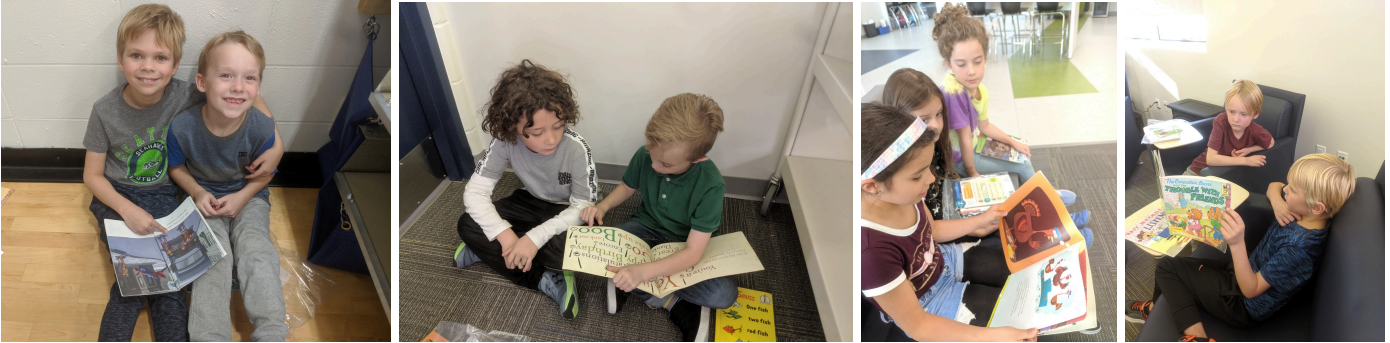
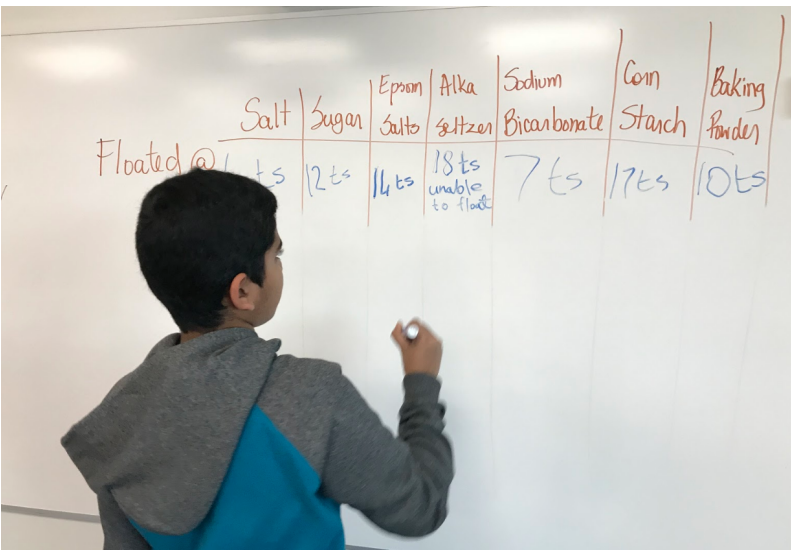


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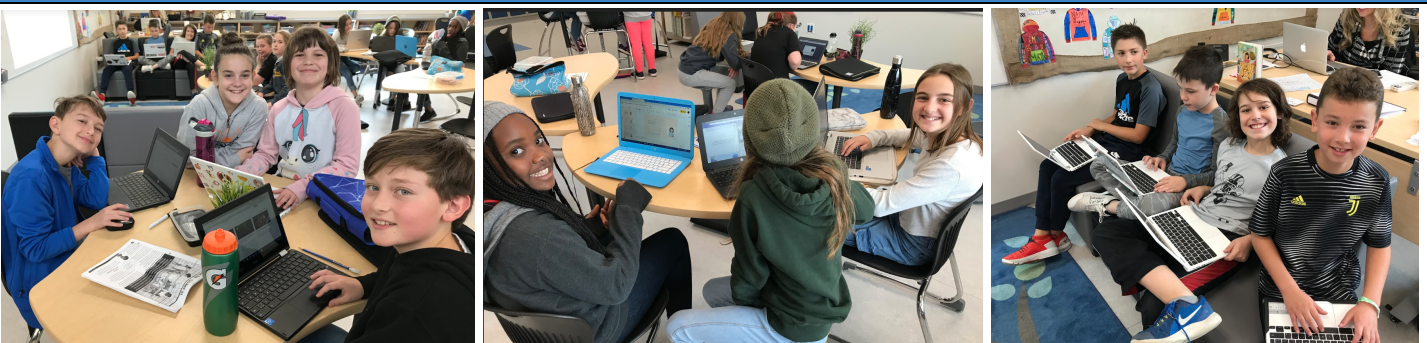
The 2/3 and grade 1 class started their weekly buddy reading sessions! They are supporting each other in their quest to become fluent readers!



