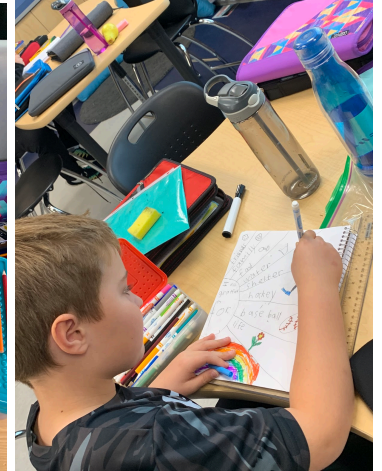
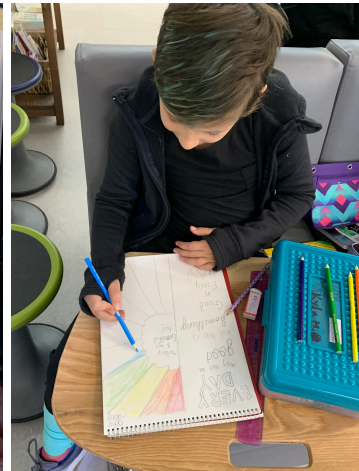
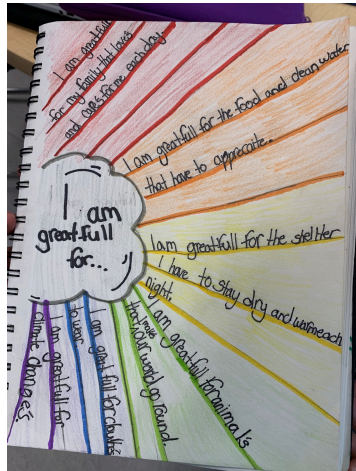
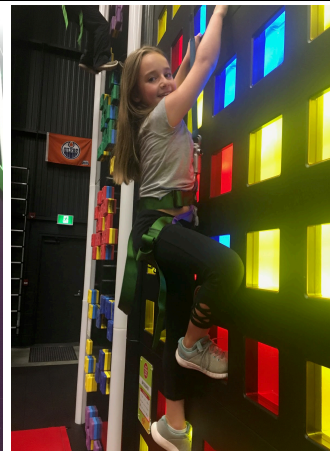


## SERVE - ACHIEVE - ASPIRE

Students at SAA learn how to use sketchnoting to reflect and pray about Gratitude, during Faithful Friday activities.



**Rec Academy** - Students in grades 4-6 test their courage, focus and strength at a new climbing facility and Abundance Peace Martial Arts Studio. Our grade 7-8 group worked on gymnastics and enjoyed a swim at Servus Place!





Students at SAA welcomed special guests all week during our Read-in-Week at SAA.



Students at SAA enjoyed the Harvest Lunch. Preparing the food that was eaten is an Authentic opportunity to collaborate, work together, solve problems and communicate successfully. Clean up is all part of the work.







Students at SAA give thanks to God for his many blessings as our grade 2/3 class led the Thanksgiving Liturgy.



Students that are new to SAA this year were treated to a yummy treat last Friday to celebrate their first month of school. We hope they feel very welcomed and feel like a part of the #KnightsFamily!







## School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! Oct. 14 - 18

<b>Monday (14)</b>	<b>School Closed</b> - Thanksgiving Day Holiday Last Day to receive free delivery on Picture Orders
<b>Tuesday (15)</b>	<b>PD/Staff Meeting Day - No School K-8</b>
<b>Wednesday (16)</b>	October School Council Meeting @6:30 pm in Room 1049 - <a href="#">October Meeting Agenda Link</a> Jr. Volleyball Home Game vs RS Fowler - 3:30 - 4:45 pm
<b>Thursday (17)</b>	<b>Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day</b>
<b>Friday (18)</b>	<b>Picture Retake Day</b> - If you require a retake please send your child to school with Retake Form completed.

### 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

### Happy Thanksgiving

The staff at SAA would like to wish all our families a very blessed and restful Thanksgiving holiday. We are thankful for the tremendous support of our parents and friends of SAA.

### Staffing Update #2

We are pleased to announce that our District has allocated some counselling services to SAA. Mrs. Laurie McCurdy and a Doctoral student, Gabrielle Pelletier, will be at SAA on Monday afternoons. They will work with individual students and work with groups/classes of students to support the Mental Health and Personal Wellness Curriculum. We have still not received word regarding our request for an extra support allocation for additional support at the grade 2-6 level.

