

SAA students enjoy the warm weather conditions at recess. Many complaints of, "It's too hot Mr. Lamer!"



Winter weather doesn't stop kinder from growing plants indoors! Students worked together to start another round of growing in our tower garden and learn the importance that water plays in plant health and nutrition. Kindergarten also decided to investigate the possibility of growing a "cookie tree" after learning the story of Woody Woodchuck!

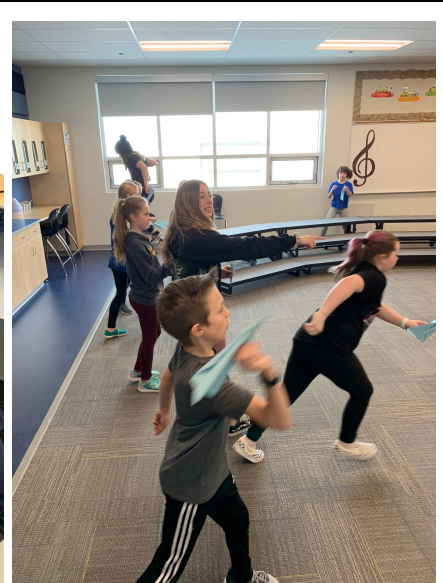
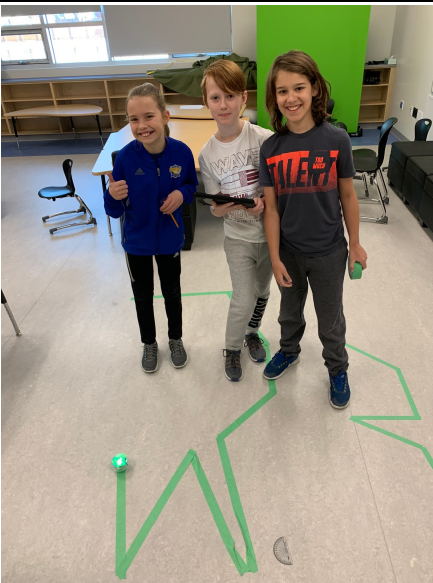




Members of the SAA SHIELD participated in the Running Room Games at the U of A Butterdome on Thursday.



Grade 6 students explore measuring and drawing angles. Also, students in 5/6 explore the relationship of aerodynamics and flight by manipulating variables of paper airplanes.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! Feb. 24 - 28

Monday(24)	Gr. 6 Legislature Trip - All Day Drop-In-Basketball for Gr. 4-8 students. Last Day.
Tuesday (25)	Gr. 6 Legislature Trip - All Day Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch - Free for all students
Wednesday (26)	Gr. 6 Legislature Trip - All Day Ash Wednesday Liturgy - 9:00 am (Parents Welcome) Parent/Teacher Interviews - 5:00 - 8:00 pm - Interview Booking Site Link - Use Code 5xchb PINK SHIRT Day
Thursday (27)	Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day Gr. 6 Legislature Trip - All Day Parent/Teacher Interviews - 3:30 - 6:30 pm - Interview Booking Site Link - Use Code 5xchb 2020/21 Gr. 1-9 Registration Opens - You should receive a Snap Code in your email on this day.
Friday (28)	Gr. 6 Legislature Trip - All Day 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
- 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!

March 3 - Gr. 6 Immunizations (mostly for students that missed earlier in year)

March 6 - Family Movie KNight - Toy Story 4

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

March 12 - DQ Hot Lunch

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. 1 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 10 - No School Good Friday

April 13 - No School - Easter Monday

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

Gr. 6 Legislature School

Mr. Brass' Grade six students will be spending the week at the Alberta Legislature and learning all about Provincial Government. It will be an exciting week to be at the legislature as the Provincial Budget will come down on February 27/20. We would like to thank our Field Trip Sponsors - Alberta Canola, Tiny Tots and Image School of Dance whose contributions have greatly reduced the cost of this awesome learning opportunity for our Grade six students.

Drop-In- Basketball

Monday will be the last day for Drop-In-Basketball. Thanks to all the students who participated and thanks to Mr. Brass for coaching the students.

No Need to Pack a Lunch on Tuesday, Feb. 25

For Shrove Tuesday we will be serving up pancakes, sausages, fresh berry syrup (made by the JH Excel Class), orange slices and juice. No need to pack lunch that day, this lunch is for all students. We will even send lunch for the Gr. 6 Students at the Lodge. Thank you in advance to those parents that will be volunteering to flip the cakes!

Weekly Specials Snack Shack

The Snack Shack offers daily specials that allow students to try different hot lunch items on an occasional basis. Quite frequently we may only have limited quantities of items. The specials are being prepared in the Foods Kitchen and we are open to new suggestions. We are hoping to supply a salad item once a week. This week's Greek Salad was a huge hit! All proceeds from the Snack Shack go back into subsidizing activities for students. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Kleparchuk or Mrs. Teixeira.

Next week's specials:

Monday - Chicken Curry & Rice - \$2

Tuesday - Snack Shack Closed - Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday - Smoothies \$1 (small cup)

Thursday - Taco in a Bag - \$1.50

Friday - Nitza's Pizza - order in school cash online \$2 a slice

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Parents are welcome to join us at the school on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 9:00 am for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy which marks the beginning of the Lenten Liturgical season. Father Ignacy from St. Jean Baptiste will be here to celebrate with us.

Pink Shirt Day - Wednesday, Feb. 26

We are asking all students and staff to wear PINK on this day. It demonstrates that we all believe in kindness and compassion for others.

