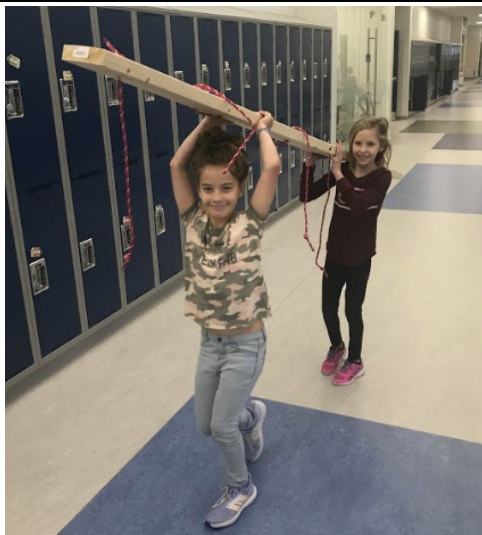
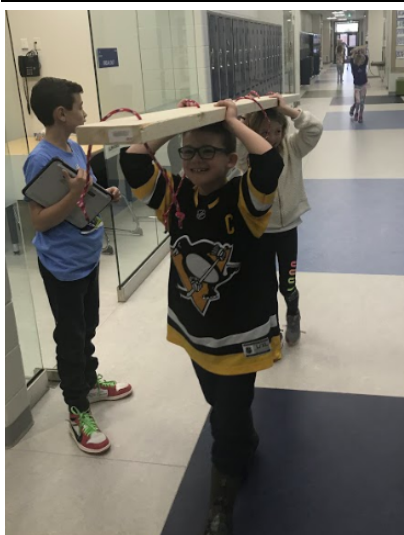


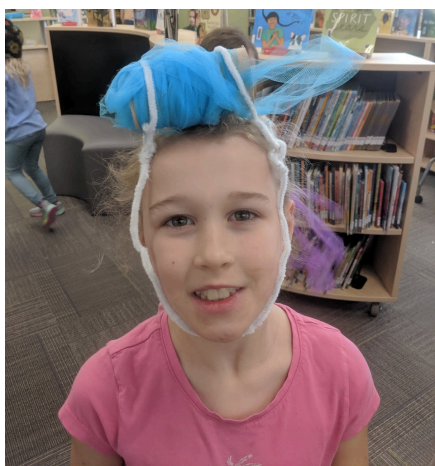
Souper Soup Day was a big hit. Soup choices were; hamburger, chicken noodle, minestrone, tomato, dill pickle and beef. The soup that was voted most favorite by students and staff was the kindergarten Alphabet Soup, the Gr. 1's Chicken Noodle was second and then a tie between the Gr. 4's Dill Pickle and the Gr. 8's Beef Ramen. Thanks to the MANY parents who helped serve and with all the clean up!!



Students at SAA got to spend some time outside walking, snowshoeing and playing some winter games on a glorious afternoon. Students in Mrs. Trenchard's 3/4 class brought down the team skis for groups to walk outside. Students had the chance to snowshoe, walk on team skis and race with new toboggans bought for the school!



Miss Gamache often plans cool makerspace activities in the learning commons for students to challenge their creativity and critical thinking. Check out some pictures below where students created intricate snowflakes and something that would keep them warm!



The VideoPro 7/8 Option class is collaborating with Mrs. Trenchard's Gr. 7/8 class on a video about a community outside of Alberta. The 7/8 class did all the research on the community that they chose, the VideoPro class is in charge of video production and editing. We can't wait to see how their finished projects turn out.





Ms. Bennett's Gr.7 Health class put on a Healthy Food Fair for students in kindergarten and Gr. 1. Students rotated through a number of stations that had fun learning activities designed and led by the grade seven students. The stations were designed to have the younger students think critically about what they eat and drink. It was a fun opportunity to learn more about healthy eating choices. The grade 7 students were challenged to collaborate and design activities that would be fun and educational for younger students. These cross grade learning opportunities provide so many rich learning opportunities for both age groups and what a great leadership opportunity for our older students!



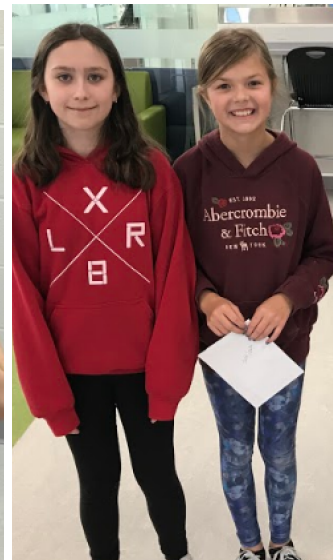
Red and Pink were in abundance on Valentines Day. All the students had an opportunity to decorate cookies. The students in Mrs. Lobel's ½ class were trying to solve a Valentine mystery.



