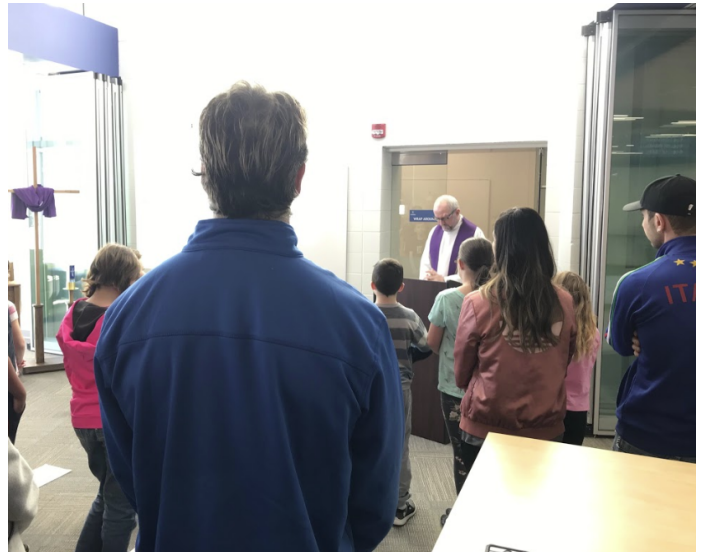
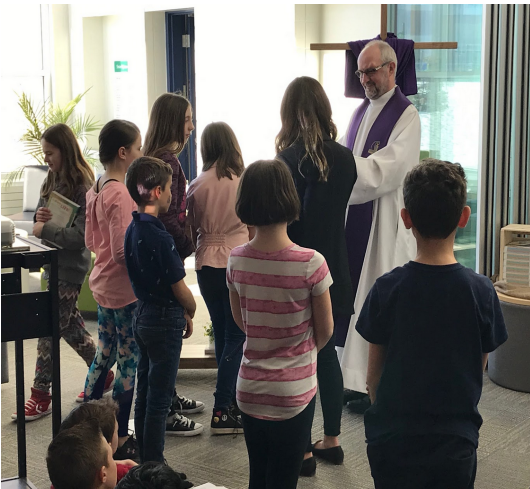


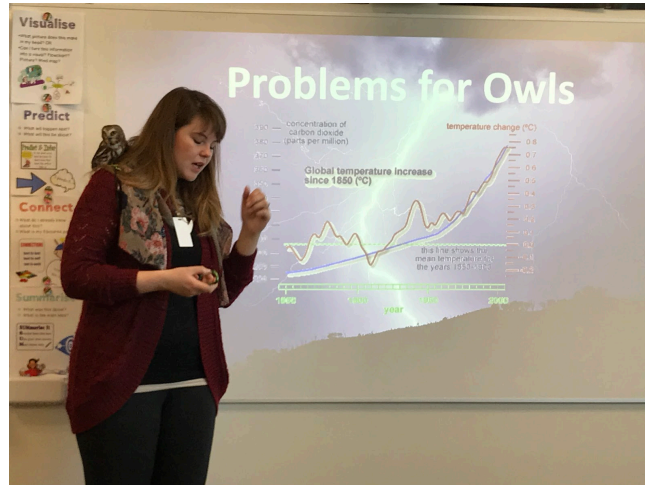
Students at SAA in grade 4/5 perform for fellow students and parents/relatives.



Students at SAA in grade four receive God's word through the gift of bibles at a Liturgy with Father Ignacy. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who joined us!



Students at SAA learn about how climate change is affecting the many birds that inhabit our province. Did you know that 11 species of owls call Alberta home for at least some of the year?



Students at SAA get an opportunity to work on their throwing, catching and batting skills during baseball clinics provided by representatives of Alberta Baseball.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up the week after Spring Break! April 1 - 5

Monday (1)	<i>Classes Resume for all students K to 7 Science Olympics for grades 4-7 students (3-4pm)</i>
Tuesday (2)	
Wednesday (3)	<i>Science Olympics for grades 4-7 students (3-4pm)</i>
Thursday (4)	<i>Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day</i>
Friday (5)	<i>Student pictures with Rabbits. More details below. Hat Day - Donate a Loonie to charity and wear your hat for the whole day at school. Science Olympics for grades 4-7 students (3-4pm)</i>

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!

