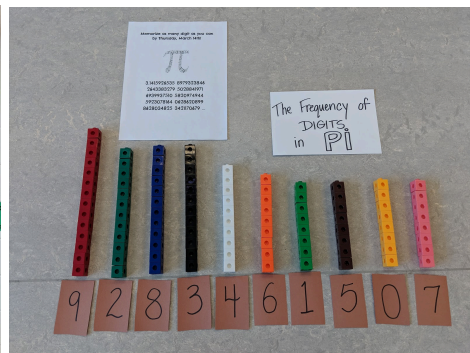


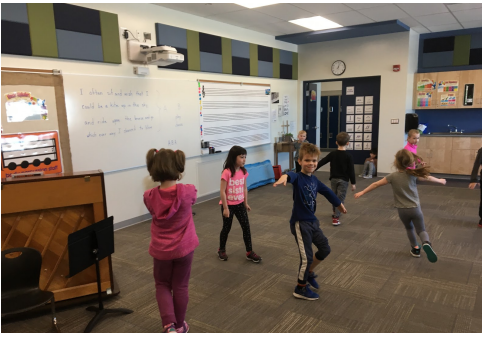
Students at SAA gather as KNIGHTS once again at our March Joust! Our Royals lead us to play together and acknowledged all the student birthdays since September! Some students left with surprises!



Students at SAA challenge themselves mathematically on Pi Day for fun and prizes!



Students at SAA are excited for Spring! They performed a song and dance titled Kite. The 2/3 class presented the musical reader's theatre "Grandpa Dan's Toboggan Ride" to their parents and K/1s!



Students at SAA learn about First Nations, Metis and Inuit culture.



Students at SAA present and market their design ideas for their "Barrier Breakers" to our "Dragons Den," some wonderful parent judges!



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! March 18 - 21

Monday (18)	Winter Baseball Program in the gym for Phys.ed (non Rec. Academy students) Beaverhill Bird Observatory is here to present for the K, 1, 2 and 3 classes at 10:00am - Join us in the learning commons if you can and meet a Saw-Whet Owl!
Tuesday (19)	Parent/Teacher Interviews - 5:00 - 8:00 pm - All interviews are booked online. School Interview Link
Wednesday (20)	Winter Baseball Program in the gym for Phys.ed (non Rec. Academy students) Parent/Teacher Interviews - 3:30 - 6:30 pm - All interviews are booked online. School Interview Link

Thursday (21)	ROYALS Leadership Event - P.J. Day and Movie in the Gym
Friday (22) March (25-29) April (1)	SCHOOL CLOSED - No School All - Parent Teacher Interview Lieu Day - No classes K - 7 SCHOOL CLOSED - No School All - Spring Break Holiday Classes resume for all students K - 7

Pi Day 2019

The school was abuzz with numbers and circles on Thursday! Students challenged themselves to memorize as many digits of Pi as possible for the chance to win a lemon pie. Seventeen students competed and one student even memorized 121 digits, if you can believe it!! Here is a [LINK](#) to the many ways classes could participate. Some might be fun to try at home too!! Math challenges were matched with prizes and 24 lucky winners were announced on Friday morning!

School Closed, Friday March 22

There will be no classes for all students on Friday, March 22. This is a lieu day for the two nights of interviews.

Spring Break Holiday, School Closed March 23 - March 31

A reminder that there is no school for all students March 23 - 31. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and families a relaxing, enjoyable and safe Spring Break Holiday!

Classes Resume

Classes resume for all students in kindergarten to grade seven on Monday, April 1st. No fooling!

Reviewing the Term 2 Report Card

Before you have a look at your child's Report Card it's always a good idea to sit down and ask your child what they feel they have done well and what has been difficult for them over the term. When you go through the report card be sure to celebrate successes and achievements and then it's very appropriate to set a goal or two in one or two areas that may require improvement.

Term 2 Field Trip/Extra Project or Dynamic Option Fee Payments

If your child was on a Field Trip in the first term or had some extra fees associated with some Dynamic Options or special projects you will find a letter indicating the charges. Kindly pay by April 15, 2019. We hope that you will use School Cash Online but we will accept cash/cheque at the school office.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We would ask all parents to do their very best to be on time for your scheduled appointment on either Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. If your plans have changed we would ask you to notify the office or your child's teacher. If everyone sticks to their scheduled appointment time it helps to ensure things go smoothly. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 for interviews is NOW OPEN. 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.

District Parent Satisfaction Survey - Tuesday and Wednesday During interviews

Please take a few minutes either before your child's interview or after your child's interview to complete our District Parent Satisfaction Survey. We will have some laptops set up in our gathering area. It will only take a few minutes and it provides us with valuable information. Thank you for taking the time to do this.

Royals Leadership Event - P.J., Popcorn Sale and Movie in the Gym

The Royals are showing the movie, HOP, in the afternoon on March 21. The smell of theatre popcorn will fill the halls! A full paper bag will cost \$2, and half a bag will be \$1. All money made will go towards Development and Peace to support our Lent project. Also, students are invited to bring their own seating! This could mean, a sleeping bag, bean bag chair, folding chair, or anything that can add extra comfort that parents approve of and can easily be transported.

