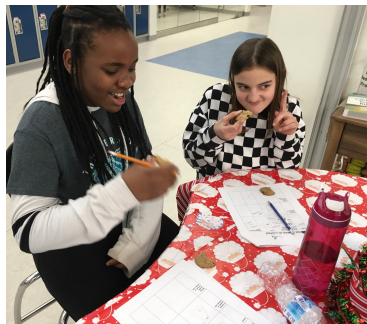
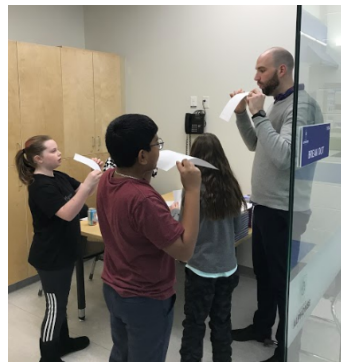
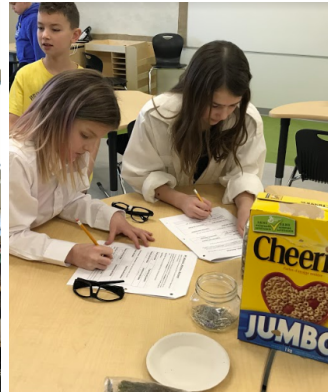
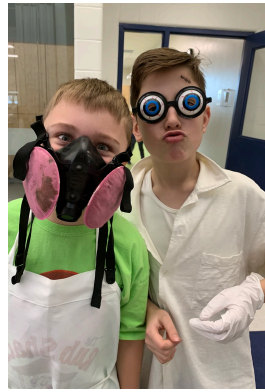




The students at Sister Alphonse Academy shone like the character "CANDLE" at the 2019 SAA Christmas Concert.



There was some MAD SCIENCE going on in grade 4-6 on Tuesday morning. They were wondering and predicting what would happen at each station. Thanks to our parent volunteers who helped to lead discovery stations.



Grade 1 is comparing the adherence of paint using crayons and pencil crayons. Students learned that the paint did not stick to the wax crayon. On another experiment students created etching paper to thank and wish their Grade 2/3 budding reading partner a Merry Christmas. Now that was cool!



Red and Green were popular colors at school all week, but especially on Wednesday.



On Thursday we gathered to enjoy a Christmas lunch(pasta, garlic bread, salad, ice cream)and then we had Christmas activity stations for K-6 in the afternoon while Junior High students had classroom fun.

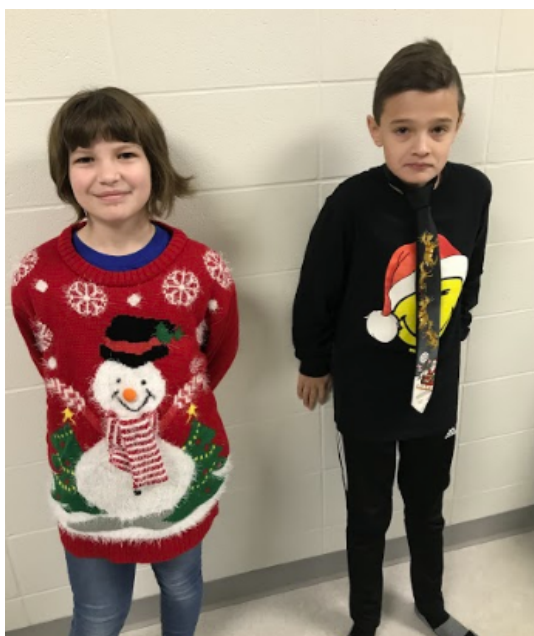




Grade 8 Math built gingerbread houses to measure area and volume, discuss geometric patterns and discover nets.



Tacky, sparkling Christmas Sweaters were in abundance on Thursday!



School News - Take a look at what's coming up this week! **Jan 6. - 10**

Monday(6)	<i>Happy New Year - Classes begin K to 8 Gr. 1-3 Zoo School Field Trip Consent Form Goes Home - Check Backpack</i>
Tuesday (7)	
Wednesday (8)	Jr. Basketball Tryout Gr. 6 - 8(3:10 - 4:00 pm)
Thursday (9)	<i>Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day</i> Jr. Basketball Tryout Gr. 6 - 8(3:10 - 4:00 pm)
Friday (10)	

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

Merry Christmas - Happy New Year



Thank you for entrusting us with the precious gift of your children. Every day they inspire us to do our very best for them. Enjoy your holidays with your family and if you are travelling over the break we wish you safe travels. From all the staff at Sister Alphonse Academy, a blessed and peaceful Christmas, wishing you all health and happiness in 2020.

In the region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over the flocks by night. Then the angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified, but the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2: 8 - 11

Merry Christmas

School Closed - Christmas Vacation

A reminder that the school will be closed and there are no classes for students in kindergarten - grade eight, Dec. 21/19 - January 5/20.

Classes Resume

Classes will resume for all students in K - 8 on Monday, January 6/20.

January Hot Lunches

The next two hot lunch days in January are Jan. 16(Love Pizza) and Jan. 28(Edo Japan). Please order on [School Cash Online](#) before January 8 for Love Pizza and Jan. 20 for Edo Japan.