2019/20 School Registration and Basic School Registration Fee

We are only waiting to hear back on five children in regards to filling out the SAA Intent to Register form for next school year. Thanks for getting them in. We have been told that the online registration confirmation process should be ready in early April. At that time you will be advised to go online and officially register your child for next school year. More to follow after Spring Break. Please be advised that the SAA Basic School fee for the 2019/20 school year will remain at \$68 for students in grade one through nine. There is no fee for kindergarten. The Basic School Fee will be collected in September. There may be fees associated with field trips, special projects and options(4-9) throughout the school year. As always we shall endeavour to keep our school fees as low as possible.

Classes Resume

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

SAA Website Refresh!

Have you checked out the new look SAA Website. This website will be much more user friendly on your phone and tablets. Check it out by clicking on the [SAA WEB Link](#)

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 should have received 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.

Science Olympics

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our young scientists good luck as they participate in the **APEGA Science Olympics at the University of Alberta Butterdome on Saturday, April 6**. Under the guidance of Mrs. Trenchard and Mrs. Shmyr the students in the the Science Olympics teams have been practicing and working on strategies for over 4 weeks.

Individual and Sibling Pictures with Rabbits

We are pleased to let you know that a parent has volunteered to take a picture with each child in our school either surrounded by rabbits or holding a rabbit on Friday, April 5. This proved to be very popular at their child's previous school. We will be hopping all day!

SAA Postal Code Change

Please be advised that our Postal Code has been changed by Canada Post. **Our Postal Code is now T8N 7S6.**

Recreation Academy Registration

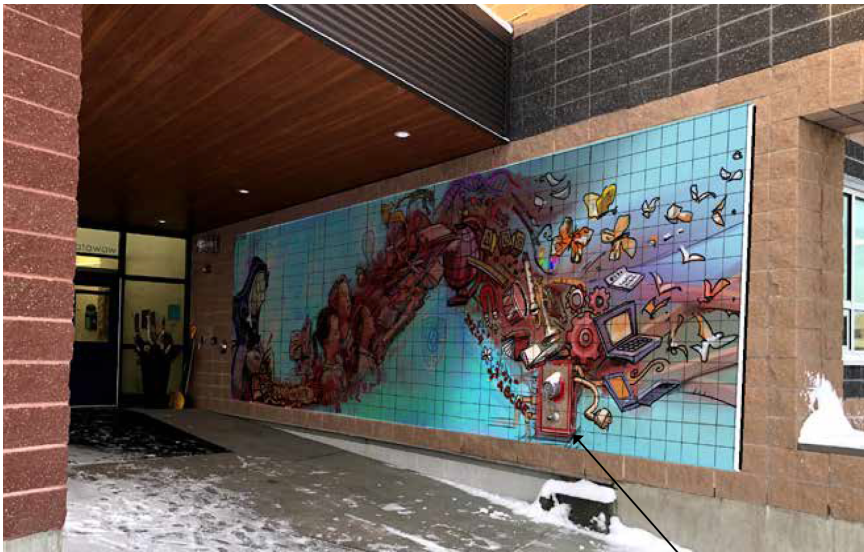
Recreation Academy is now accepting registrations for students who were not registered in Recreation Academy last year, including students who are currently attending SAA and will be in grade four to eight next year. **We plan to offer Rec. Academy to a group of students in 4-6 and a group in Junior High. Each class can only accommodate up to 23 students so it is critical that parents register early to ensure a spot.** The program will run two days a week, elementary students in the morning, Junior High students in the afternoon Monday and Wednesday. If your child is currently in Rec. Academy and you have not confirmed registration for next year we would advise you to do so as soon as possible. For more information contact Mr. Geoff Giacobbo at 780-459-4478.

