

Students and staff at SAA enjoyed the cultural performance by Dallas Arcand. Dallas performed a number of Hoop Dances, played the flute and spoke to the students about some traditions and customs of the Indigenous people.



Grade 7 students at SAA are proud to present their Planet Earth final projects. Curious grade two and three students from Mrs. Trenchard's class had a chance to tour the gallery and see how different parts of the world were created. (Volcanoes, mountains, fossils and climate).



Students at SAA competed in the Science Olympics at University of Alberta Butterdome last Saturday.



Students in grade 4-7 at SAA began their 3rd term Dynamic Options. There was a lot of excitement about the opportunity to use some hand tools in Mr. Dewald's Woodworking class for students in 4-6. Students in 4-6 also have the opportunity to take a sewing or foods option during this term.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! April 15 - 19

Monday (15)	<i>Badminton Team Practice - 3:00 to 4:15 pm</i>
Tuesday (16)	<i>Badminton Team Practice - 3:00 to 4:15 pm</i> <i>Arabian Horse Reading Literacy Project (Horse visits the school) - Kindergarten - Gr. 3 (9 am)</i>
Wednesday (17)	<i>Badminton Team Practice - 3:00 to 4:15 pm</i>
Thursday (18)	<i>Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day</i> <i>K-1 Swimming Lesson</i>
Friday (19)	<i>School Closed - Good Friday Holiday</i>

School Closed - A reminder that the school will be closed and there will be no classes for students on Good Friday, April 19 and on Easter Monday, April 21.

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 started 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.

Recreation Academy Registration - Reserve Your Child's Spot Now

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 the school office or Mr. Geoff Giacobbo at 780-459-4478. Click on the [Rec Academy Link](#) to learn more about this great program with our school and District.

Partners in Prayer

Would you be interested in meeting once a month with other parent volunteers to pray for intentions submitted by students and staff. If so, please email Mr. Lamer - glamer@gscard.ab.ca. He will put you in contact with a couple of other parents who have volunteered to support our school in this special way.

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 after retakes in the fall and to take class pictures. Pictures would be taken first thing in the morning and could be taken outside if the weather cooperates.

School Easter Mass - Thursday, April 25 at St. Albert Parish

Please be advised that all students in grade one to seven will be attending a school Easter Mass at St. Albert Parish on Thursday, April 25 at 1:30 pm. All parents have previously provided consent for this activity through the General Consent form that was signed in the registration package. Students will be bussed to and from St. Albert Parish on this day. If you have questions please do not hesitate to call the school. Some parent volunteers will be required.

Approximate Itinerary

Leave SAA to travel to SAP at 1:05 pm.
Mass from 1:30 to 2:25 pm
Leave SAP to return to SAA at 2:30 pm.

Hot Lunch Ordering for April and May is Open

A reminder for all parents to go to [School Cash Online](#) and place orders for hot lunches in April and May as soon as possible.

EASTER LUNCH Apr 25

BAR BURRITO May 9

BOOSTER JUICE May 23

Term 2 Fees

Please ensure that you clear up any outstanding charges for field-trips or classroom activities by checking your account in School Cash.

Reconciliation

We were very pleased to welcome Father Ignacy and Father Wladik from St. Albert Parish and Mr. Colin Loiselle our District's Religious Education Consultant. Mr. Loiselle prepared the students just prior to the arrival of the priests and then students were given an opportunity in grade three to seven to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or receive a blessing from the priest. Father Ignacy indicated it was a "joy" to spend time with the students!

School Council News

April 10 Meeting Summary - Thanks to all the parents we had attend our meeting on Wednesday evening. At the meeting administration reviewed many of the events that have occurred at the school since our last meeting in March. Unfortunately we learned that Mr. Chris Turner will no longer be able to continue as Chairperson of our School Council. We appreciate all the work that Chris was able to do to help get our School Council off the ground. We are thankful that Mrs. Karla Bergstrom our Vice Chairperson, has indicated that she will chair our last two meetings of the school year. At our meeting members of Council decided that we will not fill the Chairperson position now. We will elect a new chairperson at the Council Organizational meeting in September when we have have elections for all positions on the executive. Mrs. Kleparchuk reported on the progress of our SAA Facebook page. You can find the school facebook page by



searching @SisterAlphonse and follow happenings of the school by following the page. The school is also working on an Instagram account and when this is up running we will let you know. We spent some time at our meeting reviewing tasks that have been completed in our 3 Yr. Ed. plan and some ideas to add for next school year. We received some feedback regarding our new look SAA website. It appears that the majority of parents at our meeting preferred the old website. SAA had to change the look to be in line with other schools in the District. Administration took our feedback and they will see what they can do to incorporate some of the feedback that was given. At our meeting in May we will be reviewing and discussing the following topics and would love to have parents share their opinions for school administration on; School Code of Conduct (this must be done by all Councils in Alberta on a yearly basis), cell phones and junior high students leaving the school during lunch hour. All these topics will shape the [School Handbook](#) contents for next school year.

REMINDER: Parent Volunteers

It was brought up at the School Council meeting about reminding parents to sign in when volunteering in the school (this includes out of school field trips). The District uses this information on how many volunteer hours each school site has. This is also useful data when applying for any grants.

REMINDER: Yearbook Purchase Update and Reminders

Mrs. Sandra Kosik, our Yearbook Coordinator reminded parents at the meeting they have about one more month to purchase a yearbook. She also reminded parents that yearbooks cannot be purchased/ordered after the closing date in mid-May. Parents can purchase a yearbook by going into School Cash right now. Mrs. Kosik also reported that the cover pages and back cover have all been submitted and approved. Students in the yearbook club continue to work diligently at adding photos.

