Gr. 5 - 7 <b>Drop In Basketball</b> (3:05 pm to 4:00 pm)
<b>Friday (25)</b>	<b>No School All</b> - Staff Meeting PD Day

### 2019/20 Kindergarten Registration

**Registration for students who will be attending kindergarten at Sister Alphonse Academy next school year is now open.** You may pick up a kindergarten registration package at our office between the hours of 8:15 am and 3:20 pm. Please be sure that you have a copy of your child's birth certificate.

### 2019/20 Gr. 1-9 Registration

Registration packages for the 2019/20 school year will be sent home with students early in March immediately following our Open House which is scheduled for Thursday, February 28 at 6:30 pm. More information to come.

### Ski Trip Permission and Payment

**Please ensure that you send the consent form back to school by January 24th indicating whether or not your child will attend the Ski Trip.** We need parents to do this so that we receive an accurate count. If they are attending a reminder that we must have payment completed by January 24, 2019. No children will be able to attend the ski trip without payment being made by January 24.

### Community of Practice Visit

Your children may come home saying that they had a number of visitors to their classes on Tuesday afternoon. On January 22nd SAA will be proud to host a number of teachers who have registered in a workshop by the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium on Inquiry/Project Based Learning. In this workshop teachers visit four schools in Edmonton and area over a number of months. The schools are: Sister Alphonse Academy in St. Albert, A. Blair McPherson and Roberta McAdams in Edmonton and Greystone Centennial in Spruce Grove. We are proud to be invited to collaborate with teachers in Edmonton and area who are working to implement Inquiry/Project Based strategies and pedagogy in the classroom. During this visit participants will take part in presentations by Workshop leader Mrs. Corrie Ziegler and listen to a presentation by Mr. Lamer and Mrs. Kleparchuk on Sister Alphonse Academy. Participants will then visit a few classrooms to observe classes in action and then meet some of the teachers from our school to discuss how they attempt to implement Inquiry/Project Based teaching within their classes.

### Author Visit - Mr. David Bouchard

On Wednesday, January 23 we are pleased to welcome Canadian Author David Bouchard to Sister Alphonse Academy. Author, educator, and presenter David Bouchard is a champion of the written word. He is a best selling author with over 50 books in both english and french. His storybooks are known to be visually stunning and to be literally refreshing. David writes amazing books and does presentations that reflect his roots and Aboriginal culture. His books have won numerous awards, including a Special Mention for Non-Fiction in the 2010 Bologna Ragazzi Awards for *The Drum Calls Softly*. In 2009, David Bouchard was also named as a member of the 'Order of Canada' for his achievement and advocacy in literature for Canadian children. David will be doing a presentation to our Gr. 4-7 students and then our K-3 students before am recess in

the morning. David has indicated that he shares his life experiences and stories so that students come to learn that they are all gifted. He believes every person has a gift that we must discover and we must then build our lives around that gift. His presentations emphasise that reading is one of the most important tools available to us all and that reading is for everyone. Anyone can read. It takes one book to become a reader. That's all. It just takes one book!

### **Partners in Prayer Parent Group**

We are still looking for parent volunteers to be part of our Partners in Prayer Group. This group would meet once a month at a time that is convenient to the group, it could be at the school, or in someone's home. The school would provide you with the student and staff intentions for the month and then the group would use a short Catholic liturgy to offer and pray for the intentions. Please call the school and leave your name and phone number with one of our secretaries if you are interested.

### **Sweetheart Soiree - Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Education Foundation Fundraiser**

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Education Foundation is pleased to present an evening with Martin Kerr at the Sweetheart Soirée. On February 9, please join us at the Holy Family Parish Hall for dinner, music and a silent auction in support of our students. Tickets are available through the school office for \$50 each or available through District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue.

