

Kindergarten students at SAA are active and balanced!



Staff and students at SAA hosted teachers from around Edmonton and area who were registered in the ERLC Inquiry/Project Based Community of Practice. SAA is one of four schools that participants will visit to discuss and observe teaching strategies related to Project and Inquiry Based Learning. We are so proud of our staff!



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School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! **Jan. 28 - Feb 1**

Monday (28)	
Tuesday (29)	
Wednesday (30)	-Gr. 5 - 7 Drop In Basketball (3:05 pm to 4:00 pm)
Thursday (31)	<i>Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day</i> Hot Lunch - Soup Day -Gr. 5 - 7 Drop In Basketball (3:05 pm to 4:00 pm)
Friday (1)	

No Classes for all Students on Friday, January 25

A reminder that there are no classes on Friday, Jan. 25. Staff will have their monthly Staff Meeting/PD Day. We will be taking Part 2 in PD on Tiered Instruction, Inquiry Based Instruction and Higher Level Thinking Skills. We will also be involved in planning for our Open House at the end of February and have our regular staff meeting. Thank you for supporting our Professional Development/ Staff Meeting Day format.

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.

Physical Education Clothing

A reminder to parents of children in grades six and seven. All students should be changing for Phys. Ed. Speak to your children about making sure their gear is at school, and we would appreciate if it is taken home about once a week for washing. Thanks.

Author Visit - David Bouchard

We were pleased to welcome award winning Canadian author, David Bouchard to our school on Wednesday. David spoke to the kids about using their gifts and the importance of stories. He spoke to the grade 4-7 about the meaning of the Medicine Wheel from a Metis perspective. He played many of the flutes that he brought with him and told the students about how he overcame dyslexia by focusing on his gifts. This has allowed him to write and publish over seventy books. David spoke about many other things and we all enjoyed his presentation. David left our school with a gift of ten of his books for our Learning Commons.

Next Hot Lunch - Soup

A reminder that the deadline to order soup for the next Hot Lunch on Thursday, January 31 is Monday, January 28.

Inquiry/Project Based Learning - Community of Practice Visit

We were proud to host teachers from around Edmonton and area who visited our school on Tuesday afternoon as part of the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortiums Inquiry/Project Based Learning Community of Practice series. In this series participants visit four schools throughout the year to learn more about Inquiry/Project Based Learning. Participants discussed teaching strategies with teachers from our school and observed classes in action at SAA. It was a great afternoon for all involved. We have provided parts of a thank you note from Mrs. Corrie Ziegler, Facilitator at the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium and Facilitator of the Inquiry/Project Based Learning Community of Practice series.

"Just a quick note to sincerely thank you for ALL you have done to make the visit to Sister Alphonse Academy so successful! We very much enjoyed and appreciated our afternoon of learning about inquiry from the incredible SAA team! Thank you so much for sharing your wisdom, and opening up your school and classrooms to us today. Your students are absolutely wonderful, and the culture and feeling tone in your building is amazing! Evidence of your schools' focus on inquiry, the collaborative, school wide approach to this strategy, your focus on students and responding to their passions and interests is consistently evident everywhere we went!! Clearly, your passion and your commitment to student learning and success through an inquiry based approach is making an incredible difference!"

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

Please mark your calendar. The SAA School Council has decided to create a Fundraising Association. To begin this task we have contracted Alberta School Council Association to provide their introductory 1.5 hr workshop on the Creation and Purpose of Fundraising Associations. The workshop is provided free to School Councils in Alberta but we must ensure that we have at least five parents in attendance. All parents from SAA are welcome. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30 pm in Conference Room B of SAA. If you are planning on attending please email saaparentcouncil@gmail.com.

St. Albert Parish News

Family Day at SAP

If you're already looking ahead in anticipation of the next long weekend, we hope you'll consider participating in a great Family Day event co-hosted by St. Albert Parish and Holy Family Parish. The event will take place at Holy Family Parish with Mass at 10:00am, a ball hockey game (16yrs and up) at 10:45am and games and food for all. The event will wind up at 12:30pm. Please see or email Darryl if you would like to be a part of the ball hockey team.

Scriptural Rosary

You are invited to pray the Scriptural Rosary with us every Sunday evening after the 6:30 pm Mass in the Lacombe Room. The Scriptural Rosary is a truly powerful way to pray the Rosary. It provides inspiration before every decade, bringing the Mystery: Mary's way of the Rosary to life. The inspiration comes from a reading of Gospel passages related to each mystery. One mystery will be recited and so would take about 30 minutes. Snacks will be provided following the rosary.

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 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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