Approved 2019/20 School Year Instructional Calendar

The Board of Trustees of Greater St. Albert Catholic School District has approved the GSACRD 2019/20 Instructional Calendar. The school year will begin on Tuesday, September 3 and end on Friday, June 26. In addition to regular vacation breaks at Christmas and Spring Break the calendar also includes a Fall Break where there will be No School for students the week of Nov. 11 - 15, 2019. Click on the [GSACRD 2019/20 Calendar Link](#) to view the calendar in more detail.

SAA Legacy Project Approved

We are pleased to inform you that the Board of Trustees has approved an art project that intends to honor the namesake of newly opened schools in our District. Sister Alphonse Academy is the first of two and artists were asked to submit bids through January and February. The project that has received approval by the Board was submitted by local artist Louis Lavoie. It involves the creation of two tile murals that honor the legacy of Sister Alphonse, one that will be installed outside along the brick entryway to the school and one on the wall above the Royals room. The project has been designed so that students, staff, parents and local stakeholders will have an opportunity to contribute. Included below are two pictures of what the project might look like finished and installed. The large mosaic mural on the left entitled THE HUMBLE SEAMSTRESS (approximately 7' x 21') is custom designed to fit the desired space. The mural will depict a large vista scene portraying the progression of the Catholic school system in St Albert over the years. The mural will be comprised of over 600 mosaic tiles and will be painted by professional artists under the guidance of Lewis Lavoie and will also include outreach painting opportunities for community members, parents and every student currently attending Sister Alphonse Academy to commemorate the first year the school has been in operation. The completed mosaic tiles will highlight symbolic images of faith, the indigenous community (treaty 6), the French heritage of the Grey Nuns, education symbols (ie books, globes etc), cultivating friendships, importance of family and images of notable people such as Margaret D'Youville, Father Lacombe etc. The mural on the right is entitled TREE OF LIFE. and attempts to celebrate the miracle of life and the importance of faith. This mosaic will employ the talents of professional artists for the tiles. It appears that early in May, students, parents and other stakeholders will be invited to come to the school to paint tiles for the outside mural. The targeted completion date for the project is late August 2019, with unveiling in September of next school year.



School Council News

REMINDER: 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

Stations of the Cross

You are welcome to join us on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm for Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Confirmation Retreats

Parents of children in preparation of confirmation at SAP, if you have not signed up for the last retreat day, please contact Darryl. The next Retreat Day is April 13th from 10am – 2pm. Parents and sponsors, please come for 1:30pm as we will be doing a 'run through' of the Sacrament.

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 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

Passion Play

Please join us Friday April 12th, 7:00 pm, St. Albert Parish, 7 St.Vital Ave. as Grandin Faith and Light reenact the Stations of the Cross.

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, includ-ing 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

Workshops for Newcomers/Immigrants

Are you an immigrant, a newcomer or a foreign worker? This workshop is for you! The first 4 years in Canada is when immigrants face most of the barriers in adapting to life in Canada. Being stuck in these barriers should not be an option. This workshop will help you BREAKTHROUGH those barriers and learn the key competencies you need to succeed in achieving your personal and professional goals.

Workshop date: April 4, 2019,. Time: 7:00—9:00 pm. Location: Star of the North Retreat Centre.

Get the early bird discount, register early! Register on Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/breakthrough-breakdown-the-culturalbarriers-> tickets-55879580329
Or contact Maria to register: phone: 780-707-1683 / email: maria@consultasiaglobal.com

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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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SUPER COOL SUMMER SCHOOL

July 2 - 12, 2019

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School

Grades 1 to 8



Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. - Noon & 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Dear Families,

Registration for our amazing summer programs for children in kindergarten to grade eight will open on March 29, 2019 at noon. There will be over 25 sessions with different age categories to choose from that are focused on enrichment, athletics, and extracurricular fun! Several new hands-on programs have been added this year so be sure to check out our program offerings in our [Summer School Program Brochure](#) . Many of the sessions do fill up so be sure to book your summer fun

programming for your children early. The link to register online is provided below.

[Super Cool Summer School Online Registration](#)

Kindest Regards,

Sherry Gagne

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