

Rec Academy 4-6 students toboggan and play tennis.



Gr. 1 - 3 students spent the whole week at ZOO School. They had a great week of learning. Thanks to all the parents who were able to come along as supervisors so that the students could participate in this great learning opportunity.





Students in Grades 1-3 and 4-6 have been hard at work preparing their challenges for Science Olympics. Here is a sneak peak at their "inventions in progress." The grade 1-3 groups are creating devices that demonstrate and measure sound vibrations and the 4-6 groups are creating recyclable sorting machines! They will gather with hundreds of other innovative students at the University Butterdome to test their devices with professional engineers and geoscientists on Feb. 22/20!



Kindergarten students had so much fun with DancePI3y this week. What a great way to develop physical fitness through dance! We were wild animals, pizza makers, fantastic skaters and snow angel makers. We even took a 'time machine' and learned some of the popular styles of dance and music through the years! DancePI3y also promotes positive mental health and wellness through their 3 rules: Be Positive, Be Fun, Be Yourself!



School News - Take a look at what's coming up this week! Jan. 27 - 31

Monday(27)	Jr. Basketball Drop In Gr. 5 - 8(3:10 - 4:00 pm)
Tuesday (28)	<i>Science Olympics grade 1-3 Pick up at 4:15pm We continue building today!!</i> <i>EDO Hot Lunch Day</i>
Wednesday (29)	<i>Science Olympics grade 4-6 Pick up at 4:15pm We continue building today!!</i> Jr. Basketball Drop In Gr. 5 - 8 (3:10 - 4:00 pm) Jr. Mass in the Learning Commons with Father Ignacy
Thursday (30)	School Ski Trip to Rabbit Hill
Friday (31)	No School K-8 - PD/Staff Meeting Day

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

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.

School Ski Trip to Rabbit Hill

The weather is set to cooperate with us and it looks like it will be a great day to be outside. This is still a regular scheduled school day and there will be 130 students "learning" at the hill. There will be classes for those students not attending the school trip. All students going to hill need to remember to pack an extra pair of mitts as hands may get wet and it helps to have extras. A bagged lunch with additional snacks is recommended as the students may want to fuel up as the day goes on. We begin with lessons and then the students will be assessed by their ski school instructor which hills they may go on. Thank you so much to all the parents who offered to volunteer at the hill. We appreciate your help in making this day a success. All parent volunteers can expect a separate email to come from Mrs. Kleparchuk by Sunday afternoon to explain the volunteer duties and expectations. If you have any questions please email kleparchuk@gsacrd.ab.ca for more information. If you are planning on transporting your child to (or from the hill), special forms need to be completed(below) and brought into the school before our departure. This helps to eliminate any confusion at departure time. Any parents who decide to stay at the hill with their child(ren) after departure are more than welcome to but note that alternate transportation (students not riding on the bus), can **ONLY** be provided by a parent or guardian. Any other questions can be directed to the school office. If there are any other students that have not handed in consent and/or payment the last day is Monday, Jan. 27 in the am.

Parent Decline Transportation for School Event

Mark Your Calendars - Important Dates Coming Soon!

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

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

Feb. 14 - Interview Booking Site Opens@9:00 am

Feb. 17 - No School - Family Day Holiday

Feb. 19 - School Council@6:30 pm

Feb. 21 - Term 2 Report Cards Go Home K - 6

Feb 26-27 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Feb. 27 - 2020/21 Online School registration begins

Feb. 28 - No Kindergarten classes

March 3 - Gr. 6 Immunizations

March 6 - Family Movie KNight

March 12 - 2020/21 School Open House (6:30 - 8:00 pm)

March 13 - No K-8 Classes - PD/Staff Meeting Day

March 18 - School Council Mtg.@6:30 pm
March 20 - No School K-8 PTI Lieu Day
March 21 - 29 - School Closed SPRING BREAK
March 30 - Classes resume K-8

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

Alberta Accountability Pillar Surveys

Every year the government of Alberta surveys parents of students in grade 4, 7 and 11 to gather information to gauge satisfaction of our stakeholders. Parents have the option to complete a paper survey or go online and complete a survey electronically. If you have a child in grade 4-8 at Sister Alphonse Academy you may receive a survey in the mail. We are hoping that you will consider completing the survey either by paper or electronically so that we can receive your feedback. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Surveys were mailed out on January 13 and the last day to receive input is February 28/20.

2020/21 Kindergarten School Registration

Registration for those students who will be attending kindergarten in the 2020/21 school year is now open. Click on the [New Student Registration Link](#) to register your child for kindergarten next school year.