Oh, thank goodness you are here! My name is **BOOKER**. I'm the lab assistant for a **SCIENTIST** named **EDWIN**, but I'm worried Edwin has become a mad scientist. Let me explain.

Edwin has created a special potion for Valentine's Day he calls his **HEARTBREAK POTION**. The fumes from the potion cause broken hearts everywhere! And last night, he released some into your classroom. If you've started feeling sad, had a case of the sniffles, or have begun crying for no good reason... well, that's the potion starting to take effect.

Here's the good news: there's an **ANTIDOTE** (a cure). The bad news is Edwin locked it in this box. The only way to get it is to find the **KEY** to the lock. Thankfully, Edwin has left some clues. Solve the first clue to get your second clue, and so on, until you've solved the **PASSWORD**. With the correct password, your teacher will give you the final clue, which will lead you to... the location of the key! The first to find the key gets to **OPEN THE BOX** and share the antidote with the class!



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! Feb. 17 - 21

Monday(17)	FAMILY DAY Holiday - School Closed!
Tuesday (18)	
Wednesday (19)	Drop-In-Basketball Gr. 5 - 8(3:10 - 4:00 pm) School LockDown Drill #2 - PM February School Council Mtg@6:30 pm Agenda Link
Thursday (20)	Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day Running Room Games(Gr. 5-6) - PM for students competing who have signed Consent forms.
Friday (21)	Term 2 Report Cards Go Home K - 6
Saturday (22)	Science Olympics Teams are off to the University of Alberta Butterdome from 8:30 am to 12:30pm to compete for GOLD!

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
- Staff will build capacity to know, model and witness Jesus Christ and share this with students
- 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

Mark Your Calendars - Important Dates Coming Soon!

Feb. 24 - 28 - Gr. 6 at Legislature School

Feb. 25 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch

Feb 26 - Parent/Teacher Interviews 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday Liturgy@ 9:00 am

Feb. 26 - Pink Shirt Day

Feb 27 - Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Feb. 27 - 2020/21 Online School Registration begins for students in Gr. 1-9

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 - April 3 - Gr. 4 and 5 to Green School

March 30 - Classes resume K-8

March 30 - K and Gr. Swimming AM

March 30 - Subway Hot Lunch

March 31 - Term 3 Options begin(Gr. 4-8)

April 1 - Reconciliation

April 3 - Bunny Picture Day

April 7 - Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff

April 9 - No School Good Friday

April 12 - No School - Easter Monday

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

Parent Testimonial

Our Open House is approaching very quickly! We often receive many positive comments regarding SAA from our parents and we would like to share them with parents that are considering having their child attend SAA. If you would like to provide a written testimonial we would sure appreciate it. Please email Mr. Lamer - glamer@gscard.ab.ca or Mrs. Kleparchuk - kleparchuk@gsacrd.ab.ca by March 6, 2020.

Booking of Parent/Teacher Interviews - Be Sure You Have Completed This Important Task

The Interview Booking Site is now open. Parent/Teacher Interview dates are Wednesday, Feb. 26/20 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and Thursday, Feb. 27/20 from 3:30 - 6:30 pm. Use the [School Interviews Link](#) to book an appointment. Once the link is open you should be able to go directly in and book your interview(s). If asked, enter ACCESS CODE - **5xchb**. Interview appointments for students in Grades 2-8 will be 10 minutes long. ECS Student Led appointments and Gr. 1 demo of learning will be 30 minutes. In Junior High parents may book interviews with individual subject teachers. Call our school office at 780-809-2996 if you are encountering any difficulties. We will send out a synervice reminder message about the booking of interviews on the 14th of February.

Report Cards for students in kindergarten to grade six will be issued prior to interviews on Friday, Feb. 21. Students in Junior High do not receive a paper report card as parents may log into PowerSchool at any time to view their children's marks and attendance.

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. During the last week of February all parents who have children currently enrolled at SAA will receive an email that contains a SNAP CODE and link to register your children for the 2020/21 school year. The whole process will be completed online. You can expect to receive an email just prior to Feb. 27.

Recreation Academy Registration for 2020/21 School Year

Students who are currently in Recreation Academy should have brought home a Recreation Academy Registration Form for next school year. If your child will be enrolling in Rec. Academy next school year we need you to return the registration form and the deposit (required for securing a spot) ASAP. Students who are in Gr. 3 will be provided with a Registration form as well. If your child is not currently enrolled in Rec Academy this school year but you are interested for next school year please have them come to the office and we will provide them with a registration package.

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.

Provide Feedback on the Draft Ministerial Order on Student Learning

The Alberta Government is seeking the opinion of Albertans on a new vision for student learning. It's a document that defines the values, foundations and outcomes for kindergarten to grade 12 education in Alberta. Provide your feedback by clicking on the [Survey Link](#). This survey must be completed by February 24/20.

Lockdown Drill #2

On Wednesday, Feb. 19 we plan on completing our second and last LockDown Drill of the year. This is part of our regular Emergency Drill practices during the year. Teachers will be speaking to students about this on Tuesday and Wednesday. We always inform the students that we are completing a Drill.

