

Open for business! Grade 6 students at SAA complete their "market" Project Based Learning experience.



Students at SAA gathered with staff, parents and friends of SAA to give thanks for a wonderful school year.





Students at SAA in grade 6 celebrated the completion of their elementary years and their DARE graduation.



Students at SAA played, climbed, got their faces painted and ran during the fun afternoon on Wednesday.





Some SAA students in grades 4 - 6 participated in the St. Albert Elementary Track Meet.



School News - Important Dates August 19 - Sept. 3

Tuesday, August 20 Aug 21 - 29	School Office Opens @ 8:30 am School Office Open from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday to Friday
Tuesday, August 27	First Rider Night @ 6:00 pm SAA Gym
Thursday August 29	Back to School Meet and Greet - 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at SAA
Friday August 30	School Closed - Blueprints Faith Development Day
Tuesday, September 3	School Begins K-9

Have a Great Summer!

From all the staff at Sister Alphonse Academy. Wishing all of our families a safe, restful and peaceful summer vacation. We can't wait for the next school year to build more memories and learn new things! Take Care!

School Office Opens

Our school office will open to serve you on Tuesday, August 20 at 8:30 am.

First Riders Night

Parents who have children that will be riding a bus for the first time are encouraged to take advantage of a Free Bus Ride with Mom and/or Dad. Families will gather in the Gym at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 27 in St. Albert at SAA or August 28 in Morinville at Notre Dame Elementary for a short presentation by the Transportation department and then board a bus for a short trip (about 5 minutes) in the community. This may help your child on their first day to school on the bus. Plan for about

30 minutes. To register Email transportation@gsacrd.ab.ca. indicating which event you are attending and number of children that will participate.

Back to School - Meet and Greet

We invite all parents to bring their children to SAA anytime between the hours of 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm for our Meet and Greet. At this time class lists will be posted, students and parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and students will have a little activity that includes having a sundae treat. Representatives of our School Council will be there to welcome back all of our returning and new families to SAA. We also hope to have SAA Spirit Wear sizing and clothing samples on hand so families can place an order that night.

Friday, August 30 - Office Closed

Our school office will be closed on Friday, August 30 so that all staff can participate in the annual Blueprints Faith Development Day.

Next Bulletin

Look for our first SAA Bulletin of the 2019/20 school year to go out on Friday, August 23. Stay tuned for information on new Spirit Wear that can be purchased late in August.

2018/19 Yearbook to the Printer

Our yearbook has been sent to the printer. We are pleased to announce that we have 53 copies ordered. Thank you! A big thanks to Mrs. Sandra Kosik for the many, many hours she spent coordinating the development of the yearbook. We expect the books to be delivered in September.

First Day of 2019/20 School Year

We will welcome all students to begin a new school year on Tuesday, September 3. There will be a staggered start for children in kindergarten, they will begin on either September 3 or 4.

Registration Forms

If you have new neighbors during the summer please advise them that they can download registration forms from our school website or tell them they can register online by visiting our school website and clicking on the online registration link. Families can also pick them up at the school starting on August 20.

Enrolment and Class Configuration Update

We continue to receive registrations and we estimate that our enrolment could be anywhere between 170 - 180 students for the 2019/20 school year. We are not sure how many families could register their children over the summer. Class configurations, teacher assignments and class numbers are still to be determined. We continue to plan for a number of scenarios. At this time we have no registrations for grade nine. If new neighbors are asking, our office will be open and ready to accept registration inquiries starting August 20, 2019.

Please Notify Us If Parent Contact Information Changes

A reminder that it is a parent's responsibility to update the school if your contact information changes during the summer. It is critical that we have accurate phone and email contact information for our parents. This will ensure that you receive important information from the beginning of the school year. Don't forget that you can download our app for ios or android devices. Download the My School Day app and then select the appropriate school when installed on your device.