### Welcome from Mrs. Kowal

We are excited to let everyone know that we welcomed Mrs. Kowal to SAA to team teach with Mrs. Trenchard in the grade 3/4 class.

My name is Marianna Kowal and I am so delighted to be joining the SAA family. My family has recently moved to Sherwood Park from Lacombe. I have been married for 17 years and have two wonderful children, my son is a hockey goalie and my daughter dances. In the summer our family enjoys traveling to new and different countries. This is my fourth year of teaching and I'm so excited to get to know your children.



### **Picture Retake Day**

Please be advised that if a student was absent on Picture Day or a parent requires a picture retake they will be taken during the morning of Friday, October 18. *If you require a retake, please send your child to school with the Retake Form completed.*

### **Read-in-Week - THANKS!!**

We had a great week of reading by guest readers to SAA. Thanks so much to all the parents and community members who took the time to share their love of reading with students in our school.

### **Booking of Parent/Teacher Interviews - Be Sure You Have Completed This Important Task**

Parent/Teacher Interview dates are Tuesday, Oct. 22/19 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and Wednesday, Oct. 23/19 from 3:30 - 6:30 pm. **Booking of Interviews begins on Friday, Oct. 11/19 at 9:00 am.** Use the [School Interviews Link](#) to book an appointment. Once the link is open you should be able to go directly in and book your interview(s). If asked enter ACCESS CODE - **rvcu3**. Interview appointments for students in Grades 1-8 will be 10 minutes long. ECS Student Led appointments will be 30 minutes. In Junior High parents may book interviews with individual subject teachers. Call our school office at 780-809-2996 if you are encountering any difficulties. We will send out a synvoice reminder message about the booking of interviews on the 11th of October.

Report Cards for students in grade one to six will be issued after interviews on Friday, Nov. 8. Children in kindergarten DO NOT receive a Report Card in ECS during the first term so it is vital that parents attend their child's Student Led Conference. Students in Junior High do not receive a paper report card as parents may log into PowerSchool at anytime after October 7/19 to view their children's marks and attendance. Having interviews earlier in the school year can provide parents with more information about their child's start and progress sooner rather than later. Our Term 2 interview dates will occur in late February rather than late March as in the past. We will be seeking parent feedback about the change in dates for our Interviews in the spring of 2020, this will help us to plan for the 2020/21 school year.

### **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

### **Arctic Adventure Book Fair!**

Things are going to get chilly early this year with our Arctic Adventure Book Fair! The Scholastic book fair is returning to Sister Alphonse from October 21-24 and this year's goal is to have \$1,550 worth of books purchased. The fair will be open during recess, with a special after school sale on October 22 and 23 during Parent Teacher Interviews.

In addition, everyone who purchases items from the fair can enter the door prize contest. One lucky student will win \$25 dollars' worth of books for themselves and their classroom! We will also be having our Classroom Wish list program, where families help enrich their child's classroom by purchasing books for their teacher's class library.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Arctic Adventure Book Fair!

### **Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Book Fair**

If anyone would like to help with the book fair, please contact Ms. Gamache in the library. We would love some extra hands with setting up on October 21st (starting at 8:30 a.m.) and taking down the fair on October 28th (starting at 9:00 a.m.). Also, if anyone can support the fair by handling cash, we have some time slots during recess (10:25 - 10:45) and lunch break (12:05 - 12:35) on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th that we would love to fill.

If you are interested or have any questions, then contact Ms. Gamache at [lgamache@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:lgamache@gsacrd.ab.ca) or at 780-809-2996.

### **SAA Federal Election Voting Station**

Please be advised that Sister Alphonse Academy will be used as a voting station for the Canadian Federal Election on Monday, October 21/19. It could be busy around the school that day so please take extra care when dropping off children or walking with children to and from school.

