

SAA Bulletin #32 - Friday, May 3

Take a look at some of the learning and activities that took place in our school this week!

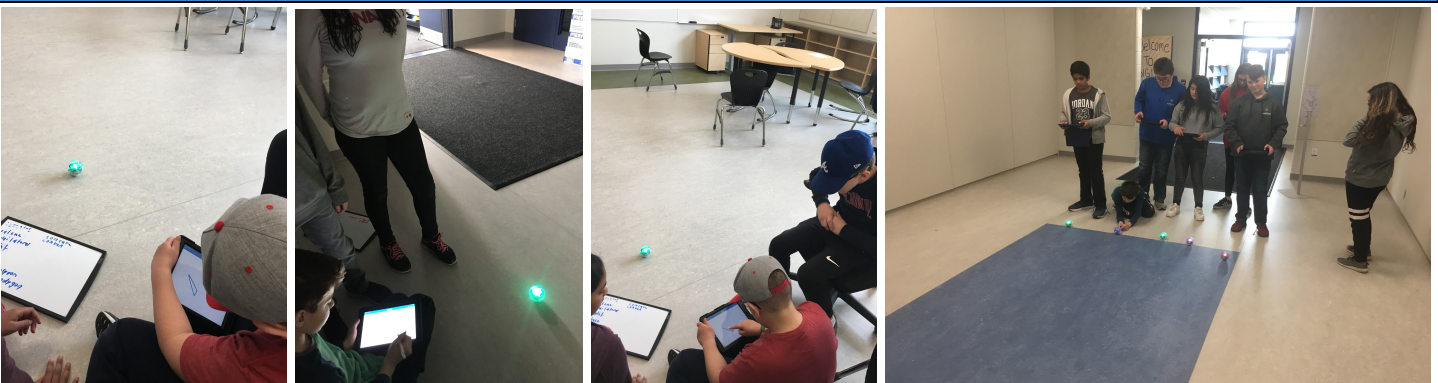
Many students at SAA had the opportunity to participate in wheelchair basketball throughout the week.



Students at SAA wear hats to show their support for Mental Health.



Students at SAA use coding & robotics to explore geometry and measuring perimeter & area.



Students at SAA enjoy the fruits & veggies snacks while learning about healthy portions and nutrition (as part of the School Nutrition Program - see notes below in bulletin).

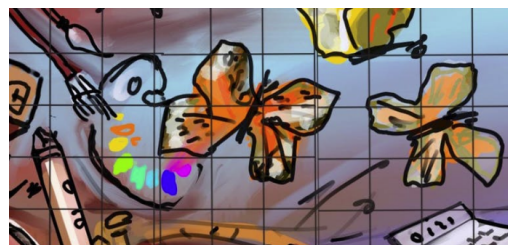


School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week, May 6 - 10!

Monday (6)	
Tuesday (7)	<i>Hot Lunch - barBurrito (orders were pre-purchased)</i>
Wednesday (8)	Part A - Grade 6 Language Arts P.A.T.(students write first thing in morning) K-7 students create tiles for SAA Legacy Project during the day Community Tile Creation@SAA 6:30 pm - Registration Link No Recreation Academy Class
Thursday (9)	Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day Gr. 4-7 Field Trip to Skills Canada at Edmonton Agricom(students need to bring lunch) Community Tile Creation@SAA 6:30 pm - Registration Link
Friday (10)	No Kindergarten Classes Recreation Academy Class

You Are Invited to be a Part of the Creation of our Legacy Project

Parents, relatives and friends of Sister Alphonse Academy are encouraged to join others from within the community in creating the mural mosaic that will be installed just outside the main entrance to the school. Leave your mark by painting a tile that will be united with others from around the community to form one unified mural celebrating the legacy of Sister Alphonse, the namesake for our school. Sister Alphonse, Sister of Charity of Montreal (Grey Nun) was the first teacher at the St. Albert Mission who tended to the needs of our her community. This mural celebrates her leadership and a 150+ year legacy of Catholic education. Tile creation and painig will be done on Wednesday, May 8 and Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 pm. To reserve your spot to be part of this special project please click on the [Registration Link](#).



SAA - Find us on Social Media

You can now stay up to date with the latest happenings of Sister Alphonse Academy by following us on your favourite social media platforms. **Follow us on Twitter @SisterAlphonse, like us on Facebook @SisterAlphonse, follow us on Instagram sisteralphonse_gsacrd.** You can also find us on all three social media platforms by clicking on the link on the top right hand side of our [SAA school website](#).

Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Exam - Part A Writing

On Wednesday morning students in grade six at SAA will join students from around the province in writing Part A of their Provincial Achievement Exam in Language Arts. Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) are administered to students in grades 6 and 9 and have three main purposes:

- to determine if students are learning what they are expected to learn;
- to report to Albertans how well students have achieved provincial standards at given points in their schooling;
- to assist schools, authorities, and the province in monitoring and improving student learning.

For most students in grade six this is the first time that they will write year end cumulative exams. In some cases it can create a bit of nervousness and anxiety for students so it's always good to talk with your kids and reassure them that these feelings are normal. Help your child by ensuring that they have a good rest the night before and come to school after having eaten a good breakfast. We have included dates of all Provincial Achievement exams for students in grade six. If you know that your child must be away from school on one of these days please contact the school and speak with Mr. Lamer. Students can write on alternate dates but there are strict rules and regulations in regards to this. Thank you for your cooperation.

June 13 - LA Part B(Reading)

June 17 - Math - Numerical Response

June 18 - Social Studies

June 19 - Science

June 20 - Math Multiple Choice

Gr. 4 - 7 Skills Canada Field Trip

On Thursday, May 9 students in grade four to seven will get to take part in a super event that provides children with information on a variety of trades and career opportunities. Students will have the opportunity to watch high school competitions and participate in career demonstrations. This great opportunity is free, all that is required is signed consent for your child to attend. Parent consent forms were sent home on Monday, April 29. Check with your child to ensure that they have returned their consent form. For more information click on the [Skills Canada](#) information link.

SAA Student Support Fund - Another Way to Help

Often we have parents ask how they can help at the school. We are always pleased to have parent volunteers and we appreciate their help. Sometimes parents may not be able to help out at school as a volunteer and then ask if there is any other way they can support the school and/or our students. Another way a parent could support our school is via a monetary donation to a Student Support Fund that will be created at SAA. This fund would be used to support students whose families may be under some financial constraints at this time. The Student Support fund could be used to purchase clothing, hygiene items or school supplies. It could also be used to support payment for field trips or special lunches within the school. If this is something that you too might be interested in supporting please call the school and ask for Mrs. Despina. Donations can be kept confidential. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call and speak to Mr. Lamer or Mrs. Kleparchuk.

School Nutrition Program

Sister Alphonse Academy is very fortunate to receive grant funds from the District to help promote healthy eating. These funds were provided by Alberta Education's School Nutrition Program. We will have access to these funds to promote healthy eating over the next two months. The purpose of the School Nutrition Program is to provide students in participating schools with access to nutritious food from each of the four food groups at no additional cost to students or their families. We have decided to use these funds to provide classroom food baskets that the students can choose to eat from throughout the day (fruit, veggies, items from the food groups), and to purchase snack items for the whole school that promote healthy eating. We choose to have the Dynamic Options Foods students in Grade 4-6 assist with the preparing of the snacks. The vision for the School Nutrition Program is to assist with education about healthy food choices. We will also educate the students about the four food groups and knowing which foods to choose more often (i.e., balanced meals, portion control) through our morning announcements. If you have questions about the School Nutrition Program feel free to contact Mrs. Kleparchuk or Mrs. McKinnon.

2019/20 School Day Times

Please be advised that our District has made some slight adjustments to start and end times for GSACRD schools including Sister Alphonse Academy. Listed below are the planned school day start and end times.

Gr. 1 - 9

Entry Bell - 8:15 am

Instruction Begins - 8:25 am

Dismissal - 2:58 pm

Busses Depart - 3:08 pm

AM Kindergarten

Entry Bell - 8:15 am

Dismissal - 11:10 am

PM Kindergarten(pending enrolment)

Entry Bell - 12:03

Dismissal - 2:58 pm

Emergency Procedures Drills

We were able to complete a Shelter-In-Place Drill on Monday this past week and all went well. Due to the weather we decided to postpone our Evacuation(Fire) Drill to this coming week.

Thanks to Our Awesome Support Staff

This past week the teaching staff at SAA took the time to thank our support staff for all their support, dedication and work for the students, parents and teaching staff of SAA. A big thanks goes out to: Mrs. Despina(Secretary), Mrs. Morin(Secretary), Mrs. Kovacevic(Ed Assistant), Miss Gamache(Library Tech) and Mr. Tremblay and his crew at Green Apple Cleaning. We are blessed to have them.

barBurrito Hot Lunch - Tuesday, May 7

Please be advised that the barBurrito Lunch originally planned for Thursday, May 9 has been moved to Tuesday, May 7. This was done to accommodate the Field Trip to Skills Canada on Thursday, May 9 for students in grade 4-7. This hot lunch had to be pre-ordered by Wednesday May 1st.

