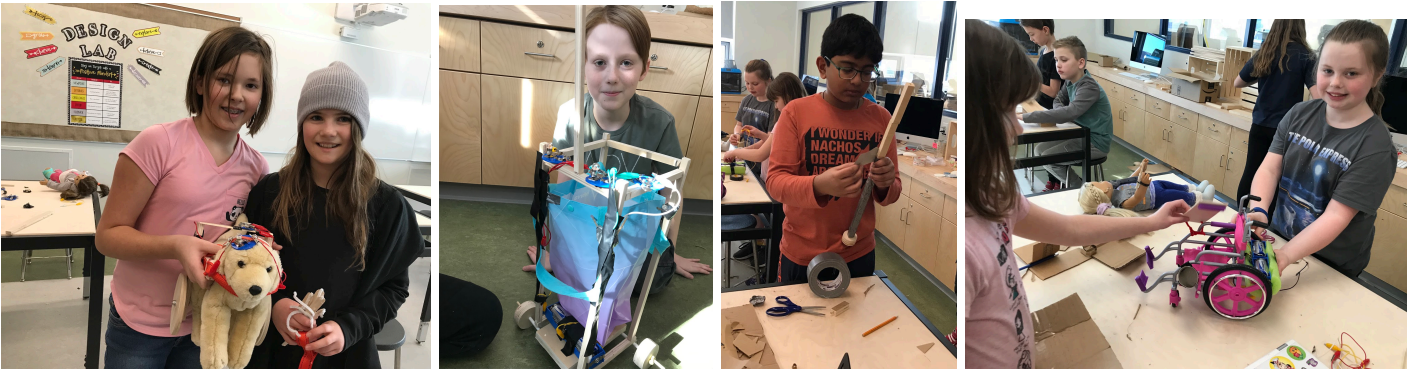


The 45'ers are designers, creators and builders! Their inquiry led them to building a device that breaks down barriers and helps makes life easier for people/animals with challenges.

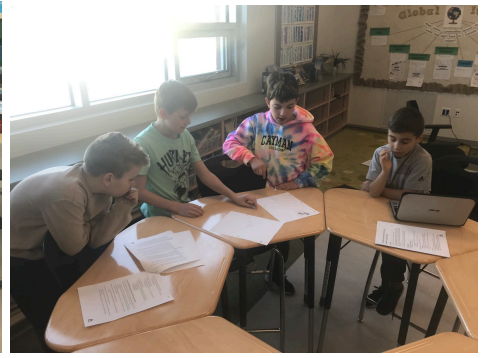
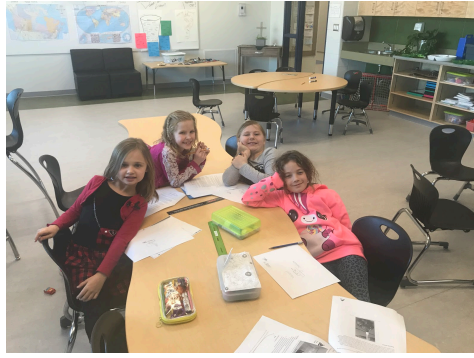


Students at SAA receive personalized notes of kindness from our precious Royals on Pink Shirt Day!

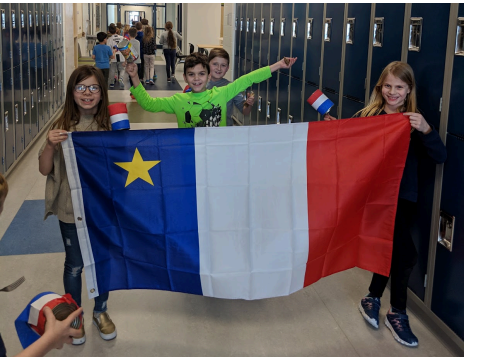


These **KNIGHTS** pledge to be **KIND, CARING** and **CHRIST LIKE** in their words and actions.

Students at SAA set out to plan their projects for the APEGA Science Olympics!



