

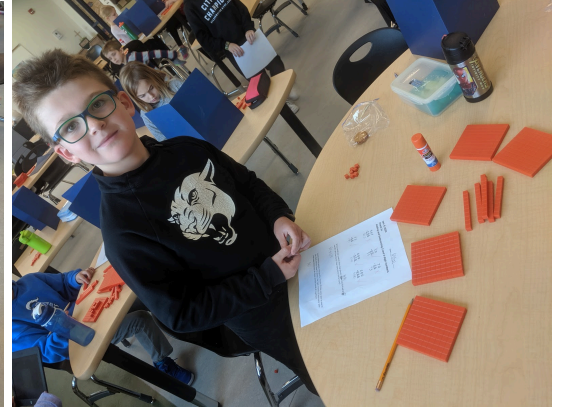
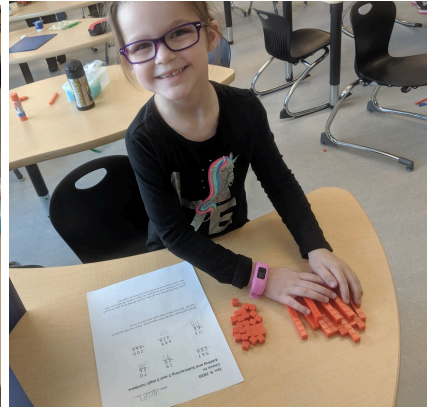
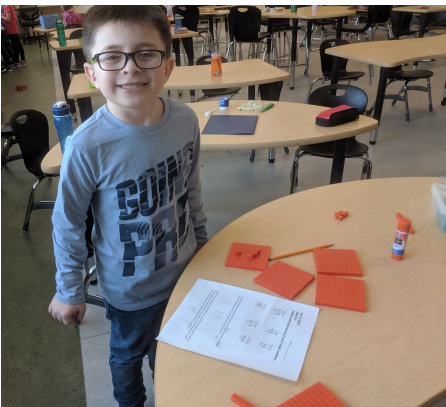
Students at SAA welcomed Trent from the Egg Farmers of Canada Rocks And Rings Program. A lot of fun and strategizing took place in the gym while we learn more about the sport of curling!



Students in Grade 1 are learning about non-standard units of measurement. Students are predicting and then measuring objects using cubes, paper clips and linking chains to compare how much bigger one object is from another.



Students in 2/3 are using base ten blocks to add and subtract big numbers. Did you get to use these when you were in elementary? Manipulatives help us make sense of the process!



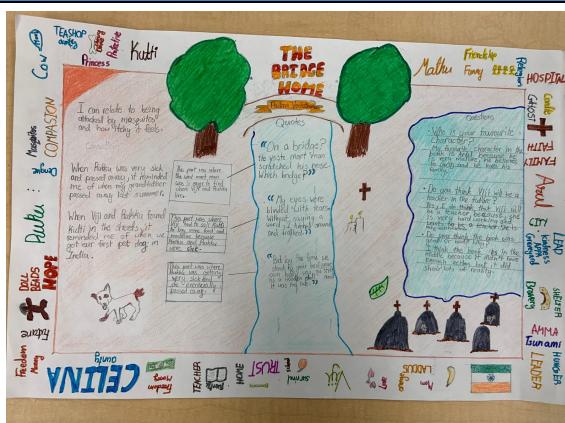
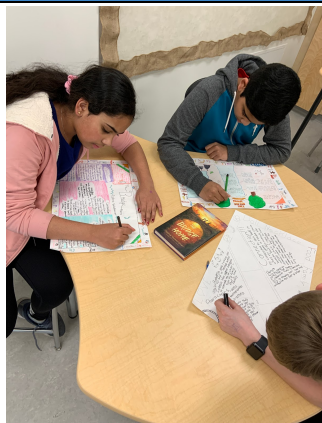
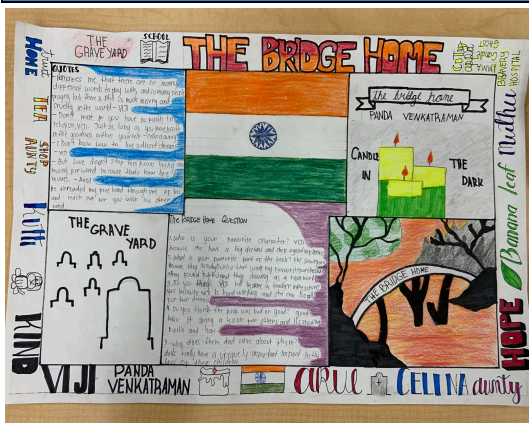
Kinder students are excited to receive mail from their global penpals this week! We mailed our own postcards around the world as part of a Kindergarten Postcard Exchange program right before Christmas. Some of our letters are going as far as Guam and Japan!



Rec Academy: The grade 4-6 group paid another visit to Ninja City Fit Shop and Clip N' Climb. The grade 7/8 group also went to Ninja City Fit Shop and enjoyed some fun at AMAZON Play.