1st Communion and Confirmation

We are pleased to let you know that seven students at SAA will be making their first communion and nine students will be confirmed in Christ during the month of May at either St. Albert or Holy Family Parishes. We would also like to congratulate Victoria M., Mia-Bella M. and Julian M. who were baptised in the Catholic Church and made their 1st Communion during the Easter Vigil. We ask for God's blessings for all these children and their families.

Catholic Education Week May 5 - 10

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 May 5 - 10 we will give thanks and celebrate that parents can choose to avail their children of everything that a faith based education can provide. Staff will be wearing a blue ribbon during the week and we will have special morning prayers throughout the week. We are thankful for your support and prayers. One special way to celebrate Catholic Education is to be a part of our Legacy Project. See above.

REMINDER: Ordering Class Pictures

Class pictures are now available. Visit iconexp.com and enter the online proof code: sisteralphonse19. **Pictures that are ordered before May 5, 2019 will be delivered free to the school.** Late orders will be shipped to your home at a cost of \$4.95. For more information click on the [Order Information Link](#). Information for individual orders for new students, team/club or fall portraits are provided at the site.

Term Fees(Field Trips, Special Projects)

We still have a few outstanding term two fees that were issued with the March report card. Please be advised that Term 3 Fees will be issued in a couple of weeks. In order to assist Mrs. Despina in the office at year end we would ask that you pay all your fees by the end of May. Thank you for your cooperation.

Recreation Academy Change

Due to the fact that we have a Provincial Achievement Exam on Wednesday, May 8 there will be no Recreation Academy on the 8th. It will be moved to Friday, May 10.

Old Clothing - Construction and WoodWorking Option

If your child is in Mr. Dewald's Woodworking 4-6 or Construction 7 Options we would ask you to please send an old shirt to school with your child that they could wear when painting or working with glue. Mr. Dewald will find a place to store it during the term. This would be a clothing item that you are OK with being thrown out at the end of the term.

[St. Albert Parish News](#)

Honouring Mary and our Mothers

The weekend of May 11 and 12, you are invited to join us half an hour before Mass as we pray the Rosary together. You are also invited, before or after Mass, to light a candle in honour of Mary, your mother, grandmothers and other special women in your life.

Confirmation

On Saturday, May 4 at 9:30am, more than 50 young candidates will be welcomed with the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep the candidates, their sponsors and their families in your prayers as they continue to journey with Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit. We require greeters, ushers and Eucharistic ministers for this celebration. If you are able to serve, please contact the parish office. Following the Confirmation Mass there will be a Champagne Brunch in the parish hall for the candidates and family members.

Celebrations of First Holy Communion

During the Easter season, almost 100 children, who have been preparing with their parents and catechists, will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they receive the wonderful gift of the Eucharist. Children from Bertha Kennedy and Sister Alphonse schools will be celebrating on Sat., May 4 at 5pm. Children from Albert Lacombe and J.J. Nearing will be celebrating on Sunday, June 2 at 11:00 am Mass. Children from École Fr. Jan and all other children will be celebrating on Sunday, June 11 am.

Blue Sunday Mass

You are invited to a special Mass on Sunday, May 5 at 11:00 am. At this Mass we will recognize women and men serving in protective roles. If you are a member of the Police Service, Firefighters, Military, Correction Officers, Peace Officers or EMS, please attend this special Mass where you will be honoured. Please invite colleagues and past members of these services to attend this special Mass. You are welcome to attend in uniform or in civilian clothing. Following the Mass, our special guests and their families will be invited to join in our monthly Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Congratulations to Our High School Graduates

Congratulations to those who finished grade 12 this school year. Your perseverance and dedication to your studies are qualities that will serve you well as you venture into adulthood. May God guide and direct you in your future endeavors as you trust him with all your heart.

Parish Country Fair

Following the outdoor 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, June 2 at the Grotto, you are invited to come and join in our annual Parish Country Fair Festivities: there will be delicious food, bouncy castles, pony rides, pinatas, face painters and a balloon artist and so much more! Make sure you save the date!

Reminder: Children's Mass

SAP will celebrate a children's mass at the 11:00 am mass on the second Tuesday of every month. The next children's mass is Sunday, May 12.

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

Holy Family Parish News

Wild Goose Series

Discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit will be offered every Thursday in May: May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th at 7:00—8:30 pm in the parish hall. Please join us. Available on Formed.

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

