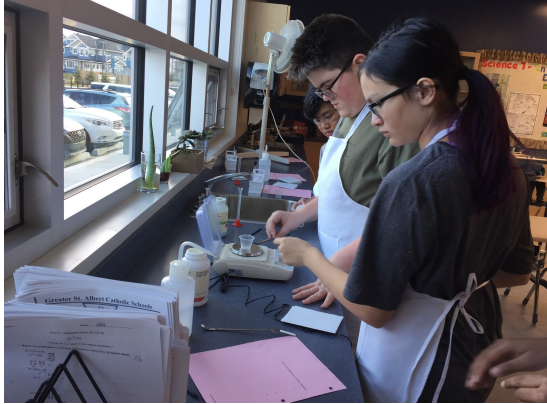


SAA Science 8 students tested solubility as they examine Fluids. Grade 7 Science students built a life size food web as they inquire about Interactions and Ecosystems.



SAA families had a spooktacular time at the first SAA School Council Halloween Family Dance! So many parents to thank for this great event. We would like to make special mention to The Halloween Dance Coordinators - Mrs Aguilar and Mrs. Nolin. Also, a big thanks to Mr. and Mrs Untergasser for the Photo Booth.







Our Kindergarten Knights are doing their pumpkin inquiry project. They worked as a team to weigh and measure their pumpkins. They even collaborated to count over 600 pumpkin seeds! They were most excited to see that their big, heavy, pumpkins were floating in water!

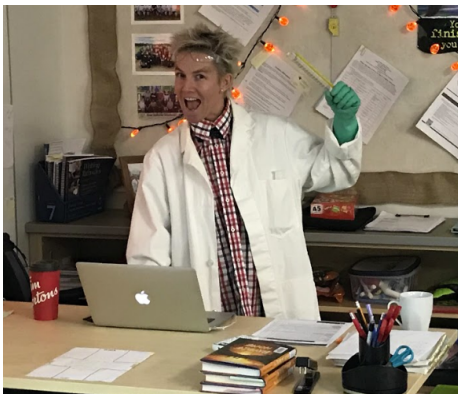
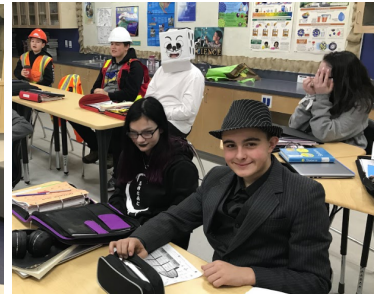


SAA Knights Pep Rally helped prepare our school teams for the Junior Volleyball SAPEC League Championship this weekend. Teacher - student games were a mighty battle. Ask your kids who won. The students gave our Knights some big cheers and they are ready for the weekend!





Halloween activities put on by a number of student leaders from the Enterprise and Innovation Class were a hit this past week. Lot's of students enjoyed the Haloween Kahoot, Hide and Seek, Halloween Carnival and the aMAZing Haunted House. Many kids and staff wore costumes or orange and black. A big pat on the back to our student leaders in Junior High who put in a lot of extra time to lead these activities.







Students at SAA show their school pride by wearing the new Spirit Wear clothing that came in last Tuesday.



## School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! Nov. 4 - Nov.8

Monday (4)	
Tuesday (5)	
Wednesday (6)	<p>Google Classroom Parent Inservice@6:30 pm(Register by emailing Mr. Lamer, see below)</p> <p>CBC Music Challenge Taping - Gr. 1-6</p> <p><b>Gr. 3/4 Swimming Lessons - Parents please ensure you have paid and provided consent</b></p> <p>Partners in Prayer@noon</p>
Thursday (7)	<p><b>Booster Juice Hot Lunch!</b> (snack shack closed)</p> <p><b>Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day</b></p>
Friday (8)	<p><b>LEST WE FORGET - Remembrance Day Ceremony@9:00 am</b>(parents and friends of SAA welcome)</p> <p><b>Early Dismissal@11:45 am - Gr. 1-8</b></p> <p><b>No Kindergarten Classes</b></p> <p>Term 1 Report Cards Go Home Gr. 1-6</p> <p>Christmas Concert Tickets Go On Sale - Click on the School Cash Link</p>

### 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

### **Institute Professional Development Day - No School K-8 on Friday, Nov. 1/19**

There will be no classes for students in kindergarten to grade eight on Friday, Nov. 1. Teachers and staff from around the District will be participating in PD activities at different sites around the District. During the afternoon most staff will return to their school where they will be involved in collaborative planning and assessment in writing.

