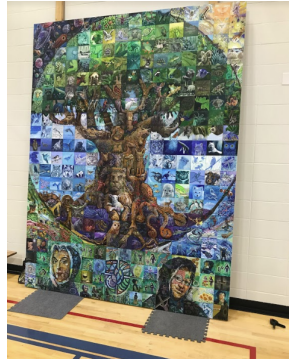


SERVE - ACHIEVE - ASPIRE

We now have two beautiful murals that will be installed on one outside and one interior wall at SAA. The Gray Nuns joined us along with parents, students and community members to celebrate.



Students from SAA run in the District Cross Country Run at Kingswood Park. Read the story about the "Good Knight" below.



Students at SAA spent their lunch recess harvesting beets, carrots and tomatoes from our garden. Vegetables will be used for our "Harvest Lunch" in October.



Grade one students at SAA explore living and non-living things.



Kindergarten students are learning where their food comes from. We are exploring the relationship between apples, applesauce and fruit roll-ups.



Students in the SAA Rec. Academy enjoy a number of great activities.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! Sept. 30 - Oct. 4

Monday (30)	ORANGE SHIRT DAY - All students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt. Jr. Boys and Girls Volleyball Practice - 3:15 - 4:30 pm Check Your Child's Backpack - Information regarding School Picture Day Check Your Child's Backpack - 2018/19 School Yearbooks will be sent home
Tuesday (1)	INDIVIDUAL PICTURE DAY - Check backpack for information on how to order and access photos. Jr. Boys and Girls Volleyball Practice - 3:15 - 4:30 pm STUFF YOUR TURKEY Food Bank Drive Begins!
Wednesday (2)	Jr. Boys and Girls Volleyball AWAY game @ ESSMY - 3:30 pm Partners in Prayer@12:00(see below in School Council news) STUFF YOUR TURKEY Food Bank Drive
Thursday (3)	Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day Jr. Boys and Girls Volleyball Practice - 3:15 - 4:30 pm STUFF YOUR TURKEY Food Bank Drive
Friday (4)	STUFF YOUR TURKEY Food Bank Drive

Our School Goals

We have two primary school goals at SAA:

Our Learning Goal - TO PROVIDE MULTIPLE PATHWAYS TO DEEP LEARNING

- Fostering authentic relationships and connections with students and parents
- Differentiating instructional practices
- Learning Attribute Planning
- Leveraging Technology

Our Faith Goal - TO BUILD A CULTURE OF FAITH AND SERVICE WHERE EVERY CHILD AND FAMILY FEEL WELCOMED

- Continue to build and expand connections with parish, CSS and D&P
- School Chaplain will continue to work to build capacity with staff to know, model and witness Jesus Christ
- Continue to ensure that our faith is prominent within our school
- Develop further awareness of connections between our faith and spiritual beliefs/practices of Indigenous brothers and sisters

Orange Shirt Day

On Monday, September 30 we ask all students and community members to wear the color orange. The date in September for Orange Shirt day was chosen because it is the time of year when children were taken from their homes to Residential Schools and because it is an opportunity to stand for anti-racism and anti-bullying in homes, schools, communities and throughout the world. It is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools, and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

"The residential school experience is one of the darkest, most troubling chapters in our collective history."

— Justice Murray Sinclair, Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Chairman

Picture Day - Icon Experience by Lifetouch

On the morning of **Tuesday, Oct. 1** ICON will be here to take individual student pictures. **Depending on weather pictures could be taken inside or outside.** Current forecasts call for a sunny day. Icon may use "green screen technology" so they would recommend that students **DO NOT WEAR GREEN ON THIS DAY.** Pictures will begin with students in kindergarten working up through the grades as the day goes on. Afternoon ECS students will have their pictures taken in the afternoon. Here are some details related to their program:

1. **Students will have a minimum of 3 poses** - This will give parents additional pictures to choose from and photographers the ability to capture a little more of the student's personality.
2. **Complete Online Service** - Icon is proud to say they have a user friendly program which makes ordering online much more convenient to parents and guardians. Parents can view all the poses close up, compare the poses side by side, and change the background on pictures that were taken indoors on our virtual background. Each gallery is personalized to the student and secured with an online proof code that your child will receive on picture day.
3. **Online Order Forms** - Step-by-step instructions will be provided for you by students on photo day. Images will be available to view within 2-3 business days. If your child did not bring the ONLINE CODE SHEET home please call 780-449-3558 and they will be able to help you access your photos. The Icon online ordering system has a secure PCI compliant terminal and accepts, visa, mastercard, visa debit and prepaid visa/mastercard. Parents who cannot order online can call Icon Customer Service directly and they will provide an alternative ordering method.
4. **Family Discount** - Icon has updated and simplified their family discount plan - 15% discount on all orders over \$75.00. This high volume plan will offer savings to everyone and not just families with multiple children. Code is: FAMILY19.