Gr. 8 students at SAA investigate the concept of buoyancy in science. Is there a relationship between density and buoyancy?



Students in Gr. 5/6 do research on the political parties in Canada. They are trying to determine which party's values and platform fit most with what they believe as individuals. The SAA student vote was today.



Students in grade one look at shapes and patterns at various math centres. Students in kindergarten build, design and create.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! Oct. 21 - 25

Monday (21)	Scholastic Book Fair - Book viewing for All Classes on Monday Federal Election - SAA Gym used all day as Voting Station
Tuesday (22)	Scholastic Book Fair Open for Purchase - 8:30 to 3:00 pm and 5:00 to 8:00 pm Parent Teacher Interviews - 5:00 to 8:00 pm - Please ensure you have booked online. Online Booking Link WE DAY ALBERTA@ Rogers Place Edmonton - All students in Junior High who have provided signed consent and paid the required fee.
Wednesday (23)	Book Fair Open for Purchase - 8:30 to 6:30 pm Parent Teacher Interviews - 3:30 to 6:30 pm - Please ensure you have booked online. Online Booking Link Gr. 4 Bible Presentations Liturgy@9:45 am(Gr. 4/5 parents welcome)
Thursday (24)	Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day Boston Pizza Hot Lunch - No Snack Shack Jr. Volleyball Home Game vs GISH @ 3:45 to 5:00 pm. Jr. High Communities of Hope@SACHS - only for those who joined the program
Friday (25)	No Kindergarten classes Family Halloween Dance - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

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

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.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

A reminder to all parents that Parent/Teacher Interviews for Term 1 will occur on Tuesday Oct. 22 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and on Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Interview slots must be booked online (see below if you have not already completed this task). We remind all parents that the booked interview system requires all parents to be on time for their appointed time slot and to be sure to stay within the allotted time frame. Thankyou for your cooperation.

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 began on Friday, Oct. 11/19 at 9:00 am. If you have not booked an interview** 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 are Due at the End of October

School Fees have now been approved and have been added to [School Cash Online](#). Thanks to all the families that have paid their school fees, we just have a few families where we need payment.

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!

FieldTrip and Special Activity Payment

Please be advised that we changed our procedure regarding the payment for Field trips and other classroom activities to Pay as You Go for the 2019/20 School Year. Last year we used a Term Payment procedure where parents were billed at the end of each term for these activities. In the spring of 2019 our School Council strongly recommended that we use a Pay as You Go method rather than term payment. Thus we have changed our procedure to Pay As You Go. We do expect payment for class field trips and special activities for students to be made prior to each event in the 2019/20 school year. Thank you kindly for your cooperation in regards to this.

Gr. 2/3 Swimming

A reminder to parents of children in grade 2/3. You should be receiving consent forms for swimming and will be able to make payment for swimming lessons on School Cash beginning next week.

Christmas Concert Seating

Please be advised that in order to be in compliance with the Occupancy Load Permit related to the Fire Code we have calculated that each family at SAA will be able to request up to four tickets for the Christmas Concert that will take place on Monday, Dec. 16. If not all families require four tickets we should be able to make unused tickets available to families who would like more than four. More information will be coming early in November.

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. You may also visit the District webpage at 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.

School Administration Faith Retreat

Please be advised that Mr. Lamer and Mrs. Kleparchuk will be away from the school on October 24 and 25 for our District's Annual Faith Retreat for District leadership. We ask for your prayers for all leaders in our District during these two days.

Gr. 4 Bible Presentation and ¼ Liturgy

On Wednesday, Oct. 23 St. Albert Parish and the Knights of Columbus will be here to present our gr. 4 students with a bible. The event will also include a liturgy that parents of Mrs. Lobel's ¼ class are welcome to attend. This will occur at 9:45 am in the Learning Commons.