Students at SAA experience authentic Acadian culture from a passionate and creative local expert!



Students at SAA welcome others, serve as ambassadors and share their innovative school with the public at our SAA OPEN HOUSE!



Grade one students at SAA problem solve math equations using marshmallows.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week, March 4 - 8!

Monday (4)	Science Olympics 3-4pm
Tuesday (5)	Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Lunch for all students (no charge covered by student activity fee)
Wednesday (6)	Ash Wednesday Liturgy - 9:00 am - Parents welcome Science Olympics 3-4pm
Thursday (7)	Ski Trip to Rabbit Hill(weather permitting)
Friday (8)	No School All - Staff Meeting PD Day Online Parent/Teacher Interview Booking Begins - 4:00 pm. Use the School Interviews Link and then enter EVENT CODE mkwzf to book an appointment

Ski Trip Status - Nearly seventy-five students in kindergarten to grade seven have provided revised consent and payment for the Rabbit Hill Ski Trip rescheduled for Thursday, March 7. **We will keep an eye on weather predictions as temperatures look better but wind chill could be a factor.** A reminder that our District's admin procedures indicate that students should not be outside when temperature and windchill create conditions of -20 or below. **A final decision regarding the possible cancelling of the ski trip will be made on Tuesday, March 5.** We will send communication via email. 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. All students on the ski trip need to bring a bag lunch in a backpack and all items should be clearly labeled.

Open House - Thanks for Attending and/or Allowing Your Children to Participate

We would like to thank all parents who dropped in or helped with our SAA Open House. We would also like to thank our students who helped out and served as ambassadors, helpers or performers/presenters. There was positive energy in the building and we were proud to show our new school to the community.

Reminder - Purchase Your 2018/19 Yearbook

Don't forget 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. If you have not yet done so, 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.

Term 2 Report Cards

Report Cards for students in **grade one to six will be issued on Friday, March 15.** Kindergarten students will receive their Report Card on Thursday, March 14. Students in grade seven will not receive a printed Report Card. Parents of students in grade seven have access to their child's marks through PowerSchool. Marks for students in grade seven are cumulative. Parents can check marks daily-weekly-monthly so there is no need to send a printed Report Card home in Term 1 and 2. Grade sevens will be issued a Final Paper Report card at the end of June.

Booking of Parent Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interview dates are Tuesday, March 19 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and Wednesday, March 20 from 3:30 - 6:30 pm. **Booking of Interviews will begin on Friday, March 8/19 at 4:00 pm.** Use the [School Interviews Link](#) and then enter **EVENT CODE mkwzf** to book an appointment. Interview slots for students in grade 2-7 will be 15 minutes long. Kindergarten and grade 1 student Led slots will be 30 minutes. In Junior High parents may book interviews with individual subject teachers. **** Please note that depending on teaching assignment some teachers will only be available on one evening.****

Mrs. Teixeira and Mrs. Shmyr will conduct Gr. 1 Student-Led Conferences together and are only available on Tues, March 19. Mrs. Manderson is only available on Wed., March 20. Mrs. Shmyr is only available for Kindergarten Student-Led Conferences on Wed., March 20.

No Need to Pack a Lunch on Tuesday, March 4

Mrs. Kleparchuk, Mrs. Mckinnon and students from the Foods Option classes will be serving up pancakes for all students on Shrove Tuesday. There might even be a sausage or two (& orange slices) as well.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Parents are welcome to join us at the school on Wednesday, March 5th at 9:00 am for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy which marks the beginning of the Lenten Liturgical season.

Thought Exchange

You may have received 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 then provide back on feedback and ideas by other stakeholders. 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 10-15 minutes to complete and you can continue to share and comment on ideas generated throughout the sharing period. Stakeholders have up until March 9, 2019 to share their thoughts. If you have not participated and would like to participate click on the [THOUGHT EXCHANGE LINK](#).

