

Students in K -6 at SAA spent part of their last day before Spring Break enjoying a movie and other class activities! Almost all the students came with their Pj's on.



Students in 4 -6 at SAA are using their food preparation skills and knowledge of healthy eating to share with and serve the students in 2/3.



Students at SAA get hopping as they welcome and say "cheese" with some cute and fluffy bunnies!



Students at SAA are creative and not afraid to get a little messy! Kindergarten students are working on their dinosaur sculptures.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! April 8 - 12

Monday (8)	<i>Badminton Team Practice - 3:00 to 4:15 pm</i>
Tuesday (9)	<i>Badminton Team Practice - 3:00 to 4:15 pm</i>
Wednesday (10)	<i>April SAA School Council Meeting - 6:30 pm Badminton Team Practice - 3:00 to 4:15 pm</i>
Thursday (11)	<i>Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day. Boston Pizza Hot Lunch (previously ordered) SNACK SHACK CLOSED! K-1 Swimming Lesson Reconciliation PM</i>
Friday (12)	<i>No Kindergarten classes</i>

Reminder - SAA Student Phone Policy

Students have access to the office phone to contact parents throughout the day in the event of sickness or emergency.

Cell phones are not permitted in the classroom. Phone devices may be used before school, during morning break, at lunchtime and after school. As well, for privacy reasons, cell phones with cameras must never be taken into washrooms or change/locker rooms. If brought to school cell phones should be left in a student locker. Violation of the policy will result in the device being confiscated and turned in to Administration. Parents would be notified and need to come into the school to pick up the device.

Good Luck to our Young SAA Scientists

We know these young problem solvers and innovators will represent SAA well at the Science Olympics this weekend at the University of Alberta Butterdome. Go Knights!

Reconciliation

All students who have made their First Communion and 1st Reconciliation will have the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation on Thursday, April 11. Father Ignacy and another priest will be here to hear student/staff confession. Mr. Colin Loiselle, Religious Ed. Consultant will provide students with a preparation and reminder lesson before Reconciliation.

DARE Program Begins at SAA

We are happy to announce that the students in grade six at Sister Alphonse Academy have had their first DARE class this past week. Originally we were going to be one of five St. Albert Schools that were going to be piloting a new program but the RCMP called and let us know that they could offer DARE at SAA. Students will be participating in lessons throughout April and early May.

SAA Welcomes DALLAS ARCAND

On Tuesday, April 9th students and staff are excited to enjoy a presentation by Dallas Arcand. Dallas is a 3 time world Hoop Dancing champion and is known for his playing of the flute and motivational speaking. The presentation will take place at 9:30 am and is expected to last about one hour. Parents are welcome to attend.

Catholic Education Week April 5 - 12

We are blessed and thankful that parents have the right to choose Catholic Education as part of a publically funded school system in the Province of Alberta. During the week of April 5 -12 we will give thanks and celebrate that parents can choose to avail their children of everything that a faith based education can provide. We are thankful for your support and prayers.

2019/20 School Registration

Thanks to all the parents who completed and returned the Intent to Register Form. **Near the end of April we hope to provide you with instructions on how you will complete the official registration form and we are hopeful that you will be able to do this online. Stay tuned for more information.**

Planning and Grade Configurations for the 2019/20 School Year

Understandably, once the month of April comes parents begin to think about the next school year and wonder about class assignments, etc. Unfortunately we have no clear sense of what our numbers will be for next school year. We have had many phone calls and we have provided many tours of our school fairly regularly since the beginning of January. We do know that almost every child currently attending SAA has indicated they expect to return and we have begun to confirm new registrations for a number of new families that will be moving into our attendance area. We have also been given permission to confirm attendance for some families out of our attendance area where space and resources permit. At this time it is far too early to predict what grade configurations will look like in September. We currently continue to accept registrations for kindergarten to grade nine for the 2019/20 school year. Our planning, as it did last year, will contain many contingencies and possibilities. The great thing is that we have highly skilled and flexible teaching staff that have experience and success at a variety of grade levels. We hope to bring on additional teaching staff that will add new talents and strengths. We will provide parents with more information as we can. Please feel free to contact the school if you have questions regarding this or any other aspect of planning for next year.

2019/20 School Times

Many parents have asked about school day times for next year. **Although we do not have official confirmation**, we do believe that our school day start and end times will be similar to this school year. Currently for students in grade one to nine we are planning for an 8:20 am entry into the school with an 8:30 am start. Lunch would occur from 12:08 to 12:55 pm. The school day would end at 2:57 pm. Kindergarten times are being finalized but we expect them to be similar to this school year.

Dress Reminder

We would like to remind all parents that there are still some cool mornings and the weather can change quickly. This requires that students still have a warm jacket for activities outside. We would also advise parents to be sure to check our school Dress Code for clothing choices in the remaining few months of school. Our School Dress Code has been endorsed by School Council. It attempts to ensure that we reflect our Catholic/Christian Faith values and has been designed to be acceptable for a wide range of ages within our school. If a student is wearing something that would not meet our Dress Code guidelines a staff member will address it with the student. This could involve putting on a sweater or changing into something more appropriate. In some cases it could involve a call home to parents. Our Dress Code can be accessed by clicking on our [School Handbook link](#).

April 23 - Class Pictures

Please be advised that Icon Photography will return to SAA to take individual pictures of any new students to our school who were not here for individual pictures in September and to take class pictures. More details will come closer to the date.

SAA Welcomes Mr. Laverne Dewald

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Laverne Dewald to Sister Alphonse Academy for the third term. Mr. Dewald will be teaching CTF Construction to the students in our options classes who have chosen the Construction/Woodworking Option at the 4-6 or Gr. 7 level. Mr. Dewald has many years of experience teaching in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools mostly in mathematics and CTS areas.

Thanks to our Parent Volunteers

We would like to thank all of our parents who have helped out with a number of activities over the last couple of months at our school. Swimming, bunny pictures, movie day, Open House, Shrove Tuesday Lunch. We appreciate all your support!

Bunny Pictures

The bunnies were a hit! Our Easter gift to all families will be a free print of your child and a sibling picture. These should be available sometime next week or the week after. Thank you to Mr. Untergasser for volunteering his time and equipment to do this for our school.

Term 2 Fees

We thank all the parents who have went online and paid their child's term fees in grade one and six for field trips, etc. If you have not completed payment do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Despins at the office.

School Council

We would like to remind all parents that they are welcome to attend our SAA School Council meeting on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 pm. To access the agenda click on the [SAA April Agenda Link](#).

St. Albert Parish News**Youth Ministry Coordinator (Full Time Position) Required for St. Albert Catholic Parish**

St. Albert Parish is seeking a full time Coordinator of Youth Ministry. The Youth Ministry Coordinator is responsible for development, coordination, and implementation of youth ministry programs for school aged children and youth in the parish. The programs consist of a wide variety of components: evangelization, catechesis, liturgy, community building, social action, spirituality, advocacy, leadership development and pastoral care. The Youth Ministry Coordinator reports to the pastor and collaborates with other members of the parish team and staff at associated Catholic schools to bring about the goals of youth ministry: personal and spiritual formation of youth for active discipleship. The Youth Ministry Coordinator is responsible for recruiting and preparing volunteers to serve in this ministry. For more details click on the Parish Link below.

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

Holy Family Parish News

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