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 should have been brought home today, check your child's backpack. Students in Junior High do not receive a paper Report Card in Term 2. Please check Powerschool for up to date information on achievement.

Provide Feedback for our School and Division 2 Different Ways

1. Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Parent School Satisfaction Survey
Please consider spending five minutes to complete our Parent-School Satisfaction Survey. You can complete it when you come to the interviews, you may click on the [Satisfaction Survey Link](#) or scan the **QR Code** to the right to complete the survey **beginning 9:00 am Wednesday, Feb. 26. It will close at 3:00 pm on Friday, February 28.**
2. We are looking forward to another successful year of learning what our community's response is to **two questions** in ThoughtExchange:
 - *How does your school provide feedback on student learning between report cards and tests, and what could your school do differently?*
 - *How does your school support students to develop as leaders inside and outside of the school to know and be like Jesus Christ?*



Our Division will be sending the Thought Exchange link out to families on **February 24, 2020.**

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 Begins This Week!

Registration for SAA students in grade 1 to 9 will open on Thursday, Feb. 27. You should receive a SNAP CODE to register your child(ren) for next school year on the 27th of February. This email will provide information and links to complete the registration of your children online. **It would help us out immensely if you could complete this task prior to March 20/20.** Having accurate numbers earlier facilitates planning for the 2020/21 school year in a more efficient manner.

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.

Lock Down Drill Complete

On Wednesday, Feb. 19 our school completed our second Lock Down Drill of the year. All went according to procedure. We will be completing two more Emergency Evacuation (Fire) Drills in the spring as well as a Shelter in Place Drill in mid to late May.

Thanks to the Current Sponsors of our SAA Field Trip Fund



GRACE - Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education

Did you know that there are 11,020 teachers employed in 450 Catholic schools throughout the province of Alberta? They make up about 28% of certified teachers in the Province of Alberta. Catholic Schools have served Alberta since the 1850's. The Grey Nuns established the first school in Alberta at Lac St. Anne in 1859. The Constitution Act of 1867 established the roots of Alberta's publicly funded separate schools. This makes the right to exist Constitutionally guaranteed.



Catholic Student Enrollment 2017/18/19

2017	2018	2019	Increase
176,320	181,258	183,571	7,251

School Council

At our School Council meeting on Wednesday we discussed a number of Resolutions that may be voted on at the Alberta School Council Annual General Meeting. Each School Council in the Province has an opportunity to cast one vote on possible resolutions that could be added to the sleight of resolutions that will be voted on that AGM in April. These resolutions become association policy of the ASCA. We have a few more proposed resolutions to discuss at our March meeting as a little more research and consideration needs to be done. Mr. Lamer and Mrs. Kleparchuk reminded us of some upcoming events that we hope our parents will be sure to attend. Parent Teacher Interviews, Movie Knight and our 2020/21 School Open House are all coming up. You may get a call to help out at our Open House in March. Our school liaison Trustee, Mr. Joe Becigneul reported that the Board has made a decision to direct all French Immersion students at the High School at ESSMY to the French Immersion program at SACHS for the 2020/21 school year. He described it as a very difficult decision, but one that the Board felt that they had to make. The SAA Fundraising Society is busy finalizing plans for a Spring fundraiser. Our staff would like jerseys for the school running teams and Track and Field team. Their first fundraiser will be the concession at the Family Movie Night on March 6. Compassionate Friends indicated the [Meal Train](#) is working out well, thanks to all who are contributing. Food for the meal train should be dropped off at the main office. We also learned that there will be a new Principal assigned to Sister Alphonse Academy next school year as Mr. Lamer announced that he will be retiring after thirty-five great years in education at the end of this school year. He indicated that the Division hopes to have all school administrative positions decided by early May.

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. Admission is a donation and there will be a concession for a fee. All proceeds will go to the Friends of SAA Fundraising Society.

St. Albert Parish News

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.

Fish Fryday

The very popular Fish Fryday will be back before the Way of the Cross on Friday, March 6 and March 27. Mark your calendars! Please join us during our special season of Lent as we combine faith and fellowship in our wonderful parish community.



The Way of the Cross Every Friday

Beginning on Friday, February 28 we will be able to experience the Stations of the Cross in the main church at 7 pm. Each Friday will have a different theme to help with the meditation as we move throughout the devotion.

Special Choral Epilogue February 28

We will be doing something extra special on Friday, February 28th for the first Friday of Lent. We will expose the Blessed Sacrament for the Stations as we reflect on Jesus' passion. Immediately following we will have a special event. There will be a collaboration of scripture and music. This "Seven Last Words" is a "lessons and carols" service. The choir does not sing the Words, but comments on them after they are read. This is written by Dr. Jane Hawes and will be led by the Choral Group from our very own Music Ministry. We are blessed to have such talent within our Parish and this will be an opportunity for them to help us begin our Lenten preparation as a community. You will not want to miss this night!

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.

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

Holy Family Parish News

K of C Free Throw Basketball Challenge

The Brother Anthony Council #10014 is hosting a basketball free throw challenge for boys and girls ages 9-14. Come join us at ESSMY School (51 Boudreau Road St. Albert) on Sunday, February 23rd, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the gym. Meet some new friends and catch up with some old ones. All are welcome, contact Brother James Dean for more information. 780-298-8505.

PARISH LENTEN EVENTS

Enhance your lenten journey by attending Soup and a Bun and Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent. The first Soup and a Bun dinner will be held Friday, February 28th at 5:45 pm, followed at 6:45 pm by the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to join the parish community for one or both of these events.

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