### **Faith in Our Future - Proposal (The Board Wants to Hear What You Think)**

All parents/guardians of students in GSACRD should have recently received an email earlier this week that provided information from the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Joe Becigneul. Click on the [Faith in our Future Link](#) to provide your thoughts on this very important proposal within our School District. You are also invited to **attend a series of Open House events to provide input, ask questions and engage in discussion.** The first event will be on **October 30, 2019** from **5:00-8:00 p.m.** at St. Albert Catholic High School. For more information or to RSVP: [communications@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:communications@gsacrd.ab.ca). You may also visit the District webpage at [gsacrd.ab.ca/faithinourfuture](http://gsacrd.ab.ca/faithinourfuture) for regular updates, feedback summaries and upcoming event information. Remember, you can participate in the ongoing ThoughtExchange discussion at any time to express your support for the proposal, provide comments, or express concerns or questions.

### **Free Math Presentation for Parents/Guardians**

GSACRD will be hosting an evening with James Tanton on **October 28th** for parents. Cost is FREE!!!! [Explode your Mind with Exploding Dots: A Global Mathematics Phenomenon](#). You just need to register. James Tanton (PhD, Princeton 1994, mathematics) is an author, a consultant, and an ambassador for the Mathematical Association of America in Washington D.C., currently serving as their Mathematician-at-Large. He has taught mathematics both at university and high-school institutions. James is absolutely committed to promoting effective and joyful mathematics thinking, learning, and doing at all levels of the education spectrum.



### **Junior High Stuff**

Our junior high students have all been given an opportunity to take part in We Day. If your son/daughter still wants to participate have them return their permission slip on Monday. All parents should have created their password and new id to access powerschool. Students now have access to powerschool as well. Please be advised that Constable Tran and Constable Starzynski visited our grade eight health classes on two occasions to talk to students about making good choices, staying away from illegal substances and new legislation regarding Cannabis. Representatives of our District Mental Health team will be meeting with grade seven students to do some work and education around the dangers of vaping.

### **School Council**

#### **October Meeting**

We would like to invite all parents to our October 16 meeting. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm and we always try to be finished no later than 8:00 pm. Hope to see you there. Click on the October Agenda Link.

#### **Halloween Family Dance**

Boo Halloween Dance is happening October 25, 2019 6:30-8:30 pm! **THERE IS NO CHARGE** but we ask families to remember to bring a snack item, last name A-K Salty L-Z Sweet. Parents can you please look through your Halloween decorations and anything we can borrow for the dance would be fabulous (blow ups, lights, signs, spiders etc.) Drop off will be between October 21-24 please leave at the front office and don't forget to label it. Pick up will be at the end of party or the following Monday. Lastly, we will need volunteers to set up, clean up, juice table and snack table. If interested please email [Brandilynn\\_22@hotmail.com](mailto:Brandilynn_22@hotmail.com). **We are looking forward to having our first Halloween Dance at SAA!**

### **St. Albert Parish News**

#### **Hot Lunch With Archbishop Smith**

We are delighted that Archbishop Richard Smith will be presiding at the 11 am Mass on Sunday, October 20th. After Mass he will join us for a hot lunch of soup and a bun and grilled cheese sandwiches in the parish hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Tickets are \$5 for those 18 and older and free for children but everyone must have a ticket so we know how many will be attending. Tickets will be available after Masses or at the parish office. We have space for 200 so get your tickets right away.

#### **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.

#### **Youth Events**

##### **Friendsgiving!**

Youth grades 4-6 are invited to Friendsgiving on October 8 from 6:30- 8:00.

##### **All Saints Day Party!**

SAP & HFP invite youth gr. 4-9 to an ALL SAINTS DAY party! October 30 from 6:30- 8:30 in the SAP Hall. There will be a scavenger hunt, emoji game and much more! Contact Rebecca to register.

#### **Star of the North Retreat Centre Upcoming Retreats**

[www.starofthenorth.ca](http://www.starofthenorth.ca)

Phone: 780-459-5511

Twilight Recovery Evening Retreats with Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie, OMI: Thursdays Oct. 24, Nov. 21 & Dec. 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free will offering.

Healing Life's Hidden Addictions: A Contemplative Recovery Retreat with Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie, OMI, Friday, Oct. 25 to Saturday, Oct. 26. Live-in cost: \$150; Commuter cost: \$100.

How are We Called to Live? with Sandy Prather, Thursday, Oct. 17, 9:30 am to 3 pm. Cost: \$40.

Active Hope with Jodi Lammiman: Four Tuesday evening sessions, 7 to 9 pm, Oct. 8 to 29. Cost: \$80 for the series.

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