2020/21 Gr. 1- 9 School Registration

Registration for SAA students in grade 1 to 9 will open on Thursday, Feb. 27. As was last year, all registration will be done online. More information will come in early February.

Administration of Medication

Please be advised that District Administrative Procedures require that medication prescribed by a medical practitioner that are to be administered during the school day for young children must be done through the office. This requires that proper medical forms are signed at the office so that accurate monitoring takes place. Please call the office if you have questions related to this.

Jungle Book Fair!

Get ready to get wild at our Jungle Book Fair! The Scholastic book fair is returning to Sister Alphonse from **February 24-28** and this year's goal is to have \$1,800 worth of books purchased. The fair will be open during recess, with special after school sales on February 26 and 27 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.

Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Book Fair

If anyone would like to help with the book fair, please contact Ms. Gamache in the library. We would love some extra hands with setting up on February 24th (starting at 8:30 a.m.) and taking down the fair on March 2nd (starting at 8:30 a.m.). Also, if anyone can support the fair by handling cash, we have some time slots during recess (10:25 - 10:45) and lunch break (12:05 - 12:35) on the 26th, 27th, and 28th that we would love to fill.

If you are interested or have any questions, then contact Ms. Gamache at lgamache@gsacrd.ab.ca or at 780-809-2996.

Thanks to the Current Sponsors of our SAA Field Trip Fund



School Council

Thanks to all the parents who were able to attend our Council Meeting last week. The meeting began with a presentation of the BELRA (Boards Educational Leadership Recognition Award) by the Chairperson of GSACRD, Mr. Joe Beiceignal to Sister

Alphonse Academy for Very High Achievement on the 2018/19 [Accountability Pillar Results](#). Mr. Lamer accepted the award on behalf of all students, staff, School Council and parents of Sister Alphonse Academy. He indicated that excellent results are a reflection of the hard work and collaborative efforts of all stakeholders. Our Trustee also presented the Boards Annual School Results Report which indicates that GSACRD is one of the top three performing Boards within the province.

During the administration report Mr. Lamer highlighted changes at Sister Alphonse Academy as a result of the cost recovery plan approved by the Board of Trustees of Great St. Albert Catholic Schools on December 3, 2019. He thanked parents for their support for many excellent activities that were planned during the month of December and then highlighted some activities in January and February. Mrs. Hoskins has volunteered to provide a cookie for each student to decorate on Valentine's Day. More details to come.

We reviewed the School Education Plan and then reviewed the SAA School Council 3 Yr. Ed. Plan which is an ongoing document that supports the schools Education Plan. Mr. Lamer indicated that School Fees for the 2020/21 School Year could increase. He indicated that the Board was currently reviewing fees within our District and that more information would follow in the spring.

Our Compassionate Friends Committee provided parents information on how they can go online to support a family at SAA that is in need of a little extra help during a difficult time. If you can provide a meal for the family to enjoy it would be so great. Choosing your family's favorite is always a great idea! Also any lunch snacks, cut up fruit and veggies is helpful as well. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Meal train is a website that allows organizations to organize and schedule meals for families that need some extra support. Our Compassionate Friends Committee have set up an account for our school. [Click on the SAA Family Link](#).



During the last part of the meeting we made some tentative plans for some events at the school. Look for a Family Movie Night on Friday, March 6. On Friday, April 3, we plan to have Bunny pictures once again and on Friday, April 17 we hope to have a Spring Fling Family Dance. More information will follow regarding these events. Hoping to see parents at our next meeting on Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 pm.

St. Albert Parish News

Condolences to Iranian Community

Archbishop Smith has sent a message of condolence to members of Edmonton's Iranian community, which lost at least 27 members in the crash of an airplane near Tehran. "To our dear friends in the Iranian communities of Edmonton: I am writing to offer my most profound condolences and prayers, and those of the entire Catholic community of our Archdiocese, who join me in expressing deep, deep sadness for the tragic loss of life that has taken place in the plane crash near Tehran. The mind can scarcely grasp, and the heart cannot fathom, the pain that has befallen your communities and especially the families impacted by this terrible event. We join with you, with our fellow Edmontonians, and with all people of good will, in mourning the loss of these beloved members of your communities; and we offer our prayers for the repose of their souls and strength for their surviving family members in the days ahead." In sincerest friendship and solidarity.