### **Join Us - Catholic Education Saturday Nov. 2 and Sunday Nov. 3**

Every November, typically on the first weekend of the month, we celebrate Catholic Education Sunday in Alberta.

We recognize Catholic education as a gift – a gift that we treasure and protect. On Catholic Education Sunday, we acknowledge the value and blessing of our Catholic schools and give thanks for the faith-based education they offer. Here in Alberta, unlike some other provinces, we are especially blessed to have publicly-funded Catholic education, which benefits us in many ways, including:

- Our children and school staff have the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and the Church that Christ instituted.
- We enjoy the freedom and the benefit of prayer. In liturgical celebrations at school and in the church, our students and staff express and celebrate their faith.
- In every subject and in all aspects of school life, we freely apply and connect our faith. Faith is integrated or permeated in all we do whether it be science or Language Arts, Christmas concerts and especially in our interactions and relationships with students.
- Finally, in Catholic schools we have the opportunity to *inform* our young people in the faith and to help *form* them in the moral or Christian life.

Click on the [link](#) to hear a message from the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT regarding Catholic Education Sunday.

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools is honored, and proud to serve the students and families of Legal, Morinville, St. Albert and Nampa in providing a welcoming, Christ centered learning community. ***Staff from Sister Alphonse Academy and St. Albert Catholic High School will be involved in some of the ministries at the 5:00 pm mass on Saturday, November 2 at St. Albert Parish Church. We hope that your family can join us and share in the celebration of Catholic education and if you can we would encourage your children to wear their Spirit Wear to the mass. If you are unable to attend we would encourage you to attend any of the weekend masses at SPA or HFP to celebrate Catholic Education.***

### **Gr. 2/3 Swimming**

A reminder to parents of children in grade 2/3. You should have received consent forms for swimming and will be able to make payment for swimming lessons on School Cash. Consent forms and payment must be made prior to the first lesson on Wednesday, Nov. 6/19.

### **Gr. 4-8 Parents - Inservice on Google Classroom**

During Parent/Teacher Interviews we had a sign up sheet for those parents who were interested in learning more about Google Classroom. The workshop will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 6 starting at 6:30 pm. If you did not sign up but are interested in doing so please email Mr. Lamer at [glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca) by Wednesday, Oct. 30. In the subject field write Register me for Google and your name - EX: Register Me for Google - Mrs. Jane Doe. ***Bring your child with you and have them bring their device.***

### **Report Cards Go Home for Students in Grade 1-6 on Friday, Nov. 8**

Please check your child's backpack as children in grades 1 - 6 will be sent home with their Term 1 Report Card to share with you. Once you have taken a minute to look it over spend some time with your child to share their accomplishments and discuss a goal for next term. This year our school Inquiry question is "What do I Need to be a Learner?" Perhaps you could review your child's progress and ask them to think about what they can do to be a learner and look for growth.

### **Silver Collection for Poppy**

Teachers will be taking donations (consider a loonie or some change) for a Poppy from the legion. We will pass out the poppies just prior to our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Your child can bring in a donation anytime during the week.

### **Lest We Forget - Remembrance Day Ceremony and Liturgy of the Word**

Please join us on Friday, November 8 at 9:00 am for our Remembrance Day Ceremony and Liturgy of the Word. Our grade one class will be leading our Ceremony. We would ask all children who are a member of the Brownies, Cubs, Scouts or Guides to wear their uniforms. ***If you are currently a member of the Canadian Armed Services we invite you to contact the school and be a part of our Ceremony.***





### **Early Dismissal on Friday, Nov. 8 for Students in Grade 1-8**

Students will be dismissed at 11:45 am on Friday, Nov. 8 so that staff can have their regular monthly meeting. A reminder that there are no kindergarten classes on this day.

