

Students at SAA arrive for the first day of school. We welcomed 173 students to SAA in K - 8!



Students in Mrs. Trenchard's $\frac{2}{3}$ class involved in math stations .



Students at SAA have new playground equipment to try as we will share our playground equipment with our new neighbors at Joe Demko. Our recesses are staggered so there are plenty of play options for our kids. and a round and a round they go....



Students at SAA participate in Spirit Week activities that started on Thursday. We've got spirit yes we do, we've got spirit how about you! One thing for sure, SAA is definitely Oiler country.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! Sept. 9 - 13

Monday (9)	<i>Snack Shack Opens</i>
Tuesday (10)	Spirit Week - Miss Match Day (wear anything that is mismatched!) Like two different socks, or perhaps two different shoe laces.
Wednesday (11)	SAA School Council Organizational Meeting and September Council Meeting@6:30 pm <i>Last Day to RSVP for Legacy Project Unveiling</i>
Thursday (12)	Welcome Back Lunch - all students will receive a sub sandwich, drink and chips. No Charge to parents. Spirit Week - Wear your HOUSE team colors. (We will announce what house team the students will be a part of next week and they will wear that colour to our final SPIRIT WEEK ASSEMBLY!)
Friday (13)	No Kindergarten Classes Family Movie Night @ 6:30 pm(see below)

Enrolment Update

Last week we would have predicted an enrolment of 177 students. As of September 3/19 we have a confirmed enrolment of 173 students. Currently we have the following class configurations;

KAM(22), KPM(18), Gr. 1(24), Gr. 2(30), Gr. 3(27), Gr. 4(26), Gr. 5(23), Gr. 6(14)

We will be adding some staff at the grade 2 level to provide some smaller group instruction for part of the day in a team teaching situation and possibly some staff at the grade 4-6 level for some small group instruction as well. This will take a couple of weeks to advertise and find the right staff for these positions. We will do this as quickly as we can.

What do I Need to Learn?

This year our inquiry question for all students K - 8 will be, "What do I need to learn?" This question will be discussed and woven through the school year. We will have the children reflect upon and discuss it throughout the school year and tie it into many activities throughout the year.

Formal/Spirit Wear Days

We are hoping that you will consider purchasing SAA Spirit wear for your children. If you choose not to do this we would ask that you consider having your child(ren) wear blue or green on our Formal/Spirit Wear Days. Generally, this is every Thursday during the school year but check our calendar for dates.

Entry to School

All students from K-8 must wait outside of the school until 8:15 am when the entry bell goes. Please have your child use the following entrances:

- Kindergarten, Gr. 1, Gr. 7 and Gr. 8 - Main Entrance
- Gr. 2, Gr. 3, Gr. 4, Gr. 5, Gr. 6 - East Entrance Near Visitor Parking Lot

Check Backpacks on Monday

As much as possible we will try to communicate with our parent community electronically. However, there are occasions that require us to send home forms or correspondence in paper. As much as possible, we will try to do this on Monday and we will try to let you know via electronic notification that you can expect something in the backpack. Thanks for checking and staying on top of this.

Order Hot Lunches Via School Cash

You may now go ahead and put in orders for special hot lunches, milk tags and lunch cards via [School Cash Online](#).

SAA Spirit Wear

We have now entered into an agreement with Sportfactor to provide our school with Spirit Wear. We are hoping that parents will once again consider purchasing SAA Spirit wear for your children. If you choose not to do this we would ask that you consider having your child(ren) wear blue or green on our Formal/Spirit Wear Days. Generally, this is every Thursday during the school year but check our calendar for dates. Clothing will be ordered online and then delivered to the school. The first clothing order deadline is **September 20**. Click on the [Spirit Wear Link](#) to begin ordering. Click on the [clothing inventory link](#) to see what can be ordered.

Junior High Stuff

Parents who have students in Junior High can expect to receive information regarding Powerschool access to view student achievement and attendance at the end of September or early October. More information will be coming later on.