Mark Your Calendars - Ski Trip

We are currently planning a ski trip for all students in kindergarten to grade eight on Thursday, January 30 at Rabbit Hill. We shall hope that the weather cooperates for us this year. We will need some parent volunteers to accompany us. Consent forms will be sent home early in January. Payment via [School Cash Online](#) can be done now. All consent and payment must be made by January 20/20.

Thanks for Your Generosity

The Gift from the Heart Advent project was a great success. The donations were for Catholic Social Services First Christmas in Canada event last Saturday for Immigrant & Settlement Services. The gifts and donations were picked up last week. The items we donated were then filled in gift bags for children at their annual First Christmas in Canada event. The boys and girls in attendance were very appreciative of our generosity.

We also sent a donation in the amount of \$200 to Catholic Social Services, (part of the concert tickets sales and Santa pictures).

Mark Your Calendars - GSACRD Kindergarten Expo

If you have a child who will be attending kindergarten next school year you are invited to attend the GSACRD Kindergarten Expo on Thursday, January 16 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at St. Albert Catholic High School. Click on the [Kindergarten Expo Link](#) for more information.

****New Regulations require that a child must be five years old before January 1, 2021 to attend kindergarten in September 2020****

2019/20 SAA School Yearbook

The 2019/20 yearbook will have 40 pages (up from 28) and will be hard cover. All for a price of \$30. Please support our yearbook by purchasing a yearbook on School Cash Online as soon as possible. Thanks to those who have already purchased a book.



No Milk

Please be advised that there will not be any milk available until Tuesday, January 7/20.

Junior High Stuff

Be sure to check your child's progress via the Powerschool Portal and contact your child's teacher or teachers if you have any concerns. Everyone will be much happier if Phys. Ed. clothing is washed over the break! Be sure that your son/daughter has a change of clothes for Phys. Ed. when they return in January.

Mark Your Calendars - Important Dates Coming Soon!

Jan. 6/20 - Classes begin K-8

Jan. 15 - School Council@6:30 pm

Jan. 16 - GSACRD Kindergarten Expo@SACHS 6:00 - 7:30 pm(for parents who are enrolling children in kindergarten next school year)

Jan. 17 - No Kindergarten Classes

Jan 20-24 - Zoo School - Gr. 1 through Gr. 3 (consent forms coming right after Christmas Break)

Jan. 30 - School Ski Trip

Jan. 31 - No K-8 Classes - PD/Staff Meeting Day

Feb. 6 -7 - Teachers Convention - School Closed K to 8

Feb. 14 - No Kindergarten classes, Early Dismissal Grade 1 - 8

Feb. 17 - No School - Family Day Holiday

Feb. 19 - School Council@6:30 pm

Feb 26-27 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

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

Activities During the Break

Sometimes parents ask what they can do during the break to support their children in their learning. Most importantly it is our recommendation to give them time to play, rest and enjoy their families. Everyone needs a break and so do our kids. Second, quality time reading with your children or playing board or card games is wonderful. Finally you can encourage your children to write a short paragraph or journal about their favorite part of a day or adventure they had during the holidays. This can be a great deal of fun if you respond to them or keep a journal yourself. Perhaps share your entries or respond to one another at the end of the day.

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

Wishing all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2020! A reminder that our next Council Meeting is Wednesday, January 15/20.

St. Albert Parish News

Children's Pageant

During the reading of the Gospel, at the 5:00 pm Mass, children, in costume, will enact the nativity story. If your children would like to participate in this pageant, please sign up at the back of the church. There will be a practice on Sunday, December 15 following the 11:00 am Mass.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 pm & Midnight
Christmas Day - 9:00 - 11:00 am

New Years Eve - 7:00 pm
New

Church Decorating Help Needed

The Arts and Environment group will be decorating the church for Christmas on 22 Dec from 12.30pm. Help is always needed as it's a huge task so please let Debbie at the parish office know if you can volunteer for an hour or two. A light lunch is provided immediately after Mass in the Lacombe room so, for catering purposes, we do require numbers by 19 December.

Help Needed at 5pm Christmas Eve Mass

We are in need of a few people to give out gifts to the children after Mass. We also need someone to advance slides during the Mass in the parish hall. If you are able to help, contact Darryl at the parish office or email.

Have Your Family Photo Taken In Front of the Crèche or the Altar!

There will be a couple of different sized wooden picture frames available at the front of the church during the Christmas season. Each has 'Christmas at St. Albert Parish' printed on the frame. Gather your family together, frame yourselves in the wooden frame and get a picture of everyone in front of the altar or the crèche.

New Year's Eve Mass at 7:00 pm

Come for our special New Year's Eve Mass on Tuesday, December 31st at 7 pm and stay for hot chocolate and fireworks! Hot chocolate will be served in the parish hall and in the parking lot for those who will be watching the spectacular fireworks display across the street from the church. The fireworks begin at 8:30 pm and you can watch them from the church balcony or from inside your warm car. We hope to see you there!

Advent Mass at the Cemetery

Will you be missing a loved one this Christmas? Join us for our annual Advent Mass with Archbishop Richard Smith, at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 21, at Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum, 14611 Mark Messier Trail. Light refreshments after Mass provided by Park Memorial.

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 Mass Times

December 24th Christmas Eve 5 pm, 7:30 pm, 9:30 pm, Midnight

December 25th Christmas Day 9 am, 11am

December 31st
Mary, Mother of God Vigil 5:00 pm

January 1st
Mary, Mother of God 9 am, 11am,

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

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