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](#)

Last Friday Evening Way of the Cross – April 12th at 7 pm

Our Faith & Light community will be presenting The Passion of Christ at the last Friday evening Way of the Cross. Everyone who experienced this presentation last year was very moved by it so we hope you will be able to attend.

Palm Sunday - April 14

This weekend is Palm Sunday! It is always surprising how quickly Ash Wednesday leads to Palm Sunday and here it is again! We hope you will join us as we worship and share fellowship together. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. At all four Masses, we will receive our palms and have them blessed. We will begin outside on our beautiful front porch and then process the palms into the church as a reminder of Jesus' procession into Jerusalem. It is a joyful way to begin a special week.

Holy Week at SAP

Thursday, April 18th at 7 pm begin the road to Calvary with the celebration of the **Lord's Supper at 7 pm**. The celebration ends with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose. You may stay and pray and then return at 11 pm. Holy Hour Adoration at 11 pm, Holy Thursday. Join us for prayer and Vespers in the main church.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 10 am Weather permitting, this will be held outdoors and will be led by Development and Peace. Good Friday Liturgies at 12 Noon and 3 pm

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 pm Join us in the main church for the holiest night of the year! Then join us in the parish hall for our wonderful Champagne Reception! We are asking parishioners to bring food for our Easter Vigil Champagne Reception to be held on Saturday evening, April 20th following Easter Vigil. We need loaves of sandwiches, fruit, vegetable, meat and cheese trays and your delicious home baking. Please sign up at the back of the church. Thank you!

Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

6:00 am – Easter Sunrise Mass

9:00 am – Mass

11:00 am – Mass (Baptisms)

Easter Egg Hunt after 9 & 11 am Sunday Masses

6:30 pm Mass

Confirmation Retreat

The next and last Confirmation retreat will be held in the parish hall on April 13th from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. If you have any questions please contact Darryl at the parish office or email Darryl.Tymchuk@caedm.ca

Blue Sunday - May 5@ 11:00 am SAP

"Blue Sunday" Started in 1934 in Washington DC as a way of celebrating and thanking Police and Firefighters who risked their lives for the betterment of the community. The celebration now includes all those First Responders who make our



country and community safe. This year is the 14th annual celebration of "Blue Sunday" in St. Albert. The Knights of Columbus and St. Albert Parish wish to invite all First Responders including the Military, Fire Service, Police Officers, Peace Officers, Correction Officers, EMS and all others who work with them to this special Sunday event. This is one way to recognize and say thank you to all serving and retired personnel who have served and have protected us and who, on a daily basis, make the community a safer place to live in. There will be a special intention for our guests and, after Mass, all First Responders will be called to the altar area for acknowledgement and a special blessing. Afterwards, a "pancake breakfast" will be provided for them and their families. This acknowledgement is a small gesture and our way to say "Thank You, We appreciate your work" and an opportunity for personal interaction with the community. This is also an opportunity for First

Responders to experience the support and appreciation the community has for them and the work they do. All are welcome. It is not necessary to be of the Catholic faith to participate. Please plan to arrive prior to Mass so seating can be arranged for you to sit with your coworkers and/or your families.

Help for Cyclone Victims

A devastating cyclone that hit Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi has claimed more than 700 lives and left more than two million people homeless. Development and Peace is now accepting donations which will go to Caritas partners working on disaster relief in the region. Donations can be made online at devp.org, specifying Emergency - Cyclone Idai, by phone to 1-888-234-8533, or by cheque to Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, Third Floor, Montréal, Québec, H3G 1T7.

Star of the North Retreat Centre Celtic & Indigenous Spiritualities:

Wisdom for Healing and Reconciliation Richard Groves, Ann Jacob and Stan Tomandl will facilitate this retreat.

What can the Celtic Christian and Indigenous spiritualities, as wisdom traditions, offer us on the path of healing and reconciliation? How might we further truth and reconciliation in relationship with the many voices of our time calling for greater awareness and healing for peoples and the environment? This special event will also introduce and celebrate a new collaboration between The Star of the North Retreat Centre and Sacred Art of Living Centre's two-year spiritual formation program, "ANAMCARA Project.". Sunday, April 28, 1 -4 pm. \$25/ person. Register one week before program date at starofthenorth.ca or 780-459-5511. Need financial assistance? Ask for a subsidy application form.

Covenant Foundation Presents the 25th Annual Youville Home Golf Classic

The tournament will be on Wednesday, July 10 at Sturgeon Valley Golf & Country Club. A \$250 registration fee, per golfer, includes golf & cart, buffet lunch, BBQ Dinner, Prizes and more! Proceeds support the development of Youville Home multipurpose room and greenhouse. Contact Deborah 780-342-8576 or Deborah.McKinnon@covenanthealth.ca

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Holy Family Parish News

Lenten/Easter Activities

April 18th—Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 pm, Adoration continuing until Midnight.

April 19th—Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 9:00 am & 2:00 pm. Good Friday Service, 10:00 am & 3:00

April 20th—Easter Food Blessing, 12:15 pm, Easter Vigil Mass, 9:00 pm.

April 21st—Easter Sunday Mass, 9:00 & 11:00 am. No 5:00 pm Mass.

April 28th—Divine Mercy Sunday, Celebration at the Church at 3:00 pm.

A Hard Day's Knight

Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction, featuring live entertainment by a Beatles tribute band, May 11th at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$40 each and are available after all weekend Masses. Proceeds to Holy Family Parish roof repair. For more information contact: Maurice Pasternak 780-458-1660 or Joe Becigneul 780-460-8710.

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