Thanks to the Current Sponsors of our SAA Field Trip Fund



GRACE - Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education

Did you know that more than 183,000 students attend Catholic schools in the province of Alberta?

GrACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education) has been in existence since November 2018. Created by the Bishops of Alberta, the Alberta Catholic School Trustees (ACSTA) and the Council for Catholic School Superintendents (CCSSA), GrACE seeks to unite, engage, educate and communicate with one voice on behalf of Catholic education. Why does GrACE exist? The gift of publicly funded Catholic education in Alberta is a true blessing. As a community we are called in gratitude, faith and action to ensure that our children and future generations continue to learn and grow in our Catholic schools. **GrACE** invites all those committed to Catholic education, through the unity of the Holy Spirit, to be advocates and witnesses for our schools' successes and their future. Tell your stories of Catholic education. Let your voice be heard. Every day is a celebration of Catholic education. Let us be grateful for our blessings and commit our support. The mission of GrACE is to inspire, invigorate and embolden the spirit of Catholic education in order to unite, engage, educate and communicate with one voice on its behalf. GrACE is a partnership of stakeholders resolutely committed to Catholic education within the province of Alberta.



School Council

Parents of Sister Alphonse Academy are invited to attend our February School Council Meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 pm. Click on the link to access the [February School Council Agenda](#). Thanks to Mrs. Hoskins for baking the cookies that were decorated by the students on Valentines Day. A reminder that 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 has set up an account for our school. [Click on the SAA Family Link](#).

Movie Knight - Friday, March 6@6:00 pm

Mark your calendar. We are inviting all families at SAA to our 2nd Movie Knight. Toy Story 4 will be shown.

St. Albert Parish News

AGM Date for 2020

This year's Parish Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 15 February at 3.30pm in the church hall. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. All ministry and financial reports will be available in the church this weekend for your perusal prior to the meeting.

Family Day Tobogganing

Youth grades 4-12 are invited for an afternoon of tobogganing. On February 17th we are going tobogganing at seven hills from 1-3pm. Families are welcome to attend, youth grade 3 and under need adult supervision. Forms are available at the back of the church.

Parish – First A Fiesta!

Time seems to fly and here we are heading to the middle of Fabulous February looking ahead to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent on February 26th. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare ourselves for the Easter season. But before we get into the Lenten spirit, we hope you will join us for our brand new event on Saturday, February 22nd following 5 pm Mass.

Fiesta Before Fasting!

Many of you will remember the fantastic DJ who entertained us at Alberts's Diner a couple of years ago. Well, he is coming back with his great tunes and fun games! Children danced all night, Moms danced with their babies, Dads danced with their daughters and grandparents stole the show kicking up their heels with their grandkids. It was a super night and we are doing it again but with a Mexican flavour! Tacos, Nachos, Salsa, Guacamole and Pinatas! There will be a variety of food for the night – build your own tacos with meat, lettuce, salsa and spices; fix your own nachos with cheese, salsa and guacamole; special Mexican desserts and yummy refreshments! We will round out the evening by having the children break open a couple of pinatas to gather up all the candy inside.

The Taco the Town

This will be a memorable and fun evening for everyone; in fact, it will be the taco the town! Parents, grandparents, children of all ages -don't miss it! Saturday, February 22nd – come to Mass at 5 pm and stay for all the dancing, food and fun! Tickets for Sale at Masses this Weekend and Next and at the Parish Office!

Adult - \$20, Child - \$5 (6-16), Maximum family rates \$40 and \$50 depending on the number of children.

Hasta Luego y Feliz Fiesta a Todos!!

Palms

Please bring your old palms to the church by Sunday, February 23rd so they can be burned and used for Ash Wednesday celebrations on February 26th. A basket will be available in the church foyer for deposit of old palms. The church office cannot accept palms after the deadline so please bring them in timeously.

Ash Wednesday Masses

Masses will be held at 8am and 7pm at the church on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. Please note there will be NO 8AM MASS AT THE CHAPEL that day.

Ministry Training

Please be advised that altar server training will be happening for new altar servers at 12pm on Sunday, March 8th. There will be training for new greeters (and existing greeters who missed the training in the fall) on March 22nd at 12pm.



Lenten Retreat – Mark your Calendars

This year's Lenten retreat will take place on: March 30 (Liturgy of the Word), 31 (Reconciliation), and April 1 (Mass). All services will be at 7pm in the church and will be led by Fr. Jarek Pachoki. Watch the bulletin for more details.

First Reconciliation/Eucharist

First Reconciliation-

Saturday, 25 April @9:30am

The 2020 dates for First Eucharist will be as follows-

Sun 26 April @9am - JNearing

Sat 23 May @5pm - AL and others

Sun 7 June @11am – EFJ, BK and Sister Alphonse Academy

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

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

