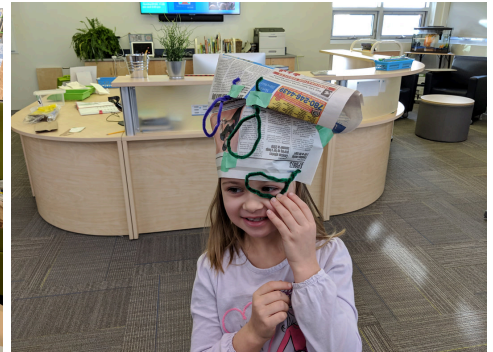


Grade 6 students in French class collaborated to create pizza recipes and sold their creations for other students to enjoy! C'est bon!



Students at SAA use their creativity to fashion their own hats with Miss Gamache in the learning commons!

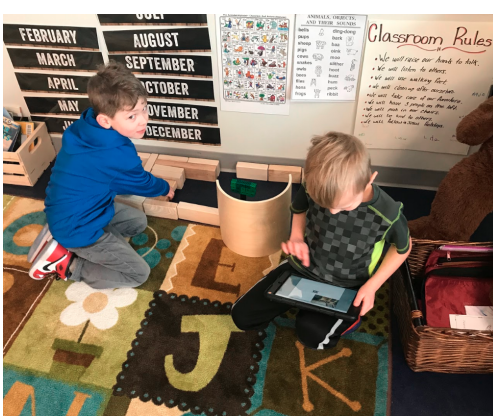


Grade 7 students with the help of staff and other students prepare and plan for a SOUPER Day. The biggest problem was how to choose which soup to have for lunch. There was hamburger, beef-barley, chicken-noodle, borscht, chicken-vegetable and beef ramen. The homemade chocolate chip cookies and rice krispie squares were a big hit as well.





Students at SAA in grade one build a habitat for an animal then identify and label the geometric shapes found in their habitats for a slideshow being prepared on classroom iPads.



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

<b>Monday (4)</b>	
<b>Tuesday (5)</b>	
<b>Wednesday (6)</b>	Ski Trip - Rabbit Hill( <b>could be postponed due to weather, read below</b> )
<b>Thursday (7)</b>	<b>School Closed</b> - North Central Teachers Convention
<b>Friday (8)</b>	<b>School Closed</b> - North Central Teachers Convention

**Ski Trip Status** - Nearly seventy students in kindergarten to grade seven have provided consent and payment for the Rabbit Hill Ski Trip planned for Wednesday, February 6. **At this time weather predictions are not favorable, ranging from a high of -21 to a low -29.** We do not believe that it would be an enjoyable day of skiing for students, staff and parents if the weather is poor, at those temperatures we would not send out students for recess. We are working on getting an alternative date for the ski trip confirmed for late February or early March. **A final decision regarding the postponement of the ski trip to our alternative date will be made on Monday, February 4.** We will send communication then but **if predictions remain the same or similar by Monday, we will postpone.** Cross your fingers and toes over the weekend that things will warm up. The one thing we know about Alberta is the weather can change quickly. If the trip goes ahead as planned there will be staff at school that have planned alternative activities for students that will not be attending. Please ensure that your children are dressed properly for the ski trip. This would include layered clothing, gloves/mittens ski/snow pants.

#### **School Closed Thursday, February 7 and Friday, February 8 for the North Central Teachers Convention**

A reminder that there are no classes for all students and the school will be closed on Thursday, February 7th, and Friday, February 8th so that our teachers can attend the annual North Central Teachers' Convention. The theme of this years convention is IGNITE, INSPIRE, INNOVATE, INQUIRE. GSACRD teachers will join approximately 6,500 other teachers from over 18 different ATA Locals as well as all Francophone teachers from across Alberta.

### **Safe Travels**

We know that we have a number of families from SAA that have planned holidays for the upcoming shortened school week. We wish you all a relaxing and safe journey! **Be sure that if you have not already notified our office or recorded it in Safe Arrival, please do so before you leave.** See you all later in February.

### **Alberta Education Accountability Pillar Survey - We Want Your Feedback**

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.** Currently the government has received 4 parent responses out of a possibility of 59 for Sister Alphonse Academy. **The survey 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 have completed the survey. **Thanks for your help with this, we appreciate your feedback and hope you will consider providing it if you receive a survey.**

### **Spread the Word - SAA Open House**

We are hoping that you will join us for our Open House for the 2019/20 school year which will occur on Thursday, February 28 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We will showcase all the programs in our school. Be sure to let your friends and neighbors know.

### **Dino-mite Book Fair!**

The Scholastic book fair is returning to Sister Alphonse from February 25th to March 1st! Come on out and help us get a dino-mite book in each child's hand. The shopping hours will be during the recesses, with a special after school sale on from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In addition, all people who purchase items from the fair can enter the door prize contest. One lucky student will win \$25 dollars' worth of books for themselves and their classroom! We will also be having our Classroom Wish list program, where families help enrich their child's classroom by purchasing books for their teacher's class library. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our dino-mite Book Fair!