Archbishop Richard W. Smith

RCIA

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

Chilli Chilli Bang Bang Rescheduled

Good morning St. Albert Parish Families. Due to the weather we will be rescheduling Chilly Chili Bang Bang to Saturday, January 25th after the 5pm Mass. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please join us for this outdoor festival on the 25th and enjoy Fireworks, S'mores, Picture Booth, Chili and Macaroni, and all the other fun activities.

Blessings,
St. Albert Parish Staff

Don't Miss these Upcoming SAPY Events:

We have a lot of great events planned for the New Year!
BEST of 2019!

Curious what the top trends, music & movies were for 2019? Join us in finding out on:

January 23- Grades 7-9

January 28- Grades 4-6

From 6:30- 8:00 in the Parish Hall. Ski Trip!

SAPY Youth are going Skiing on February 7th at Tawatinaw Valley! Come out and enjoy a full day of skiing, lunch is included! Forms are in the back of the Church, and need to be submitted by January 30th. Altar Servers Ski for Free!! But please still fill out a form.

Family Day!

Holy Family & St. Albert Parishes are teaming up for some family day fun on February 17th! We will go Tobogganing down seven hills, across from St. Albert Parish!

Invitation to the Women of our Parish

As our council begins a new year with our new president, Catherine deChamplain, we invite you to join the Catholic Women's League. You will get to know the women of the parish on a personal level as we pray, work and have some fun together. We focus on growing in faith and witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Fellowship is a key part of the evening. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the parish hall. Current members are now encouraged to renew their 2020 membership at the January 21 meeting or by placing the renewal fee of \$30, in the collection basket at Mass. New members may fill out the form below. Be sure to mark the envelope boldly with CWL.

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.

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

The Breakthrough in the Spirit's Power

The Catholic Renewal Services will be having a 3-day conference -BREAKTHROUGH IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER to be held in St Theresa's Parish. The conference starts on the 7th Feb and finishes on Sunday, the 9th Feb 2020. Registration is required by 31 Jan 2020 as meals will be provided. This program features praise and worship, preaching, testimonies and a Mass with healing service. This gives participants an opportunity to gather together to deepen their relationship with the Holy Spirit and to seek healing of the mind, body and soul. Brochures are at the entrance of the church – please pick up for your information at the completion of this Mass."

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

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: To register please contact marieta@holyfamilyparish.ca. Preparation: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Celebration: Contact the office for Mass availability.

1st Eucharist & Reconciliation: Preparation for celebrating these Sacraments is underway. If you missed the first preparation evening in November, please contact: marieta@holyfamilyparish.ca

Confirmation:

Preparation for celebrating this Sacrament is underway. If you missed the first preparation evening in October, please contact: marieta@holyfamilyparish.ca.

Marriage:

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding. A mandatory preparation course is required.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Singers are needed for new music ministry groups in our parish! Three musicians – an organist and two pianists – have responded to our urgent need for music ministry. Now we need singers to join them! The requirements for being a singer at Masses in our parish are:

- An attitude of service (not performance) reverence and the ability to work as part of a group.
- The ability to carry a tune – you don't have to have a trained voice, be able to read musical notation, or harmonize, although those abilities are a great help – but you do need to be able to sing on key and have a voice that can blend with others.

- A regular commitment of time - for practice and for your group's ministry schedule.
- The Archdiocesan requirements for all parish volunteers – the attendance to the Called to Protect 2.5 hour workshop and completing some forms (application, covenant of care).

If you do have a trained voice, if you sang in a school or church choir when you were young, if you have ever thought about being part of the music ministry at Mass, or if you appreciate the importance of musical leadership for public worship and believe that those who sing pray twice, please become part of one of the three new music ministry groups or choirs we are now forming in our parish! Call Marieta at 780-459-3694 or email at: marieta@holyfamilyparish.ca for more information. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:19)

Men of Integrity Conference 2020

The annual Men of Integrity Conference Your Divine Mission, will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Spruce Grove from Friday, January 31st to Saturday, February 1st. The keynote speaker will be Deacon Larry Oney, a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He is the author of Divine Mission; Finding Your Hope and Purpose, Amazed by God's Grace, and many other books. To help with the planning of this conference, please register early! Cost: \$50 per adult, \$35 per student, \$75 per vendor and includes continental breakfast, lunch, coffee, refreshments and snacks.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. The theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk" (based on John 5:2-9a). The women from Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service through art, music and prayer. In St. Albert, the World Day of Prayer will be held at Holy Family Parish on Friday, March 6th at 2:00 pm. Please join us for this service.

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