In Language Arts 7 and 8, students have completed their Global Read Aloud book, **The Bridge Home**. Their culminating project was to complete a One Pager. They presented their information, in creative ways, about how they could relate to the characters, what quotes they enjoyed and what they WONDER or question about different issues presented.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up this week! Jan. 13 - 17

Monday(13)	Jr. Basketball Drop In Gr. 6 - 8(3:10 - 4:00 pm)
Tuesday (14)	<i>Science Olympics grade 1-3 Pick up at 4:15pm We start building today!!</i>
Wednesday (15)	<i>Science Olympics grade 4-6 Pick up at 4:15pm We start building today!!</i> January School Council Mtg@6:30 pm - January Agenda Link Jr. Basketball Drop In Gr. 6 - 8(3:10 - 4:00 pm)
Thursday (16)	<i>Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day</i> Kindergarten Expo@ SACHS 6:00 - 7:30 pm(for parents with children attending kindergarten in 20/21) LOVE PIZZA Lunch Grade K-3 "Choose Your Own Option" Block
Friday (17)	No Kindergarten classes

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 New Year

From all of us at SAA, health, happiness and all the best to you and your families in 2020. God Bless you all.

Ski Trip Consent Forms

As we indicated prior to Christmas we have created plans for a School Ski Trip on Thursday, January 30. Check your child's backpack, they should have brought home a consent form. Payment must be made on [School Cash Online](#). Consent forms must be returned to the school and payment must be made by Jan. 23/20.

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.

Thanks to Our Field Trip Sponsors!!

Our first Field Trip that will be partially subsidized via our School Field Trip Fund is the grade 1-3 trip to Zoo School. Through generous donations we have been able to reduce the cost of this great learning opportunity by \$600. This reduces the cost of the trip for each student. Thank you to Alberta Canola, Tot Spot Academy and Image School of Dance.

Jr. Basketball

It appears that there is not enough interest in basketball to form teams and play in a league. We will however, provide drop in basketball nights where kids in gr. 5 - 8 can come and learn some skills, scrimmage and perhaps we might play an exhibition game or two. Drop in basketball will occur on Monday and Wednesday evenings after school from 3:10 to 4:00 pm. All students are welcome in these grades. You can come once or come every time. Parents are responsible for providing transportation home at 4:00 pm.

Mark Your Calendars - Important Dates Coming Soon!

Jan 20-24 - Zoo School - Gr. 1 through Gr. 3 (please ensure you have provided consent and payment if you have not done so)

Jan. 23 - Last Day to provide payment and consent for Ski Trip

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](#).

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. Click on the [January School Council Agenda](#).

St. Albert Parish News

RCIA

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

Pastor's Thank You!

On behalf of St. Albert Parish, I wish to thank all the children who participated in our Christmas Eve pageant during the 5:00pm Mass. We also wish to express a very special thank you to everyone who participated in any way with our Christmas celebrations. Many thanks to the decorating committee and numerous volunteers responsible for decorating and preparing our church for the Advent and Christmas season. The church was beautifully decorated inside and out! Also, a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their good wishes to the parish staff. Your kindness and thoughtfulness with Christmas cards, gift cards and goodies were very much appreciated! God's blessings for a Happy New Year!

Fr. Ignacy Warias, OMI

SAPY Ski Trip

Save the Date! SAPY Youth in grades 4-12 are going skiing February 7, 2020 to Pine Valley Resort in Tawatinaw Valley. The bus will depart from the Church at 8:30am and return by 5:45pm. A tailgate lunch will be provided. Please note that all participants must be signed up by January 31st as this is a firm deadline. Find the registration pamphlets in the church foyer starting January 11-12. Trip is dependent on a minimum of 15. We are also looking for volunteers to join us on this fun filled day! Please contact Rebecca if you are able to come.

Chilly Chili Bang Bang January 18th!

Speaking of fireworks.....our amazing evening of fireworks, sleigh rides, marshmallow roasting, chili, mac & cheese, popcorn, snow cones and funny photo booth is returning on Saturday, January 18th following 5 pm Mass! Don't miss this "best night ever" on Mission Hill! This is a night for the whole family – children, parents, grandparents, friends, neighbours! Everyone will love it! Remember what we say..."Be there or be square!"

Concert Alert!

Chronos Vocal Ensemble excitedly returns to St. Albert Parish for the fourth time on Saturday January 18, 2020 at 2pm to present a preview performance of the second concert in its season. The program includes the choir's "Greatest Hits" - favourite pieces from seven seasons of singing. Don't miss this glorious performance with a vast array of A Cappella music from sacred to secular, old to new, and composers from all around the world! You just might recognize a singer or two, too! Admission is by donation. Doors will open at 1:40pm.

Star of the North Retreat Centre The Power of Scripture to Transform led by Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie OMI. Thursdays, Feb. 13, 20 and 27. 7 to 9 pm. Cost: \$80.

Shipwrecked on Malta with St. Paul: Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSM, and Julien Hammond lead a reflection on the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Fri. Jan 17 to Sat. Jan. 18. Cost: Live-in, \$150; Commuter, \$100.

Healing Through Celtic Spirituality with Fr. Matt Linn, SJ, Feb. 28 to March 1. Live-in: \$250; Commuters: \$190.

Cultural Festival of Lights Fundraiser: Star of the North Retreat Centre

Celebrates 65 years of service to the St. Albert and Edmonton area at Holy Family Church, 75 Poirier Ave., St. Albert, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2 to 5 pm. Adults: \$50; Family: \$100 (max 2 adults, 3 children); Students: \$35. For more details contact : 780-459-5511 or go to www.starofthenorth.ca

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

Holy Family Parish News

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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