5. **Package Delivery** - All portrait orders will be shipped directly home (FREE shipping period (7-10 days) then a shipping fee of \$4.95 applied approximately 10-15 business days from the order date.
6. **SIBLING PHOTO PROGRAM** - In addition to the individual photography program we are pleased to offer group photography of brothers and sisters together on the same day. We will offer the sibling photos morning or lunch recess. If you are interested in Sibling Photos please check the backpack of your youngest child or go online and download the "tomorrow notice" Complete the information required and return the notice on photo day. Our photo assistants will collect these as the classes are called for individual photos and arrange for sibling groupings over lunch or recess periods so as not to disrupt class times. Please be aware that Icon offers evening sibling photos during the fall at an outdoor location in Sherwood Park. There is no added charge for your families taking advantage of this service. Please contact [ICON](#) directly at 780-449-3558 to book Sibling Photos at the ICON office.

Picture Retake Day

Please be advised that if a student is absent on Picture Day or a parent requires a picture retake they will be taken during the morning of Friday, October 18.

Stuff Your Turkey FOOD BANK DRIVE

Students and staff will work together to stuff one turkey or more for each Spirit Team in the school. Please support the St. Albert Food and send in non-perishable food donations! Our food bank drive will run from Oct. 1st - 10th. Spirit teams will challenge each other to bring in the most! The winning Spirit Team will be given a prize! Extra points will be given for the following items that are especially in need at the food bank:

Baby formula	Canned fruit	Canned meats/fish	Canned or powdered milk
Canned/dry soup	Canned tomatoes	Canned vegetables	Coffee/Tea
Crackers	Diapers (all sizes)	Flour	Fruit cups/pudding cups
Granola bars	Hamburger helper	Jam and peanut butter	Kraft Dinner
Oatmeal	Pasta sauce	Salt	Pancake mix and syrup
Personal care items	Side Kicks	Sugar	Tomato paste

2018/19 Yearbooks Are In!

We accepted delivery of the 2018/19 school yearbook. We think they look great! The yearbooks will be distributed to families on Monday, September 30. Be sure to check your child's backpack if you ordered a yearbook. Thanks again to Mrs. Kosik-Loewen for the many hours she spent as Yearbook Coordinator. We are happy to announce that she has agreed to help us with the 2019/20 school yearbook!

School Spirit Wear

The store is now closed. We hope to reopen the store in late October for a couple of weeks to have clothing delivered prior to Christmas. For those who submitted orders in Round 1 we hope to have clothing delivered by the end of October.

School Fees

School Fees have now been approved and have been added to [School Cash Online](#). We would appreciate that you pay your children's school fees as soon as possible, the due date is Oct. 31/19.

Basic School Fee Gr. 1 - 8(\$68)

Kindergarten Full Day - \$33

Congratulations to SAA Staff Receiving Long Service Awards

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs. Tina McKinnon(15 yrs.), Mrs. Suzanne Despins(10 yrs.) and Mrs. Janice Mandersen(5 yrs) for their good and faithful service to the students, staff and parents of SAA and other schools and communities they have worked in. Our District will hold our annual Long Service Awards on Wednesday, October 2/19.

Fall Emergency Evacuation Drills Completed

We have now completed three Emergency Evacuation Drills. We expect that we will do one more when the Fire Department visits which is usually early in October. Please be advised that if we were forced to evacuate our building during inclement conditions we would immediately go to our Emergency Evacuation Site which is Joe Demko School. We plan to do one On-Alert and one Lock Down Drill on Monday of this coming week.



Junior High Stuff

Parents will be given access to the Powerschool Portal **beginning on Monday, October 7**. On Monday, October 7 students will bring home a letter that provides instructions for parents to access Powerschool in order to review achievement and attendance of your child on an ongoing basis. Please be advised that we do not issue a paper report card in Term 1 or Term 2 in Junior High. Parents can monitor the progress of their child via Powerschool. If you have any questions regarding this or need help in setting up your Powerschool access after October 7 please do not hesitate to call the school office at 780-809-2996.