2019/20 School Supply Lists

Click on the link to access [School Supply Lists](#) for the 2019/20 school year. A reminder that you can also let Staples do the shopping for you. Parents who choose, can opt to participate in the Staples School Tools program and have your child's school supplies delivered to Sister Alphonse Academy in time for the start of the school year. Orders that will be delivered to the school must be placed by Friday, June 28.

Sponsorship Opportunities

One of our goals at Sister Alphonse Academy is to provide authentic learning opportunities for our students which we believe can lead to Deep Learning and Conceptual Understanding. Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734 believes that the formation of educational partnerships or sponsorships with individuals, businesses, or community partners provides an opportunity for educators to work collaboratively with the community in an effort to support learning and growth opportunities for students in the District. Thus principals may work with partners or sponsors with the intention of assisting students with ongoing activities and/or events while ensuring that the primary goal for the partner or sponsor is to provide valuable resources.

Our school is looking for individuals, businesses, or community partners that would be willing to assist/sponsor some of the costs associated with providing our students with these incredible learning opportunities. Our staff has already applied and been accepted for some activities for next year but they are costly. These costs could include transportation and or registration costs. Our District Administrative Procedures allow for some public recognition of sponsors via newsletters, banners, etc. If we have individuals, businesses or community partners that would like to discuss this opportunity please call Mr. Lamer at SAA at your earliest convenience.

Thanks Mr. and Mrs. Dewald

If you have entered our school recently we are sure you that you have seen the beautiful stained glass insert that was created and donated by Mr. and Mrs. Dewald. It really adds to the front entrance of our school and on behalf of the students, staff and community we thank them!



JUNIOR HIGH TRAVEL CLUB UPDATE

Hello Junior High Student Parents,

We have finalized plans for our SAA Travel Club for the 2019/20 school year. We are keen to share some of the details with you and would appreciate your feedback! Our travel club will consist of monthly meetings to learn more about global citizenship, travel, the East Coast of Canada and team building experiences. In addition, we hope to venture off to the Maritimes together!

We would love to offer our SAA Junior High Students a 7 day trip to the East Coast at the end of May 2020 and have consulted Educational Tours to be our provider. We will need a minimum of 20 travellers to enrol to make this trip a reality. There is a maximum cost of approx. \$3200.00. Parents are welcome to join us but please note, your trip will cost about \$200.00 more than a student traveller.

Educational Tours put together a great presentation for us to learn more about what is included with the tour. Please check it out [HERE](#). Additional discounts will be applied to the first 4 who enrol (\$50.00), all who enrol before September 15th, 2019 (\$150.00) and even further price reductions may occur with fundraising efforts next Fall and Winter. You will find enrolment information on the last sheet. There is a non-refundable \$199.00 deposit that will be needed to secure your child's spot. We'd like to make sure we have our 20 participants before we have anyone enrol to ensure families don't lose their non-refundable deposits!

Please email Nadine Trenchard (natrenchard@gsacd.ab.ca) to confirm your intention to have your child participate by September 10th, 2019. We will be hosting another parent information session on Thursday, September 5th, 2019. Thanks so much!

St. Albert Parish News

Catholic Family Life Conference

Catholic Family Ministries invites you to join them for this year's Family Life Conference on the Canada Day long weekend (June 28-July 1) at Lac Ste. Anne. Experience a host of inspiring speakers, including Tim Gray, President of the Augustine Institute; Sister Helena Burns of the Daughters of Saint Paul, and Ryan Topping, Vice-President and Academic Dean of Newman Theological College. For more information and to register, please visit catholicfamilyministries.com
Online registration is now open!

Walk from St. Albert to Morinville

On Saturday, June 29, the first Saturday after St-Jean-Baptiste Day, you are invited to bring your walking stick and to join us on a 22 kilometer walk from St. Albert Parish to St-Jean-Baptiste Parish in Morinville! It is an excellent opportunity to step aside from our busy lives and to enter a personal journey. Whether you are alone, with friends or family members, you are welcome to join us. Based on past experiences, a 20 kilometer walk may take between 6 and 8 hours, depending on your pace. It is not a race! Here is the plan:

8:15 AM - Meet at St. Albert Catholic Parish

8:30 AM - Blessing from Father Ignacy 8:45 AM - 4:00 PM: Walk from St. Albert to Morinville.