Staying Safe in the Online World

This past week we sent out some information about some dangers and concerns related to the MOMO Challenge. It's a reminder to us all that there will always be things that come up that are not appropriate or could pose a danger to our children's safety. Most experts would agree, we can't always anticipate what is coming next but we can always be vigilant in teaching our children good practices online. It's important to continually remind our children about dangers related to contacting strangers online and being sure to set and check privacy settings on devices with your kids. It's also important to ensure that they feel comfortable to speak with you or another trusted adult if they encounter something that makes them uncomfortable. If you notice your children switching screens on their devices, or new numbers or email addresses it would be important to have a conversation. Experts also agree that online video gaming and YouTube watching are best done in high traffic family areas. Some video games allow the setting up of restrictions which in some cases will block content that is inappropriate or offensive. Our teachers at the grade 4 -7 level did review online safety with our students again this week and we will keep you informed of any new developments along the way.

SAA Lenten Project

Students and staff at SAA will be involved in Daily Solidarity Lenten reflections during the liturgical season of Lent which begins on Thursday, March 7. Students will be asked to donate spare change that would be collected in each spirit team's Solidarity Jar. All change collected will go to Development and Peace. The ROYALS Leadership team will keep track of the money which will turn into Spirit Team points. Money counting and point tallies will happen on the last day of the week. At the end of Lent, at a JOUST, spirit teams will hold a challenge, to build the tallest "Tower of Change," where each team will battle to build the tallest tower with the money they collected to win the "Basket of Goodness." We will be encouraging students to do odd jobs or chores around the house in order to earn a little spare change, so they can contribute to their team's Solidarity Jar. Thank you for supporting our students.

We will be Hopping on April 5 (Really Hopping)

Mr. Untergasser, a parent of our school community has volunteered to help coordinate a picture event on Friday, April 5 that he has coordinated many times at his kids previous school. All of our students in K - 7 will get the opportunity to have their picture taken with a real bunny(bunnies) and receive a color print. Parents will also have the opportunity to access some of the pictures. More details will follow. Circle Friday, April 5 on your calendar.

Your Support is Appreciated

Miss Gamache and everyone at SAA would like to thank our parent community for supporting our Book Fair this past week. Proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to support the purchasing of future resources in our Learning Commons.

Thanks to the Gammel Family

On behalf of the students and staff of Sister Alphonse Academy we would like to thank the Gammel family for their donation of the Prize Toy Box for Sister Alphonse Academy. Our ROYALS Leadership Team has many plans for its use and it will be exciting to see a lucky student(s) crank the controller to win a prize at the next ROYALS Joust!

Thanks to the Sobeyes

Thank you to St. Albert Sobeyes for the donation of the snacks and beverages for the open house. There were fresh baked cookies, cupcakes for the "Plunger" challenge winners, coffee, water and popcorn for all attendees. A big thank you to the Trenchard Family for lending us use of the Popcorn machine which we used for the open house and will be able to use again for the movie event for students before Spring Break.

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! Sneak

Day of Confessions March 12th

You are invited to receive God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Several churches throughout the Archdiocese will be hearing confessions from 9am- 9pm on March 12th. St. Albert Parish is the hub parish for our geographical area and there will be priests available throughout the day.

SAPY Fish Fryday March 15 and April 5

Back by popular demand are the SAPY sponsored "Fish Frydays" during Lent. The first is on Friday, March 15 at 5:30 pm. You are then invited to stay for Way of the Cross at 7 pm. The second evening is April 5. Don't miss out on these tasty gatherings!

Movie Night March 23rd

Come and join us in the parish hall following 5 pm Mass for another excellent faith-filled film. WAR ROOM is an inspiring and entertaining movie filled with humour and heart. Mark your calendars and bring the whole family!

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 Inuivaluit (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.

Soup and a Bun Fridays During Lent

As part of our Lenten Journey we invite you to join us for Soup and a Bun on Fridays during Lent followed by Stations of the Cross. Soup will be served at 5:45 pm and Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:45 pm. If you are able to help prepare or clean up that would be greatly appreciated. There is a signup sheet in the Welcome Area. Many hands makes light work. You only need to sign up for one day!

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

