

Students in 2/3 are challenging themselves in swimming lessons!



Students celebrated Sister Alphonse's Birthday on Nov. 21st, with cupcakes and some sewing activities!



Students from Kindergarten - Gr. 3 discover play outside at recess by teaming up to roll a gigantic snowball! Check out the perseverance they displayed!



Students in Gr. 7½ Leadership Option volunteered at the St. Albert Food Bank this past Thursday and learned what it means to truly give back to the community.



Monday (25)	
Tuesday (26)	<i>Popcorn Sales to support Humane Society at Lunch - See below</i> Science Olympics 3- 4:15pm (1-3)
Wednesday (27)	Gr. 3/4 Swimming Lessons November School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm - Agenda Link Last day to order Subway Hot Lunch on December 5th. Science Olympics 3- 4:15pm 4-6)
Thursday (28)	Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day
Friday (29)	No Kindergarten classes Last Day to purchase SAA Christmas Concert Tickets. Unsold tickets will be released the following week to families that would like more than 4.

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

Christmas Concert Ticket Information

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 are on sale on Friday, 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.

Christmas Gift Baskets for Refugee Families - ADVENT Project

We hope to have every class contribute to a Christmas Basket for a new family settling in Canada (through Immigration & Settlement Services).. We will start this project on Monday, December 2nd, the first week of Advent. Every class will be given a list of items and students will be asked to bring in an item or two to contribute to their classes basket. Next week our students will be given a list of items. We hope that you may choose to contribute to the welcome baskets!

Monday Advent Liturgy Gatherings

Beginning Monday, December 2 and then Monday, December 9 and 16 we will be gathering first thing in the morning as a school community to prepare our hearts for Christmas during the Advent season. Parents are welcome to join us during these short liturgies which will last about 10-15 minutes first thing every Monday morning. On all other days during December classes will have short Advent reflections and prayer to begin their day.

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@gsacd.ab.ca by November 18, 2019.

School Results Reviews

On the morning of Friday, Nov. 29 Mr. Lamer and Mrs. Kleparchuk will be meeting with senior administration from our District to review our school results for the 18/19 school year and discuss our ongoing SAA Education Plan and priorities of our school for 19/20. This is part of an annual process across our District. It helps to ensure accountability and commitment to improve achievement and satisfaction for our students and stakeholders. Our school will also host the Board of Trustees later in December. Trustees visit schools on a rotation about every three years. We are proud of our results and will be glad to share the good news from Sister Alphonse Academy. After our meeting with senior administration our annual School Results Report

and our 2019/20 School Education Plan will be posted on our school website. We will provide a link to these documents in the bulletin next week.

SAA Spirit Wear Clothing Store

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.

Faith in our Future - Update

If you were unable to attend the Open House on Oct. 30 at SACHS our [website](#) has been updated to include a link to the material shared at the Open House and the online comment form (available until November 14, 2019).

Grade 7½ Leadership Students

The Grade 7½ students in the Leadership Option have a project where they need to volunteer or raise funds for a project that they would like to support. Some of the student leaders will be hosting a popcorn sale at lunch this Tuesday. Below are details for the popcorn sale:



The infographic is titled "PopCorn For Puppies" in a large, blue, stylized font. It features five circular callouts with blue borders and white backgrounds, each containing text. A central illustration of a red and white striped popcorn bucket is surrounded by radiating lines. The Edmonton Humane Society logo is also present.

- How You Are Helping**
It takes approximately 7 million dollars to keep the Edmonton Humane Society operational for one year. Our impact will be small but it will still be very appreciated by our furry friends.
- Where the Funds Are Going**
100% of the funds we raise we are donating to the Edmonton Humane Society.
- What Is The Edmonton Humane Society**
The Edmonton Humane Society is a animal shelter where stray animals or surrendered animals go to be re-adopted.
- When We Will Be Selling Popcorn**
Tuesday November 26 at the snack shack at lunch.
- What We Are Selling**
We are selling bags of popcorn, for 1 dollar each. There will be a variety of toppings such as m&m, and gummy bears and worms you can put with your popcorn.

EDMONTON HUMANE SOCIETY

Junior High Stuff

Term 1 options will conclude in three weeks. It's important students stay on top of assignments that will need to be completed prior to the last Term 1 option class on December 12.

On **Tuesday December 3rd**, the Gr. 7½ Enterprise & Innovation option class will run a **Christmas Market** for the school from 1:45-2:45 to complete their entrepreneurial learning. There will be more details in next week's bulletin.