### **Time to Start Wearing the Winter Costumes (Clothing) to School**

Winter is coming. Please ensure that children are bringing warm winter jackets, snow pants, winter footwear, toques and gloves to school. According to GSACRD Administrative Procedures students can have outside recess and winter activities unless the combined temperature and wind chill reading with Environment Canada is below -20 Celcius.

### **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. Tickets will be sold for \$3 per ticket and can be purchased via School Cash Online. **Tickets will go on sale on Friday, Nov. 8 and be available until Nov. 29.** After Nov. 29 tickets not sold will be made available to families that would like more than 4. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to our music program, to alleviate costs associated with the concert and \$1 of every ticket will be used to support Catholic Social Services. We thank you for your support.

### **Halloween Dance Digital Pictures**

If your family or your child had pictures taken in the Photo Booth at the Halloween Dance you can get a digital copy by bringing a flash disk in to the office. Put your name and your child's and we will do our best to get you the pictures.

### **Fall Break Camps**

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

### **CBC Music Challenge**

Mrs. Manderson is happy to announce that she has entered our Gr. 1-6 students in the 2019 CBC Music Class Challenge. This challenge celebrates Canadian Music in the classroom as well as it promotes the passion that teachers and students have for music. This is meant to be a fun event and encourages kids to sing! She has entered the primary vocal category for our students in Grades 1-3 and the elementary vocal for our students in Grades 4-6. They will be singing Canadian songs from a pre-approved list of songs. The 1-3 classes will perform, "I'll Be The Captain" by Splash 'N Boots. On Wednesday, November 6th your child is invited to dress as a pirate for this video. The Grade 4-6 classes will perform, "Shine A Light" by Bryan Adams. On Tuesday, December 10, the top ten in each category will be announced. Mrs. Manderson would like to thank the entire staff at Sister Alphonse Academy for supporting her and the students in this exciting adventure and to the parents and guardians of these incredibly gifted students! A big thank you goes out to Mr. Brass who is volunteering to video tape our performances for our students and Mrs. Manderson.

### **Good Luck to our Junior Volleyball Teams**

It has been a great season for the Knights volleyball teams. We would like to wish them a big good luck as they participate in the St. Albert Physical Education Committee's Jr. Volleyball League Tournament Championship this weekend in various St. Albert schools. GO KNIGHTS!!

### **Looking for Junior Basketball Coaches at SAA**

The Basketball season is right around the corner. We are confident that we would have enough students in grade 6-8 to form Junior Basketball teams at SAA. The Junior Basketball season starts in January and is usually completed by the first week in March. It would involve one or two practices a week as well as a short schedule of games after school and one or two tournaments. Volunteer coaches would be supported by a staff member. All coaches would need to provide a recent Criminal and Child Welfare check. If you are interested please email Mr. Lamer at [glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca) by November 18, 2019.

### **Fall Break Nov. 11 - 15 (School Closed)**

The school will be closed and there will be no classes for students K-8 on Monday, Nov. 11 for the Remembrance Day Holiday. The School will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 12 in Lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews. The school will be closed Nov. 13-15 for Fall Break. Have a great week. If you are travelling, safe travels.

### **SAA Spirit Wear Clothing Store**

Fall order clothing was delivered to the school last Tuesday. We will reopen the SAA Clothing Store on Monday, Dec. 2 and it will remain open until Monday, December 16 with an expected delivery date of late January or early February, 2020. More information and reminders will come.

### **Junior High Stuff**

A reminder that Junior High students will not receive a paper copy of their Term 1 and Term 2 Report card. It would be a good idea to Log In to the Student/Parent Portal of Powerschool to review your son/daughter's achievement after Nov. 8/19.

