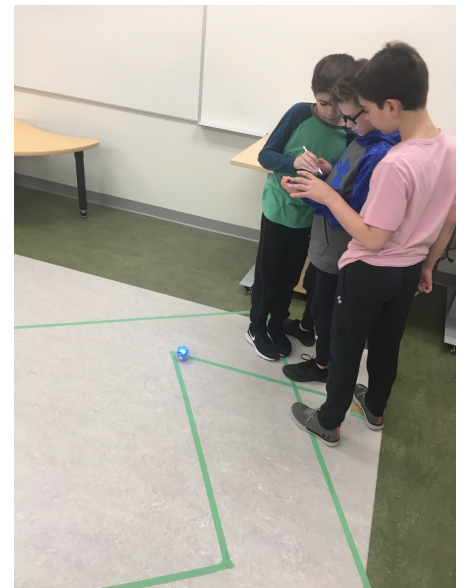
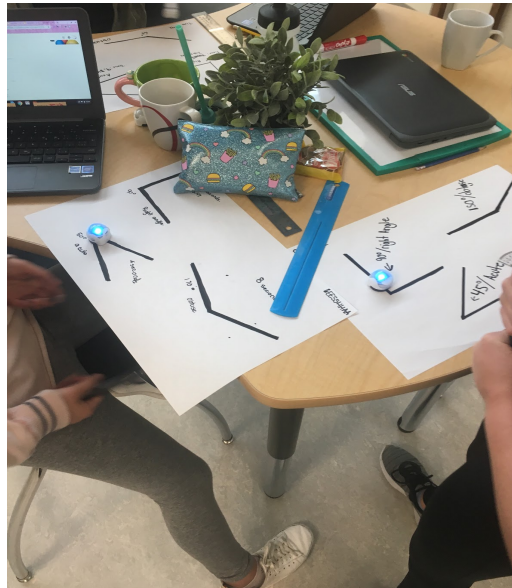


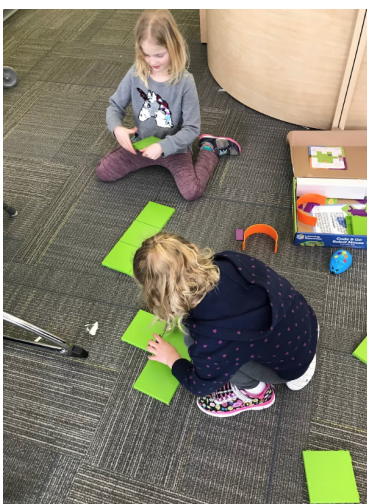
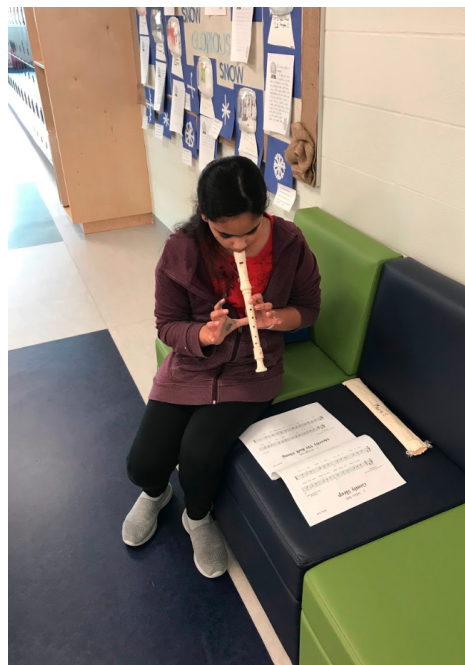
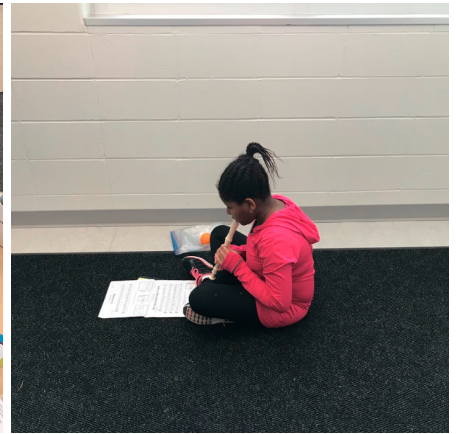
Students at SAA have abundant opportunities to be leaders within our school. With the guidance of Mr. Brass and Mrs. Lobel the ROYALS Leadership Team explains events they are organizing in February and count up the points for Spirit Teams. They coordinated and planned the BAKE MY DAY Cafe during Red-White-Pink Valentines Day where students had some sweet treats and ate lunch together in the Foods Room.



Students at SAA in Grade 6 use Spheros and Ozobot robots to explore and learn about angles.



Students at SAA have many options during INDOOR RECESS. You can play, program, build, practice, create collaborate and problem solve!



Students at SAA aren't afraid to inquire and take risks! Kindergarten poses their 'I Wonder' question: I wonder if we can grow a cookie tree.