Students in Junior High should have brought home a parent consent form that would allow your child to leave the school property over the lunch hour. Students will need to have signed consent and check in with the office prior to leaving. Parents can choose not to provide consent if they wish. This is a privilege and it can be removed if there are any issues or returning late for classes in the afternoon.

A reminder that all students in Junior High must change for Physical Education classes. Students who are registered in Recreation Academy also have one block of Physical Education a week at the school on Friday afternoons in addition to their Rec. Academy classes on Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

Junior High Options will begin on Tuesday, September 17.

Notify the Bus Driver

We would ask you to remind your children to please notify the bus driver if they will not be riding the bus home after school. If you are picking your children up at the end of the day we would also ask you to notify the driver.

School Fees

At this time 2019/20 School Fees for students in grade 1-8 are \$68. You will receive information in the next few days about how you can pay these online through School Cash.

Snack Shack

The school operates a "Snack Shack" during the lunch hour, which consists of items that the students can purchase to supplement their lunch from home. Students in Junior High help to assist with the operation of the "Snack Shack" and students enrolled in the Enterprise & Innovation Options class will assist in the promotion and operations to begin the school year. This allows for authentic learning experiences while students gain valuable work experience. Some examples of items that are available are: instant noodle cup of soup, cheese/meat & cracker trays, veggies & dip, pizza pops, jello, chips. There are occasionally "specials" on sale which students will hear about on the morning announcements. The items cost anywhere from 50 cents to \$3. Students can pay for the concession items using cash or a "snack shack" card that can be purchased in school cash online in \$5 & \$10 denominations. Students can then use the card at the snack shack instead of bringing cash to school. Purchases amounts are then highlighted off the card until the balance is down to zero. Student's names are on the cards so they are easily identified.

There are also milk sales at the school, which are 80 cents a milk carton. A sheet of milk tickets can be ordered that includes 25 coupons for \$20, or students can pay for the milk at the snack shack. There may be days throughout the school year where milk sales may be cancelled (due to shortages, or before or after school breaks).

Hot Lunch Days are offered twice a month where students can pre-order items in advance to be delivered at their class for lunch hour. Orders must be placed through the school cash online before the order cut-off date which will be provided in the weekly bulletins. Orders cannot be taken after the cut-off date as the orders need to be placed with the vendors. Some of vendor restaurants that we will be ordering from are: Mr. Sub, Love Pizza, Booster Juice, Boston Pizza, Subway, Edo Japan, BarBurrito. There are also a few other hot lunches (Harvest Lunch, "Souper" Soup Day, Chilli Cook Off) that will be made at the school (this allows for authentic experiences where the students at all age levels get to prepare food and come together as a school community). These lunches will also be included in the hot lunch orders.

Any extra fees collected from the Snack Shack/ Hot Lunch Program will be used to offset school activities and cover additional costs associated with those unable to pay for field trip/extracurricular costs.

Snack Shack opens and milk sales begins on Monday. The hot lunch days for September and October have been added on school cash online for orders to be placed.

SAA Legacy Project Unveiling

Over 150 years ago, a legacy of teaching began in the district when the Sisters of Charity – more commonly known as the Grey Nuns – arrived in St. Albert from Lac Ste. Anne in 1863. Foundational to the Grey Nuns philosophy was a commitment to excellence and that education be a building block to community. Therefore, it was very fitting that the district honoured this 150+ legacy and the pioneering work of the Grey Nuns with the opening of [Sister Alphonse Academy](#) last September.

The story of this important legacy continues, as we gather to unveil original art that highlights the significance of Catholic education in our region. The Sister Alphonse Academy school community is not only blessed with such a rich heritage, they now have a 21st Century interpretation of this incredible legacy!

Many staff, students and community members took part in tile painting workshops for the Sister Alphonse Legacy Project. These individual contributions were then woven together into beautiful original artwork, created by local artist Lewis Lavoie and the team at Mural Mosaic. We are excited to share in the celebration of this milestone as a community, and we look forward to welcoming you to Sister Alphonse Academy on September 19.