### **Mark Your Calendars - Important Dates Coming Soon!**

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

Nov. 29 - No Kindergarten Classes



Nov. 29 - Last Day to order Christmas Concert Tickets Before Extras Go on Sale  
Dec. 6 - Santa Pictures Day  
Dec. 13 - Early Dismissal@11:45 am  
Dec. 13 - No Kindergarten Classes  
Dec. 16 - SAA Christmas Concert@6:30 pm  
Dec. 17 - 20 - Christmas Activity Week  
Dec. 19 - School Wide Past Christmas Lunch - No Charge paid by Student Activity Fee  
**December 21/19 to Jan. 5/20 - Christmas Vacation - School Closed No Classes K to 8**  
Jan. 6/20 - Classes begin K-8

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

### **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.

### **Thanks to the Sponsors of our Field Trip Fund**



### **School Council**

A big thankyou to all the parents who helped **with a very successful first Family Halloween Dance**. A good time was had by all. Our next event involves Santa pictures on Friday, December 6. **Top Secret** - A red and white suit will be at the school on the 6th, we are just trying to find someone who may be able to wear it! Please call Mr. Lamer or Mrs. Kleparchuk if you know the right person. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our assigned Trustee Liaison for the 19/20 school year, Mr. Joe Becigneul. ***Please join other parents as we pray for the intentions of students, staff and parents in our community on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at noon. Partners in Prayer hope to see you there.***

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

#### **Children's Mass**

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

#### **Pumpkin Walk**

Saturday, November 2nd starting at 6:15 pm . Imagine a meandering trail, around the parish grounds. Then imagine it lit by amazing jack-o-lanterns lining the trail and lighting your walk! Imagine stopping for a cup of hot chocolate, a cup of hot cider and some popcorn. This is what the Pumpkin Walk will be. Right in our parish backyard! Admission is free. A toonie or a loonie will be charged for drinks and popcorn. Invite your neighbours, your friends, and your relatives. It will be a great night for the whole community!

#### **We Need Your Carved Pumpkins!**

We are calling on the whole St. Albert community to bring us their Halloween carved pumpkins to brighten our trail. We need hundreds of them! Watch for ads in the St. Albert Gazette this weekend and next week.



### **All Saints Day Celebration**

Our All Saints Day celebration will be held in the main church on Friday, November 1 at 7 pm. Before and after Mass, you will be invited to come up to the front of the church to light a candle for a loved one who has died. During the Mass, there will be a special ritual for those from our parish who have passed away in the previous twelve months. The candles will remain during the month of November. Following the celebration, those who are able will light a candle and process to the cemetery, weather permitting, where there will be a brief reflection. After the Mass and procession, everyone is invited down to the Parish Hall where there will be a reception with refreshments and fellowship.

### **Unplanned**

Holy Family Parish will be showing the movie "Unplanned" on November 7 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. CWL will be serving refreshments. All are welcome! Parental discretion is advised.

### **RCIA**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact Darryl at the church office or email: [Darryl.Tymchuk@caedm.ca](mailto:Darryl.Tymchuk@caedm.ca)

### **Altar Server Training**

The next Altar serving training, for all current and new altar servers, will take place on November 10 after 11:00 am Mass.

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

### **Holy Family Parish News**

#### **Friday, November 1st**

All Saints' Day Mass 11:00 am at Holy Cross Mausoleum, Note: no 9:00 am Mass at HFP

#### **Sunday, November 3rd**

Catholic Education Sunday

#### **Thursday, November 7th**

Movie showing "Unplanned" at 7:00 pm

#### **Saturday, November 9th**

CWL Bake Sale 9:30 am—2:30 pm

### **Youth Activities**

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 youth groups for you! Hope you all had a great weekend. On Monday, at Unite, we will be hearing a talk about St. Jude, our saint of the month. On Wednesday, we will be having an All Saints' Day party from 6:30—8:30 pm at St. Albert Parish. This event is for youth in grades 4-9. We will be doing a cemetery scavenger hunt, a saint emoji game, and lots more! Please email Noëlle if you are attending so that she and Rebecca can plan accordingly.

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 any questions, please email Noëlle at [youthprograms@holymfamilyparish.ca](mailto:youthprograms@holymfamilyparish.ca)

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