### **School Council News**

We had a great turn out for our January 16 School Council Meeting. Thank you to the ten parents who were able to attend. We discussed and provided feedback for many important topics including, payment of fees, District School Year Calendars and a possible date for a parent workshop related to Fundraising. We listened to a short presentation from Mr. Brass on Google Classroom. Next month we intend to provide school administration feedback on our school dress code, 2019/20 school fees, 3 yr. Education Planning and begin plans for staff appreciation. We welcomed parents who are willing to serve as Room Reps at different grade levels. These parents will ensure that we have good representation from all grade levels when we provide input and ideas to administration related to our school and District. We welcome all parents to our next meeting which is on February 13 at 6:30 pm. A reminder that school administration always includes a link to our agenda in the weekly bulletin that coincides with our meeting. You can access minutes of our school meeting by accessing on the school website under PARENTS. Click [here](#) to access previous meeting minutes that have been approved.

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

#### **Chilli, Chilli Bang Bang - January 19**

The Good News from Our Parish – Chilly Chili Bang Bang is this weekend! One of the most exciting nights of the year is just a night away! Chilly Chili Bang Bang is set to go again on Mission Hill on Saturday, January 19 following 5 pm Mass. This is an evening of fireworks, sleigh rides, roasting marshmallows on an open fire, hot chocolate and smores outside on the church grounds and hot chili, mac & cheese, delicious desserts, popcorn and snow cones in the parish hall. This is a night for the whole family! Come to Mass at 5 pm then head outside to the Heritage Garden behind the church and take in the spectacular fireworks display. Then roast a marshmallow or two and go for a sleigh ride around the church grounds. Or come inside for food and fun!

Parents: Bring all your warm clothing into the church for Mass. You will be given time to get everyone warmly dressed before we go outside to see the fireworks. There is no admission cost for next this event, Chilly Chili Bang Bang. However, if you are able, it would be appreciated if you could donate a small amount to help with the expenses. There will be donation boxes in the hall. We suggest \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Thank you!

### **Volunteer Appreciation**

All present and past volunteers, along with their spouses, of the conference of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Albert Parish and Holy Family Parish are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation evening on January 22, 2019. We will begin with a mass at 6:00 pm at St. Albert Parish. Mass will be followed by a hot meal downstairs in the parish hall. Everyone is asked to bring a salad and/or a dessert. We need to know the number of people attending, so please call May at 780-459-4433.

### **SAPY Goes the Galaxyland**

Hopefully you saved the date, SAPY... because we are going to GALAXYLAND, Sunday Jan. 27th! Cost to participate is only \$10/youth OR use 5 SAPY Points. You must be registered by Jan. 21st. To register, please fill out the permission forms, and return them with payment to the Church Office by that date. You can pick up the forms at the back of the Church after Mass or contact Anne-Marie to have them emailed to you. They are also posted on the SAPY Facebook page. The form package has all the details, but the basic information is:

Depart from the Church at 9:30am, have a total blast at Galaxyland, bring a little money to eat lunch in the food court, then return to the Church by 2pm! All SAPY folks Gr. 4 – 12 are welcome! Join us for another awesome SAPY fellowship event! It's going to be a great time!

\*Please note: because this event overlaps the 9am and 11 am Masses that Sunday, SAPY people are encouraged to attend an alternate Mass that weekend.

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

### **Holy Family Parish News**

#### **It's Time. Rise. Take the Challenge**

Catholic Family Ministries would like to invite you to the Annual Men of Integrity Conference, February 1-2, 2019 at Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, AB. We have teamed up with the RISE program to help equip men to become the men God has called us to be. Are you up for the challenge? Speakers Bill Donaghy and John Edwards will be here to kick off this challenge. Your \$60/man or \$45/student conference registration gives you this weekend conference to get you started, plus

a 30-day RISE Challenge. Check out [www.catholicfamilyministries.com](http://www.catholicfamilyministries.com) or call 780-961-3346 for more information and to register now. (To plan for lunch please Register before January 28, 2019).

### **Living in the Word Bible Study**

A seminar on the Gospel of Luke will take place over 12 Mondays starting January 21, 2019. These meetings will likely be one hour from 7:00—8:00 pm, there is no charge. Please sign up through the Parish office.

Dates of Seminars:

January 21, January 28, February 4, February 11, February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25, April 1, April 8, April 15. Please note there is NO seminar February 18th due to family day!

"The bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry; the coat unused in your closet belongs to the one who needs it; the shoes rotting in your closet belong to the one who has no shoes; the money which you board up belongs to the poor."

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