Students in grade 7 at SAA identify the properties of rocks and minerals through scientific discovery.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week, Feb. 18 - 22!

Monday (18)	NO SCHOOL ALL - Family Day Holiday (Have a great long weekend!)
Tuesday (19)	Check Backpack - 2019/20 Intention to Register Form(see below) ASCA Fundraising Society Workshop - All parents welcome(see below)
Wednesday (20)	Drop-In Basketball(Grade 5 to 7)
Thursday (21)	Last Day for Drop-In Basketball(Grade 5 to 7) SAA Spirit Wear Day - Have your child wear their SAA Spirit Wear or Blue and/or Green clothing
Friday (22)	No Kindergarten Classes Early Dismissal for Gr. 1-7 students - 11:45 am

School Closed - Family Day Holiday

A reminder that there is NO School for all students on Monday, February 18. We wish you a warm, restful and enjoyable Family Day long weekend.

Early Dismissal on Friday, February 22

Students in grade one to seven will be dismissed from school at 11:45 am on Friday, February 22. Staff will have their regular staff meeting during the afternoon. **There are NO kindergarten classes on Feb. 22.**

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.

Ski Trip Change of Date Consent Form

On Monday of this past week your child should have brought home a Ski Trip Change of Date Consent Form for the ski trip to Rabbit Hill that was originally scheduled for Wednesday February 6. District administrative procedures require that we have signed consent from parents when there is a change of date. Please have your child return this consent to school as soon as possible. For those children who could not attend the ski trip because they were going to be away on vacation we can provide a full consent form to attend the trip on March 7.

Knights Athletic Logo

We are proud to unveil our primary Knights Athletic Logo for Sister Alphonse Academy. A team of students collaborated with Holdsworth Design over the past few months. Our next task is to have the logo applied to the gymnasium floor and in prominent places within the school. We will also arrange for another clothing order that has our athletic logo and we will purchase team jerseys for our basketball and volleyball teams



2019/20 Registration for Students Currently Attending Sister Alphonse Academy

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools is currently working to move registration to an online process. They expect to have online ready at the end of March or early April. On Tuesday all students who are currently registered at Sister Alphonse Academy will be bringing home a one page 2019/20 Registration Intention Form. Simply fill in your child's name and the grade that they will be registered in for the upcoming school year. This will provide us with good information in planning for next school year and help us to plan more effectively. We would appreciate that you send this back as soon as possible, preferably by the end of February. Official registration forms will need to be completed later in the spring.

2019/20 Kindergarten Registration and Registration For New Students

If you have a child who will be attending kindergarten next year you must complete and hand in a registration package. Kindergarten packages are available at our office or you may now download them by clicking on the [Kindergarten Registration Package Link](#). For new children in Gr. 1-9, registration packages will be available at the office and our website beginning on February 28.

Yearbook Purchase

With the help and support of Mrs. Kosik-Loewen our SAA Yearbook Club is busy working on the completion of our first yearbook! This yearbook will be full of pictures to help us all remember our first year at Sister Alphonse Academy. The soft cover, color yearbook will have at least twenty-eight pages of memories for your children and will be sold at a cost of \$30. Please go on to **School Cash Online** to make payment and reserve your child's yearbook as soon as possible. Yearbooks will be delivered to children early in September 2019.

Accountability Pillar Parent Survey Appeal

If you are a parent who has a child in gr. 4 -7 at our school you should have received this survey in the mail. We are hopeful that you took the time to fill out the survey and send it in, or you may have taken the opportunity to complete the survey online. Paper surveys must be sent back by Feb. 22, online surveys can be submitted up to March 8. We would like to thank all of our parents who took the time to provide us, our District and Alberta Learning with your feedback.

Parent Testimonials

As we prepare for our Open House we would like to share some thoughts by our parents. If you would like to write a short testimonial for our school we would welcome it. We would like to have them submitted by February 22nd but anytime after is fine as well. Send your testimonial to glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca. Be sure to include your full name.

Inside or Outside Recess?

With this recent cold snap we are often asked at the office about when the children would be outside for recess or outside activities. Our District Administrative Procedures indicate that children should remain inside when temperature and wind chill are at -20 or lower. When the temperature is -20 or below children may enter the building as soon as they arrive at school. Staff will direct them to a waiting area (usually just outside the boot room) before they head to classes in the morning. Inside recess involves play in the gym, games and/or reading activities in the Learning Commons or classrooms.

LockDown Drill #2 Completed

We completed LockDown Drill #2 on Tuesday, February 12. All went well with our procedures. We will conduct a Hold and Secure Drill, two more Fire Drills and a Shelter-In-Place Drill later in the spring. A reminder that we always let students and staff know when we are conducting a drill. Please call the school if you have any questions regarding this.

