

Students at SAA get sporty while participating in another one of our community building, ROYALS events!



Students at SAA race to the finish line as a co-ed force at the Running Room Games at the U of A Butterdome!



Students at SAA use the strengths of others to assist their learning! The grade 2/3 class was SO appreciative of the digital help they received from our grade 6 students to complete their community google slides projects!



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

Monday (25)	Book Fair
Tuesday (26)	Book Fair
Wednesday (27)	Pink Shirt Day Book Fair
Thursday (28)	Dairy Queen Hot Lunch Day - NO SNACK SHACK SAA School Open House - 6:30 to 8:00 pm Book Fair
Friday (March 1)	Book Fair Charity Hat Day - Pay a Loonie and wear your hat all day. Proceeds go to Development and Peace

Spread the Word - SAA Open House

Our Open House is designed more for new families to SAA but you are most welcome to join us for our SAA 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 many of the programs in our school. Be sure to let your friends and neighbors know. The Open House begins at 6:30 pm with a short program in the Gym followed by presentations and displays throughout the school until 8:00 pm. Your child may be asked by a teacher to be at the Open House on this evening to serve as an ambassador or help with other activities that will showcase our school. Thanks for supporting us. Parents would be responsible for arranging transportation to and from the event.

APEGA Science Olympics

Students in grades 1 to 7 have been invited to enter a team of 5 to compete in the Edmonton Science Olympics put on by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta. Their team will be responsible to meet after school on 5 occasions to complete a classroom challenge and must agree to attend the BIG EVENT on April 6th at the UofA Butterdome where they will be challenged and compete against other youth in the area. There is a \$18.00 entry fee for each participant. Permission forms have been sent home for those who have shown interest! Please return the bottom portion quickly and we'll get started on Monday, February 25th! Here is a [LINK](#) to learn about this exciting opportunity for our SAA Knights! Send Mrs. Trenchard an email if you have any questions! natrenchard@gsacrd.ab.ca

Parent Testimonials

Are you happy with your choice of Sister Alphonse Academy for your children? As we prepare for our Open House we would like to share some thoughts by our parents who have children enrolled at SAA this year. 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 25th but anytime after is fine as well. Send your testimonial to glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca. Be sure to include your full name.

Thought Exchange

You may receive an email from the Thought Exchange Company who have been contracted by our District to gather information from stakeholders regarding our school and District. We encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions. We want as many voices as possible to join the conversation; your input is critical to ensure our goal of providing parents and children the most successful educational experience possible while attending our schools. It should take 5 - 10 minutes to complete and you have up until March 9, 2019 to share your thoughts.

Pink Shirt Day

The ROYALS Leadership team is asking all students and staff to wear PINK on this day. It demonstrates that we all believe in kindness and compassion for others.

Intention to Register From

Your child should have brought home this one page intention to register form. If you have not already done so, please return this to your child's teacher before the end of February. If you have misplaced the form or it did not make it's way home please notify our school office and we will have it sent home again.

Ski Trip Change of Date Consent Form

Last week your child would 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. Thanks to all who have returned the consent form to school, if you have not completed this task please have your child return this consent to school by the end of the week.

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.

Knights at Running Room Games

Congratulations to the Knights Relay Teams! Two teams participated in the Mixed 8x200 Relay. One team won their heat and the other team finished third running against many athletes older than them. The Knights managed good handoffs and there were no baton drops. At least one of our teams will advance to the finals of the Running Room Games later in March. A big thanks to Mrs Lobel and Mr. Brass for leading our Knights.

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.

St. Albert Transit - Youth Free Bus Ticket Program(Gr. 7-12)

The City of St. Albert Transit is launching a trial free bus ride program in St. Albert until June 2020. They will be providing free bus tickets to all students 7 - 12 in the City of St. Albert. These tickets may be used by youth to travel on the transit system within St. Albert for free any day of the week during transit hours. We will be distributing a package of tickets to SAA grade seven students on Monday of this coming week. They may visit the office to pick up more tickets once they have been used up.

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 on Feb. 28 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!

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 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.

School Council News

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Fundraising Association Creation Workshop by the Alberta School Councils Association. The workshop was very informative and outlined the many steps that will be required to create a Fundraising Associations for SAA. More information to come.

St. Albert Parish News

Youth Ski Trip - March 9

SAPY is going for a one-day ski trip to Tawatinaw Valley. This is open to all youth 9 and up. Altar servers participate for FREE! The bus will depart from the Church at 8:30am and return by 5:30pm. A tailgate lunch will be provided. Please note that all participants must be registered by March 1st . (This is a firm deadline.) Find the registration pamphlets at the back of the church, stop by the office to grab one, or contact Anne-Marie to receive it through email in order to join us for this fun-filled day! This trip is dependent on a minimum of 15 participants, so don't miss out! Bring a friend!

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

Holy Family Parish News

North of 60 Project

Travel to the remote high Arctic hamlet of Ulukhaktok, without leaving your chair or taking out your wallet. Through her stories, photos and videos, Linda Tutt, Chair of the St. Albert SSVP North of 60 Project, will take you to Ulukhaktok, NWT, where she visited just last November. You will learn how the SSVP North of 60 project has evolved, what impact St. Albert's annual Sea-Can shipment of food and necessities has had on Ulukhaktok and about the life and culture of the Inuivallit (Western

Canadian Inuit) residents living there. The North of 60 project is gearing up for the 2019 collection in April, so come and see what it is all about, Friday, March 8th at 7:30 pm. For more information: Linda at L@tutt.ca or 780-651-6486.

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St. Albert Catholic High's Dramatic Production: 2019

The Importance of Being Earnest is a comedic satire that watches our two young men of London, Algernon and Jack, try to please the women in their life by becoming Earnest! Oscar Wilde's play is skillfully written and openly cross-examines the norms of his time, Victorian England - which fittingly questions our contemporary inclinations also: social status, perceptions dominating realities, facade and the truth!but all of this is done in the realm of hilarity! This is indeed Wilde's 'wisest and wittiest play' as Dominic Dromgoole of London's Sunday Times states. You will laugh until you think!



Matinees at Noon on March 6 & 7 - Evening Performances @ 7pm.