3:00 - 5:00 PM: As you come to St-Jean-Baptiste Parish, the doors will be open to welcome you. Each pilgrim will receive a certificate to attest that they have completed their journey.

5:00 PM: For those of you who are interested, Mass will take place at 5:00 PM, as usual. If you wish to join us: please e-mail Pierre Rousseau japrouseau@shaw.ca or call 780-460-9429 if you do not have internet access. Once you register, more information will be sent as we get closer to the date. Feel free to invite friends or relatives who may want to join us. This pilgrimage is open to all, even the ones who never attend Mass!

We Warmly Welcome Rebecca Sakowich - New Youth Ministry Coordinator.

We are pleased to announce that Rebecca Sakowich will be joining our parish staff as Youth Ministry Coordinator. We are excited and blessed to have her join our team on July 3rd!

Hi everyone,

My name is Rebecca Sakowich and I'm so excited to start work at St. Albert Parish where I will serve in Youth Ministry. I grew up in Cold Lake, AB. My mom is the secretary at St. Dominic Parish, so my sister and I grew up spending time in and around the church. Because of this, we had the opportunity to meet many priests including Fr. Ignacy, along with the last three Bishops in the Diocese of St. Paul. In high school I saw a need for leadership to help youth build a relationship with Christ. I felt a calling to youth ministry to meet the young people where they were at and to journey with them in their faith. Upon graduating from Assumption High School, I completed a Certificate in Youth Ministry.. I worked as a youth minister in Cold Lake for 6 years. During that time I also completed my Bachelor in Theology at Newman College. After completing my degree, I moved to Fort McMurray where I worked in ministry for the last 3 years. I love anything Disney, learning new crafts and often have several books on the go. Please free to introduce yourself. I want to meet all of you and get to know the youth of this parish.

Rebecca

Our Annual Pilgrimage August 17-18

Our 81st St. Albert Parish Pilgrimage will take place the weekend of August 17-18 at Mary's Grotto. We begin with outdoor Mass at 5:00pm on August 17th. The mass will include anointing of the sick. The pilgrimage will continue with Mass at 11:00am on Sunday. You may come early and pray the Rosary at the Grotto. The outdoor Mass will be followed by a BBQ on the parish grounds with hamburgers and hotdogs, drinks, chips and ice cream for a small price. We hope you can attend!



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

Holy Family Parish News

Alpha Program

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring our faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. There's no pressure and no charge. It's just an open, informal and honest place to start encountering Jesus. This is not a catechesis program, but instead, it is a starting point on your faith journey. It will run from September—November on Thursday evenings from 6:15—8:15 pm. Dinner is provided. For more information or to register, please contact the parish office. 780-459-3694 or hfp@holyfamilyparish.ca.

HFP Youth Group

Do you want to meet youth your age who share your faith? Do you want to play amazing games with amazing people? Do you want to have great discussions about the faith? Unite and Verve are for you! Thank you to all the youth who came to our youth groups this year! We hope you had amazing experiences, and we can't wait to see you next year! Our youth groups are now officially over, but keep an eye out for fun summer events!

Unite: Mondays from 7:00—9:00 pm for grades 9-12!

Verve: Wednesdays from 7:00—8:30 pm for grades 6-8.

If you are interested, or have questions, please email Noëlle at youthprograms@holyfamilyparish.ca

Email/Text Scam

An email/text scam is going around the Archdiocese. The scam text or email purports to be from your parish priest, who is asking for money or gift cards because of some urgent need; for example, to help someone in hospital. Please be assured that no priest of the Archdiocese would ever legitimately ask for money in this way. We encourage you to report such incidents to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.

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