Mark Your Calendars - Important Dates Coming Soon!

Oct. 11 - Parent/Teacher Interview Booking Site opens at 9:00 am.

Oct. 22 - 23 - Parent Teacher Interview Nights

Nov. 8 - Term 1 Report Cards Go Out for students in Gr. 1 - 6.

Nov. 11 to 15 - School Closed FALL BREAK

December 16 - SAA Christmas Concert

Get the Fall/Winter Clothing Out

It's that time of year again. If your not bundled up recess is no fun! All kids should be wearing a warm jacket, and bringing toques and mittens in their backpack. Thanks for your cooperation!



The "Good Knight"

Recently one of our young knights participated in a Cross Country competition at Kingswood Park. When the race started the teacher noticed that this young Knight was off to a good start. About eighty students were competing in the race and when they entered the forest trail the young knight was in a top 15 position. The race ended and the Knight ended up in the top thirty. After the race the teacher asked the young knight how the race went. She said, "well it was good but during the race I noticed a friend of mine from another school was stopped. I stopped to help her and she told me she didn't feel well. So I walked with her for quite a ways and then we finished the race." We think you will agree, that's one good Knight!

School Council

Partners in Prayer

At our last School Council meeting Amber MacNeil volunteered to coordinate the Partners in prayer group at SAA. She would like to invite all parents to come and be involved in the Partners in Prayer group. The group will meet, and take time to offer the intentions that are provided by students and staff on a monthly basis. The first prayer meeting is on Wednesday, October 2 at noon. Please come to the main office and you will be directed to where the group will meet.

Halloween Family Dance

Planning for the Halloween Family Dance on Friday, October 25 continues. More details will follow early in October.

St. Albert Parish News

The Good News from Our Parish -- EXPO 2019 Comes Right after Welcome Back Weekend!

Our annual Parish Expo -- the event at which we put on display all of our many ministries, organizations and activities - is taking place on Sunday, September 29 following the 11 am Mass. Come downstairs to the Parish Hall following Mass and tour the booths and learn about our parish. You can chat with members of our Music Ministry, the Catholic Women's League, other Liturgical Ministries and many more. Maybe you would like to volunteer to be a Greeter or a Lector. Does one of your children want to be an Altar Server? Are you interested in joining one of our groups? Representatives of every ministry and group will be there to chat with you and help you decide if you would like to volunteer.

Our Harvest Supper on Saturday, October 26th

Harvest Supper is back and so is Sugartime, your favourite band! Join us for an amazing turkey dinner, some fun entertainment, lots of fellowship and great door prizes!

Children's Mass

Our parish celebrates a children's Mass at 11:00 am on the second Sunday of each month.

Life Chain

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful and public prolife witness. Edmonton Prolife invites parish groups, families and individuals to join them Sunday, October 6, from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information about signs, locations and contacts, please email Edmonton Prolife at: info@edmontonprolife.org or call 780- 425-1637.

Bible Study

Are you're wondering if there's more to life than just "getting by" and are ready to focus on what really matters, then discover the extraordinary Catholic teaching known as the Theology of the Body. This 8 week study will be beginning on October 9th in the Church basement. Registration is \$23. Please sign up at the back if you are interested, contact Darryl at the parish or email Darryl.Tymchuk@caedm.ca. Future dates will be Oct 9 and 23, Nov 6 and 20, Jan 8 and 22, Feb 5, 12, (and 19th if needed).

SAPY Birch Bay Trip

Once again, youth gr 4-12 are invited to partake in a fun-filled day of horse-back riding, zip lining, archery, and more at Birch Bay Ranch. We'll depart around 8:00am on **Saturday, Sept. 28th**, and return by 3:00pm.

-Cost to participate is \$15/person or 6 SAPY points.

-The cost includes the Birch Bay activities and a provided BBQ lunch. Watch for information on how to register on SAPY social media, or for the sign up sheet at the back of the church next weekend! Please register by Sept. 22nd. Event is dependant on a minimum of 12 participants and max of 60. Contact Rebecca @ Rebecca.sakowich@caedm.ca for any questions or to register.

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

Holy Family Parish News

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

