

SAA Bulletin #34 Thursday, May 16 Take a look at some of the learning and activities that took place in our school this week!



Do you remember your grade six camp? Grade 6 students at SAA enjoyed their overnight trip to Camp Nakamun.



Gr. 7 Students at SAA design a backyard landscape using areas of shapes. They went for a walk in Jensen Lakes to be inspired and create their plans.





Students at SAA solve real life problems! The grade 2s are designing and building a pleasure boat for Jensen Lakes and the grade 3s are designing and building clubhouses for the beach! How perfect for our learning about boats, buoyancy and structures!

Jensen Lakes is building a swimming lake and clubhouse this summer. They have asked us for help. They want a boat that will take people for rides around the lake and a clubhouse where people can gather. What would you design for the builders to build?



Kindergarten students at SAA love working with their 'Big Buddies'. This week we gathered together with the grade 4/5s to make bracelet rosaries.





School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! May 20 - 24

Monday (20)	School Closed for Victoria Day Holiday - No Classes all
Tuesday (21)	
Wednesday (22)	
Thursday (23)	Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day Hot Lunch Day - Booster Juice Earth Rangers Presentation Kindergarten Field Trip to Kiwanis Safety City
Friday (24)	Kindergarten and Grade 1 Field trip to Save On Foods

No School K - 7

A reminder that there is no school for all students on **Friday**, **May 17** as it is a Staff Meeting/PD Day and on **Monday**, **May 20** as it is the Victoria Day Holiday. Our best wishes for an enjoyable Long Weekend!

Online Registration

All parents should have received an email last Tuesday for each child that contains the **SNAP CODE** that you require to complete the registration for the 2019/20 school year. We require all parents to complete the online registration process and submit all information by Monday, May 28. Thanks to all parents who have already completed this task. We must emphasise this <u>must be completed to ensure that your child(ren) is/are officially registered for the 2019/20 school year</u>. Your prompt attention to this task is appreciated. If you have any questions or did not receive an email inviting you to complete registration please call the school and Mrs. Despins will be happy to assist you. As this is the first year our District is trying out an online registration process we expect there will be some bugs. We thank you for your patience, cooperation and support. We would also like to thank all parents that have completed this important task!!

Term 3 Fee Payments

Term 3 payment letters were issued on Tuesday, May 14. We would ask you to please make payment before the end of May.

SIGIS Summer Child Care

Parents do you require child care for a child(ren) in kindergarten - grade six? SIGIS has excellent activities planned for kids during the summer. Click on the <u>SIGIS LINK</u> for more information.

Staff Meeting/PD Day

Our staff is looking forward to our staff Faith Retreat this Friday. We thank parents for your support of our Friday PD/Staff Meeting Day format. Keep us in your prayers this Friday!

School Council News

At our May School Council Meeting Mr. Lamer and Mrs. Kleparchuk updated us on school events that have occurred since our April meeting. Mr. Lamer updated the Council in regards to registration and predicted numbers for next year. We learned that at this time we would be expecting our enrollment to increase to around 140-150 students, with a K-8 configuration. We currently do not have any grade nine registrations.

We reviewed the <u>Code of Conduct for SAA</u>. This is something that all School Councils must do on a yearly basis. Mr. Lamer provided information that would indicate minimal student discipline issues throughout the school year. Members at the meeting indicated they saw no need for changes to the current Code of Conduct. Currently our school has the same guidelines as other junior high and senior high schools regarding cell phone use by students within our District. The current policy is that students must not have their phones in the classroom but they can use them at lunch and break. Parents were OK with this but also indicated strongly that they want to see their children spending time playing and interacting with others rather than spending time on the phone. It was agreed that when kids are engaged in interesting activities, cell phone time decreases. Parents in attendance at the meeting were pretty much unanimous in their support for swimming lessons through the school. School administration indicated that they planned to allow Junior High students to leave the school grounds during lunch break next school year. There was discussion regarding this with some pros and cons being noted. School administration will now consider this feedback and move forward in their planning for next school year.

We were happy to receive reports from a number of committees that have been formed and are up and running. We had some parents at the meeting volunteer to help form a Compassionate Friends Committee and they would welcome any other parents to join them, see below for more information. We discussed our plans for Staff Appreciation that is planned for the last week of May. Parents are still encouraged to become involved. Our last meeting of the year is on June 12 and we encourage any parent of our school community to join us.

Compassionate Friends Committee

Our School Council would like to start a Compassionate Friends Committee. This committee would be formed to support children and families that may be experiencing difficult life events. It could involve providing baking, visiting or sending a card or note on behalf of the whole SAA community. If you would like to be a part of this committee or be involved in helping when their is a time of need please contact Mr. Lamer or Mrs. Kleparchuk at the school.

Partners in Prayer

Our Partners in Prayer group has met twice to pray for the intentions submitted by staff and students. If you would like to join them, please provide your name to the secretaries in the office and they will provide you with contact information to join the group.

St. Albert Parish News

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!

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Holy Family Parish News

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Summer is almost here, and that means Vacation Bible School! Our weeks this summer are July 15-19 and August 12-16 from 9:30 am—1:30 pm for ages 4-11, but we need volunteers to help run each week! We are looking for adult volunteers to run the faith lesson, games, snacks, music, crafts, as well as youth volunteers to be group leaders. We are also looking for a VBS Director Assistant, someone to help Noëlle with the planning, decorating and purchasing items for both weeks. If you are interested in helping out, please email Noëlle Pottle at youthprograms@holyfamilyparish.ca

Habitat for Humanity Build

We are encouraged to share our time, talents and treasure to support the needy in our community with Habitat for Humanity. There are two dates available to work as a team with the Archdiocese, May 21st and 28th. Please pick the date that works best with your schedule. Please contact to register your name, group, parish with Barbara Cartwright at the Pastoral Administration office by May 15th.

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