Field Trip Fund 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 from 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.

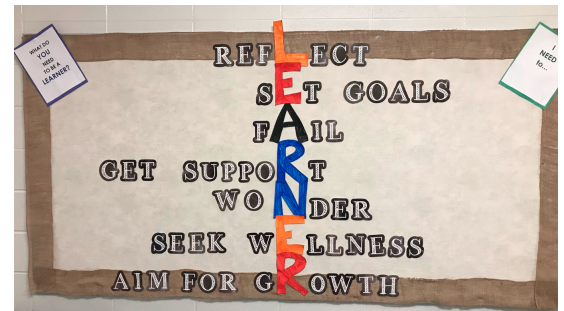
Our school is looking for individuals, businesses, or community partners that would be willing to assist/sponsor some of the costs associated with providing our students with these incredible learning opportunities. Our staff has already applied and been accepted for some activities for next year but 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. Sponsors will be recognized for one calendar year in our weekly bulletin upon receiving a donation. All donations collected will be used to subsidize field trips that are greater than one day in length. If we have individuals, businesses or community partners that would like to discuss this opportunity to support our Field Trip Sponsorship Fund please call or email Mr. Lamer at SAA at your earliest convenience.

Fall Break Camps

The City of St. Albert has some Fall and Christmas Break Camps that might work for families Nov. 12 - 15 at Servus Place. Click on the [link](#) to access program information.

What Do You Think?

Is there a relationship between failure and learning? Students at SAA continue to ponder the school wide Inquiry question of "What do you need to be a learner?" Staff continue to examine related concepts to promote conceptual understanding.



Spirit Wear Clothing Orders

We expect that the Spirit Wear ordered in September should arrive before the end of October.

Junior High Stuff

Please notify the school if you are encountering any difficulties in accessing your children's grades via Powerschool Portal. A reminder that all students in Junior High who have returned signed consent and paid the required fee will be attending WE DAY on Tuesday Oct. 22.

Mark Your Calendars - Important Dates Coming Soon!

Nov. 1 - No School K-8(Institute PD Day)

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

Nov. 8 - Early Dismissal@11:45 am

Nov. 8 - Remembrance Day Ceremony@9:00 am

Nov. 8 - No Kindergarten Classes

Nov. 11 to 15 - School Closed FALL BREAK(No School K to 8)

Nov. 29 - No Kindergarten Classes

Dec. 13 - Early Dismissal@11:45 am

Dec. 13 - No Kindergarten Classes

Dec. 16 - SAA Christmas Concert@6:30 pm

December 21/19 to Jan. 5/20 - Christmas Vacation - School Closed No Classes K to 8

To check dates well in advance click on our [SAA School Web Calendar](#).

Thanks to our Fieldtrip Sponsorship Fund Contributors



School Council

October Meeting

Thanks to all who attended the October meeting. We learned that we will have a new Trustee Liaison for this school year. Mr. Lamer and Mrs. Kleparchuk updated us on the many activities that have occurred in our school since the last School Council Meeting and events in the future. Unfortunately, we learned that a contingency request submitted by school administration to provide some extra support at the 4-6 level and relieve some teaching duties for our administrators has not been granted at the District level to this point. Mr. Lamer reported that he had looked into the possibility to provide babysitting during Council meetings but unfortunately due to insurance regulations we are not able to do it. SIGIS does not appear to be interested in offering this service so we will not be able to provide this for parents. We will be looking for a group of 4-6 parents to commit to helping with special lunches at the school. If you are interested please email our Volunteer Coordinator Lindsay at the following address - sisteralphonseacademyvolunteer@gmail.com. School Council will be offering parents the opportunity to receive Santa pictures for a very low fee this year. The picture date will be December 6, with parents receiving the pictures early the following week. More details will come. School administration has encouraged us to provide feedback to the Faith in Our Future Proposal (see above). We discussed the Halloween Dance. See the information below. Parents who can help out at a table should email Brandilynn or Lindsay. Please take note that we have changed the date for our November Meeting. It has been moved to Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 6:30 pm. Finally we learned from Mrs. Rouse that final paperwork regarding the formation of the SAA Fundraising Society has been completed and we should be good to go in a week or two. Stay tuned for more information regarding this.

Halloween Family Dance

We are looking forward to having our first Halloween Dance at SAA! 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.

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

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

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