Please RSVP by September 11, 2019 to confirm your attendance.

[RSVP HERE](#)

Parent Math Night - Mark Your Calendars

GSACRD will be hosting a session for Parents and any staff that is interested with James Tanton on October 28, 2019, at SACHS from 7:00-8:30 pm. Information and Registration found here: [Explode your Mind with Exploding Dots: A Global Mathematics Phenomenon](#)

School Council News

Please be advised that we are still accepting nominations for the Executive of the Sister Alphonse Academy School Council. Nominations will be accepted for the position of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary until the Annual General

Meeting on Wednesday, September 11 when elections will be held. If you would like to nominate a person please call Mr. Lamer at the school or email him at glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca. Immediately after the Annual General Meeting we will have a short agenda for our September Council Meeting. Parents are invited to attend our meetings that occur once a month. All parents who have children attending SAA are members of our School Council. Click on the link to access the [SAA AGM & September Council Agenda](#).

Family Movie kNight

A great way to reconnect with old families and meet new families. School Council will be sponsoring the showing of the movie Aladdin. There is no charge, bring your own snacks and seating. Doors open at 6:00 pm movie starts at 6:30 pm in the SAA Gym.

St. Albert Parish News

Sacramental Preparation

If your child is in grade 2 or above this September 2019, they are eligible for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and the Sacrament of First Eucharist (First Communion). Our registration nights are on September 18 and 19 from 6:30-8pm in the parish hall – select any of the nights. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate as well as the \$55 registration fee. At least one parent must attend with their child during the sessions. You can find the other dates for sacraments on the parish website. If you have any questions, please contact Darryl.Tymchuk@caedm.ca or the parish office.

SAP Youth Coordinator

Rebecca Sakowich is our new Youth Ministry coordinator and she looks forward to working with our parish youth starting this month. Please watch the bulletins for SAPY details.

Welcome Back Weekend - Sept. 21-22

- Albert's Diner Potluck at 6:00pm on Saturday, September 21. There will be dancing, music, soda and popcorn for all in attendance.
- Muffins and Tea after 9:00 am Mass on the 22nd.
- Soup and a Bun after 11:00 am Mass on the 22nd
- Wine and Cheese Reception after 6:00 pm Mass on the 22nd.

Altar Server Training

Altar serving training for current or new young people who have received First Holy Communion will take place Sunday, September 22 at 12:30 pm or Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm

Are you a First Responder?

We are looking for those who respond to emergency situations on a regular basis. His Grace, Archbishop Richard Smith will be having a listening session on September 16th from 6-8pm here at the church. The Archbishop would like to hear about the challenges that you encounter as first responders. Dinner is included. Please contact Darryl at the Church office if you would like to participate or email Darryl.Tymchuk@caedm.ca

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

Holy Family Parish News

Stewardship Fair

The Stewardship fair is a visible celebration of the life of the parish. The goal for our Stewardship Fair is to celebrate the many ways that we are using our talents and gifts to reflect God's love and to help others find a place of joyful service. It is an opportunity to showcase all the activities, services, ministries and groups that are living their Baptismal call and building up the Kingdom of God in our parish and the community.

Our 2019 Stewardship goal is to tap into the time, talents, treasures and tongues of parishioners, so that they have ample opportunities to share their "4Ts" in service to our parish and to the community at large. As part of the Stewardship fair, the 'Sign-up Sunday' is being planned to help both existing and new parishioners to discern their call to serve the parish by serving in lay ministries.

Lay Witnesses: living witness of stewardship by parishioners
(September 14/15)

Stewardship Fair: sign-up Sunday with opportunities to visit Minis-try fair booths and enjoy refreshments, prizes and dialogue with your fellow parishioners (September 21/22)

Prayerfully discern what special skills and talents God might be calling you to share in our parish or community. Take the opportunity to sign-up and serve God and His family through parish lay ministries. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, treasures and tongues to make Holy Family Parish the fertile soil in which we can all bear good fruits and a great harvest!



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