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Mark Your Calendar

Parent/Teacher interviews are right around the corner. Report cards for students in kindergarten will be issued on Thursday, March 14 and for students in grade one to six on Friday, March 15. Parent teacher interviews will occur on Tuesday, March 19 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and on Wednesday, March 20 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Parents will be able to book their interviews beginning on Friday, March 8 at 4:00 pm. A reminder to parents of students in grade seven. Paper Report cards are not

issued in term two. Parents should be logging into Powerschool and checking progress. Paper Report cards will be printed and issued at the completion of the school year for students in grade seven.

Check Out the ROYALS Den (Respectful Order of Youthful Advocates for Loyal Students)

Our ROYALS Leadership team has taken over the meeting room near the main door of the school. Stop in and have a look at all the activities they are planning for all the young Knights at SAA. Events will be posted in the ROYALS Den and on our digital signage throughout the school.

Charity Friday

The ROYALS would like to remind all parents and students that they are raising money for Development and Peace. If a student donates a loonie they can wear a hat or toque for the whole school day.

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 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28.

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!

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.

Drop In Basketball Ends Feb. 21

Mr. Brass and Mr. Lamer have really enjoyed offering Drop In Basketball to students in grade 5 to 7. They have been an excellent group to work with and we have had a lot of fun. This week Drop in Basketball will occur on Wednesday after school from 3:05 to 4:00 pm and the last Drop In Basketball will occur on Thursday from 3:05 to 4:00 pm. Badminton season is right around the corner.

School Council News

At our February School Council we discussed a number of items. We reviewed and then after much good discussion endorsed our current School Dress Code. School administration indicated that we will revisit the Dress Code, perhaps near the end of the year. We recommend that all parents review the Dress Code in the School Handbook located on the SAA Website as it requires our support.

Administration discussed our current Basic School Fees. We are happy to inform you that school administration is not recommending an increase to the Basic School Fee for the 2019/20 school year. There will be a motion at the March School

Council Meeting recommending no change to school fees. Kindergarten will have no fees but those children who are choosing Full Day Kindergarten will have to pay the Lunch Supervision Fee.

School administration encouraged us to complete the Accountability Pillar Survey(see above). We heard about many events that have occurred in the school since Christmas and coming events in the near future.

We are happy to announce that Chelsea Glendinning has kindly stepped forward to be our Volunteer Coordinator. She will be the main contact when there are events that come up in the school that require help. You may receive a call from Chelsea in the future if you put your contact information on the lists that were available during interviews.

We would also like to thank those parents who will serve as Class Reps. Their only job is to come to meetings regularly and provide input on Council and School events. This ensures that we have representation across the grade levels when we discuss matters at our meetings. We briefly looked at our 3 Year Education Plan which is still in the building stage. We have done much work to this point with the help and support of many people. As we work through the remaining months of the school year we shall continue to add strategies that will support the school's two main goals which are:

1. To build a culture of faith and service where every child and family feel welcomed.
2. To provide multiple pathways to Deep Learning.

Our last order of business was to begin to plan a couple of events. Mrs. Karla Bergstrom has volunteered to coordinate a **Staff Appreciation event**. If you are interested in helping Karla please email her at karla.bergstrom@telus.net or call her at 780-819-1450. School Council will have a **table at the Open House** which will occur on Thursday, Feb. 28. Our main role will be to serve as ambassadors and answer questions that new parents to our school might have. If you are willing to help at the table please email saaparentcouncil@gmail.com. Mr Tom Untergasser has volunteered to coordinate a **Spring Picture**

event. The tentative date booked is April 5. During this event bunnies will be brought to our school and student pictures will be taken with the bunnies. More details will come later but we will be looking for parent help. Thank you to the many parents who were able to make it on such a cold night and we hope to see you all again on Wednesday, March 13.

ASCA Fundraising Society Workshop

Sister Alphonse Academy School Council invites all interested parents to join us for this workshop. It will help guide us through the steps and reasons for creating a Fundraising Society. The workshop is open to all parents of our school community and will begin at 6:30 pm at Sister Alphonse Academy on Tuesday, February 19. Click on the [Council Link](#) to access the Fundraising Association Participant Handouts.

St. Albert Parish News

M. A. P. with SAPY & visit the SAPY Store!

The next M.A.P night is on Feb. 13th. Remember that everyone in Grades 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.

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.

Faith Movie Night - Same Kind Of Different As Me

An inspirational true story that embraces the beauty of the human spirit will be held at the Star of the North on Saturday, February 16th at 6:15 pm. Bring a friend share your faith and enjoy fellowship - food and beverage will be offered - donation will be appreciated.

Star of the North Retreat Centre Slow Down! Retreat Days with Sandy Prather.

Feeling like you need a time out? Busy lives often leave us feeling tired, lack luster and spiritually empty. A Slow Down Day is your opportunity to rest your body and refresh your spirit. Thursdays February 21, March 21, April 25, 9:30 to 3 pm, \$40/ (includes lunch).

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

Holy Family Parish News

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. 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.

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Thurs. Mar. 21: Willing to be Wooed—Entering Whole—Heartedly into Prayer
9:30 am—3:00 pm, \$40/retreat day (includes lunch)

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