### **No Drop-In Basketball Next Week**

Due the short week, we will not have Drop-In Basketball on Wednesday or Thursday next week. Students in grade 5 to 7 can join us on Wednesday, February 13 or Thursday, February 14 from 3:05 to 4:00 pm.

### **Souper Soup Day - REAL MATH and a Great Lunch**

Each class in the school had made a decision about the kind of soup they wanted to offer. The teachers provided a recipe that included ingredients in fraction form. In grade seven math the students added the fractions to create a shopping list of amounts for items. Each class contributed to the making of the soups and Mrs. Kleparchuk with help of our staff coordinated the event. Students tried many types of soups. Each student will be voting on their favorite. The grade sevens will then tabulate and do a data analysis of the results in math class. The grade seven students will then presents their results back to the students and staff.

### **Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Book Fair**

If anyone would like to help with the upcoming book fair, please contact Ms. Gamache in the library. We would love some extra hands with setting up on February 22nd and taking down the fair on March 1st. Also, if anyone can support the fair by handling cash, we have some time slots during recess (10:30 - 10:42) and lunch break (12:50 - 12:57) on the 25th, 27th, and 28th that we would love to fill. If you are interested or have any questions, then contact Ms. Gamache at [lgamache@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:lgamache@gsacrd.ab.ca).

### **2018/19 Yearbook**

The Yearbook Club has been meeting weekly and with the help of Mrs. Kosik-Loewen things are starting to really progress. In the near future we will be providing parents with information on how you can order the first edition of the Sister Alphonse Academy Yearbook for the 2018/19 year.

### **GSACRD Education Foundation Fundraiser**

The GSACRD Education Foundation is hosting a Sweetheart Soiree Dinner and Silent Auction on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at the holy family Parish Hall. The evening includes live entertainment by local recording artist Martin Kerr.

The Education Foundations primary mission is to support catholic education in our system. This is done in two ways,

providing scholarships to students to continue their studies / learning after high school and to support schools by providing funding opportunities for unsupported needs (i.e. providing learning tools, funding school retreats or cultural events) Tickets are \$50/each, include a 3 course meal and of course the entertainment of Martin Kerr. The theme is Paris / French and it is Valentines week. Tickets are available at District Office, Holy family Church (before and after mass this weekend) or orders may be placed at the school front office. The final day to purchase ticket is this Sunday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Once again, we thank you for your support and look forward to helping your school with it's needs. For more information click on the link below.  
<https://www.foundation.gsacrd.ab.ca/home/news/post/sweetheart-soiree>

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

#### **SAPY Tobogganing & Bowling**

A fun afternoon of tobogganing and bowling is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9th from 1:30-4:30pm! Sign up on the sheet in the church foyer or contact Anne-Marie to indicate your interest in participating by Tuesday, Feb. 5th! ALTAR SERVERS ARE FREE, and the cost for Youth is \$10 or 5 SAPY points! Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided! All Gr. 4 – 12 SAPY folks are welcome, so come join us for a great afternoon!

#### **Family Day - Ball Hockey Game**

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 12:30 pm. Please see or email Darryl if you would like to be a part of the ball hockey team.

#### **Food Collection for Sacred Heart Parish in Edmonton**

We will be collecting food items the first Sunday of each Mass for Sacred Heart Parish. Please deposit food items in the Food Bank box in the church foyer. Monetary donations can be given by using the envelopes in the church foyer marked "Sacred Heart Parish". Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

The next pancake breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus will take place on Sunday, February 4th following Masses. Cost: \$20/family or \$7/person. Everyone welcome, please join us! Fair Trade products will also be available for sale at the breakfast.

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).

#### **Go Deeper and Find Your Inner Wisdom**

Join us on the WRAP journey, a self-management program that increases emotion resilience, self-awareness and strategies that are adaptable to all aspects of life. (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) [www.copelancenter.com](http://www.copelancenter.com). Feb. 1-2 and March 1-2, Fri: 6:30—9:00 pm, Sat. 9:00 am—4:00 pm. Live in: \$275, Commute: \$175.

Living the Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony and Eucharist:

Married Couples Retreat

Animated by Joe and Renee Bissell and Fr. Mike Dechant OMI,

7:00 pm Feb 1, to 1:00 pm Sunday Feb. 3. Live—In: \$425/couple, Commute: \$300/couple.

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

### **St. Albert Catholic High School Presents - [Mama Mia!](#)**

A poster for the musical 'Mama Mia!' featuring a blue background with white text and a pink flower in the bottom right corner. The text provides showtimes, location, ticket price, and contact information.

**Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 12:00 & 7:00 pm**

Arden Theatre 5 Street Anne, St. Albert      **Tickets \$15**

Tickets available online at <https://www.sachs.gsacrd.ab.ca/>  
or at the SACHS office 33 Malmo Avenue, St. Albert 780-459-7781

Music and Lyrics by Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus  
and some songs with Stig Andersson  
Book by Catherine Johnson  
Originally conceived by Judy Craymer

Mamma Mia!  
Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).  
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