Mark Your Calendars - Important Dates Coming Soon!

Nov. 27 - Grade ¾ Swimming
Nov. 27 - School Council Mtg @6:30 pm
Nov. 29 - No Kindergarten Classes
Nov. 29 - Last Day to order Christmas Concert Tickets Before Extras Go on Sale
Dec. 2 - SAA Spirit Wear Clothing Store Reopens
Dec. 4 - Last Grade ¾ Swimming
Dec. 5 - Subway Hot Lunch
Dec. 6 - Santa Pictures Day
Dec. 12 - Last Day of Term 1 Options
Dec. 13 - Early Dismissal@11:45 am
Dec. 13 - No Kindergarten Classes
Dec. 16 - SAA Christmas Concert@6:30 pm
Dec. 16 - SAA Spirit Wear Clothing Store Closes
Dec. 16 - 20 - **Christmas Activity Week**
Dec. 19 - School Wide Pasta Christmas Lunch For All Students - 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
Jan. 17 - No Kindergarten Classes
Jan 20 -24 - Zoo School - Gr. 1-2-3
Jan. 31 - No K-8 Classes - PD/Staff Meeting Day

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

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 in the new 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. If we have individuals, businesses or community partners that would like to discuss this opportunity please call Mr. Lamer at SAA at your earliest convenience.

Thanks to the Current Sponsors of our SAA Field Trip Fund



School Council

We still hope to coordinate Santa Pictures on Friday, Dec. 6 but **require a volunteer who would be willing to wear a red suit**. Please call school administration early this week if you would be able to help. A reminder that our next School Council Meeting is on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 6:30 pm. Click on the [Nov. 27 Agenda Link](#).

St. Albert Parish News

CWL Bake Sale after Masses November 30/December 1

What would Christmas be without the CWL's wonderful baking and cooking? Come to the parish hall after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses to purchase some amazing apple pies, tempting tourtières and marvelous meat balls as well as many other treats and goodies.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast December 1st

After you have picked up your treats from the CWL bake sale, stay for a delicious pancake breakfast prepared by our Knights of Columbus. Don't miss this time for fellowship and good food following both Sunday morning Masses!

Advent Penitential Celebration, Thursday, December 5th

Our Advent Penitential Celebration will take place on Thursday, December 5th at 7 pm in the main church. There will be a reception in the parish hall following the service. Please bring a plate of goodies to share with others at the reception.

Advent Evening Prayer Vespers December 3, 10, 17 at 7 pm

Join us for these three Tuesday evenings of Vespers in the main church. There is no better way to prepare for the coming of Christ than to participate in these beautiful, solemn musical devotions. Following Vespers on Tuesday, December 17 we will have a reception in the parish hall.

SAPY Advent Activities

Are you ready for Advent? Don't panic! SAPY has you covered! Back by popular demand – ADVENT PRAYER KITS! Available beginning the weekend of Nov. 16th/17th after all Masses and from the Parish Office during the week, SAPY will be selling sets of candles and prayer books for Advent. A set of 5 candles will be sold for \$10, and the prayer books are \$5 each. This is a fundraiser for SAPY. Thank you for supporting our efforts to raise money that goes toward our different programs and activities.

Parish Calendars

SAPY will be selling Calendars again this year! Starting on November 16-17, calendars will be available after all masses. Calendars are \$10 and proceeds go to supporting youth ministry in the parish. This year's calendar theme is "Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate". Throughout the year you will see the history of the Oblates, learn about key people and

more. Stay up to date with the events and activities of our parish and snag one of these lovely calendars while they are for sale!

Children's Mass

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

RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact Darryl at the church office 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

Christmas Hampers

Holy Family Parish will be collecting donations for the Christmas hampers on the weekend of December 7th and 8th, to give ample time for Sacred Heart Church to assemble them. For monetary donations, cheques can be made payable to Sacred Heart Parish. Please give generously to our fellow Catholics. The hampers will be delivered on Saturday, December 21st, 2019. Please contact the office for more information on how to donate to this worthy cause.

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@holyfamilyparish.ca

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Interested in new friendships with other Filipino families?
Want your kids to be healthy and active?
Have questions about community services?
Then Come Join Us!

**Filipino Connections
Potluck!**

Food, Games, New Friends!

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov 23 from 5:30-8pm
Venue : St. Albert Salvation Army
165 Liberton Drive

Don't have time to bring potluck?
Come anyways!

Halina't Makisaya at
Patatagin ang bawat Pamilya!