School Council News

Thanks to all parents who were able to attend our March School Council Meeting. We were pleased to hear that there will be no increase to the SAA School Fees for next school year. Fees will be \$68 for grade one to Junior High. Kindergarten will have no fees unless a child is registered in Full Day Kindergarten. In that event they will need to pay the District fee and will be required to pay the Lunch Supervision fee of \$33 which all students in grade one to Junior High will pay. Mr. Lamer and Mrs. Kleparchuk reviewed many events that have happened in our school in the last month and upcoming events that will occur before our next meeting. Administration thanked parents for the excellent turn out and support of our Open House. They also asked us for feedback and suggestions for the next Open House. We were informed that GSACRD now has an approved calendar for the 2019/20 school year and the 2020/21 school year. Both these calendars will include a Fall Break. The [2019/20](#) and the [2020/21](#) school year calendar are now posted on the District's website. Mr. Lamer and Chairperson

Turner reported to us about two very concerning resolutions that have been forwarded for consideration at the ASCA General Meeting later this spring. Our Council worked discussed those and reviewed each resolution and determined as a group whether we wanted to support it or not. We have the five required signatures to support the formation of a Parent Fundraising Society. We hope to see you all at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 10.

Staff Appreciation - Mrs. Bergstrom has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, April 18 at 7pm at the Starbucks (405, 935 St. Albert Trail) to start planning SAA's Staff Appreciation. You may also receive a phone call from our Volunteer Coordinator reminding you about this. Be sure to let our Volunteer Coordinator know if you can help out even if you cannot attend the meeting. It's likely Staff Appreciation would take place sometime in May.

[St. Albert Parish News](#)

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.

St. Albert Parish Lenten Mission

Our parish Lenten Mission theme is "Come to me and I will give you rest" presented by Father Alfred Hubenig, OMI. Encounter the goodness in God this Lenten season and join us in the church at 7:00 pm for the following evenings:

March 25 – Mass of the Annunciation

March 26 – Liturgy of the Word

March 27 – Lenten Penitential Celebration.

A reception will be follow in the parish hall. Please bring a plate of goodies to share with others.

SAPY Fish Fryday March 15 and April 5

Back by popular demand are the SAPY sponsored "Fish Frydays" during Lent. Save the dates for the SAPY Fundraising suppers that offer everyone a great meal honoring the tradition of having fish on Fridays during Lent! On March 15 and April 5 at 5:30pm, in the parish hall, a wonderful meal of 2 pieces of fried fish with tartar sauce, crunchy French fries and creamy coleslaw will be served, family-style, to each table. Tickets are \$16 each (kids 5 & under eat free), and will be available to purchase after all Masses, or from the Parish Office during the week. Tickets will NOT be available at the door, and need to be purchased 3 days ahead of each supper. Proceeds from these events go to support youth programs and activities, and this year, SAPY will be donating a portion to St. Vincent de Paul.

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](#)

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

Easter Vigil Music Ministry

You are invited to join a combined choir for the Easter vigil this year! It is on Saturday, April 20th, at 9:00 pm. Even if you are not officially part of music ministry in the parish this year, or even if this is the only music ministry you participate in this year, you are welcome and needed. If you have friends who sing or play, bring them with you! The practices and the celebration itself will guarantee you a spiritu-ally unique and meaningful Lent and Easter. You will also meet some great fellow parishioners you didn't know before, or didn't know as well, and you will have fun. The practices are at the Church, minimal in length, and well organized. The Easter Vigil, in case you haven't been before, or haven't been in a while, is a wondrous celebration. Your family members, including young children, will love it. It begins at 9:00 pm and will probably be finished by 11:00 pm. We celebrate the Word of God, the Eucharist and the Resurrection of the Lord with darkness, fire, community, candles, bells, Professions of Faith, water, oil and beautiful music. Please come and be part of the Easter Vigil this year in a special way through the music ministry! Here is the practice schedule:

March 28th—7:30—8:30 pm

April 4th—7:30—8:30 pm

April 11th—7:30—8:30 pm

-Please RSVP to Marieta at 780-459-3694 or at

Community Events/News

St. Albert Public Library

The St. Albert Public Library is once again offering the **Reading Buddies** program for children grades 2-6 who could benefit from extra practice. In a fun and relaxed setting, young readers will be paired up with a reading buddy for support and guidance. The purpose of the program is to encourage the joy of reading through various literacy-related games and activities as well as reading out loud together. We are hoping that you can ensure that your teaching staff is aware of this **free program**, so that together we can best meet the needs of children in our community.

We offer two programs. There is a program specifically for grade 2 (Reading Buddies) as well as a program for grades 2-6 (Reading Buddies Two).

Information about the Reading Buddies programs:

- The program is intended for reluctant or struggling readers, but does not require a special diagnosis or referral.
- The grade 2 program will run Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 from Apr. 9 – May 14 and all the volunteers are teens.
- The grade 2-6 program will run Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 from Apr. 10 – May 15 and the volunteers may be teens, adults and seniors. Children may be able to read to Rufus, a hypo-allergenic Havanese therapy dog.
- Volunteers are required to give references and other information to help us create positive matches between them and their young reading buddies.
- Fun, laughter and friendships are encouraged!

If a teacher has a child in his/her classroom that could benefit from this program, could they please pass this information on to the parent so they can self-refer. Attached is a promotional poster which could be displayed on a bulletin board and/or printed and sent home. Thank you very much for helping us to link children to this positive reading experience. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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Question and Answer Session

Tuesday March 19 6:30-7:30

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Grades 1 to 8



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For more information go to gsacrd.ab.ca.

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