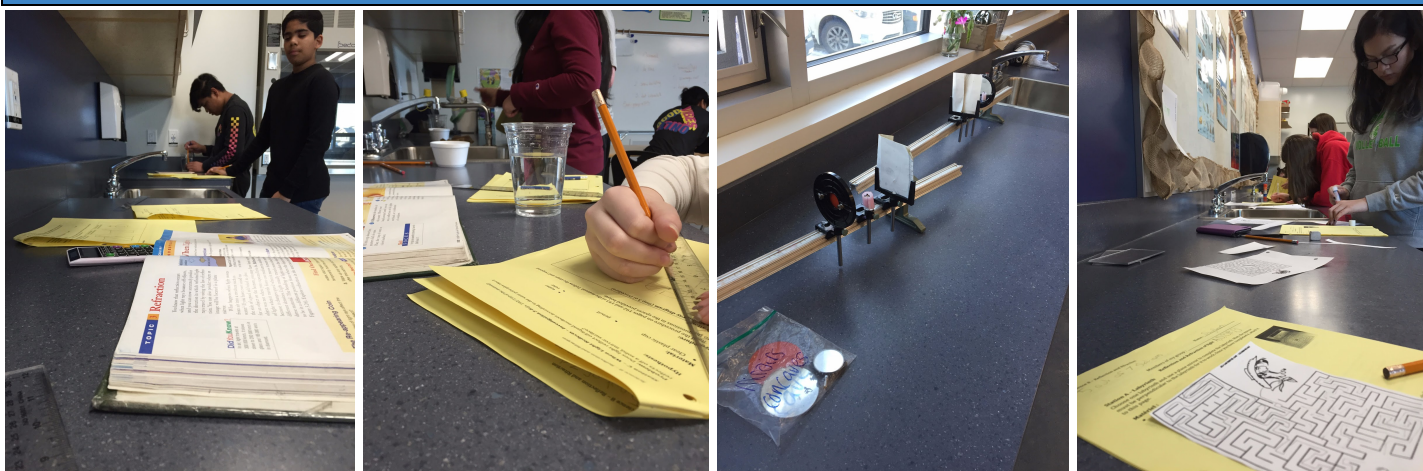


SAA Knights attended the APEGA Science Olympics this past weekend. We are so proud of their teamwork! They have spent weeks after school building devices that measure sound waves (Division 1) and devices that sorted recyclables (Division 2). While at the Butterdome, teams worked collaboratively to complete 'mystery challenges' that really stretched their learning and thinking.



Students in grade 8 playing with the properties of reflection and refraction!



On Shrove Tuesday our students were treated to a pancake lunch. Many thanks to Mrs. Kleparchuk, Mrs. Teixeira and our parent volunteers who helped ensure everyone had an opportunity to enjoy pancakes. Even our Gr. 6 students took a slow cooker pot with them to the Legislature so they could enjoy pancakes while on their field trip to the legislature.



Students and staff from Sister Alphonse Academy gathered for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Thanks to Father Ignacy from SAP who presided at our Liturgy. Many students remembered to wear a PINK shirt to show they care. During the lenten season students are being challenged to "Lift Each Other Up" by being kinder and gentler in our thoughts and actions.



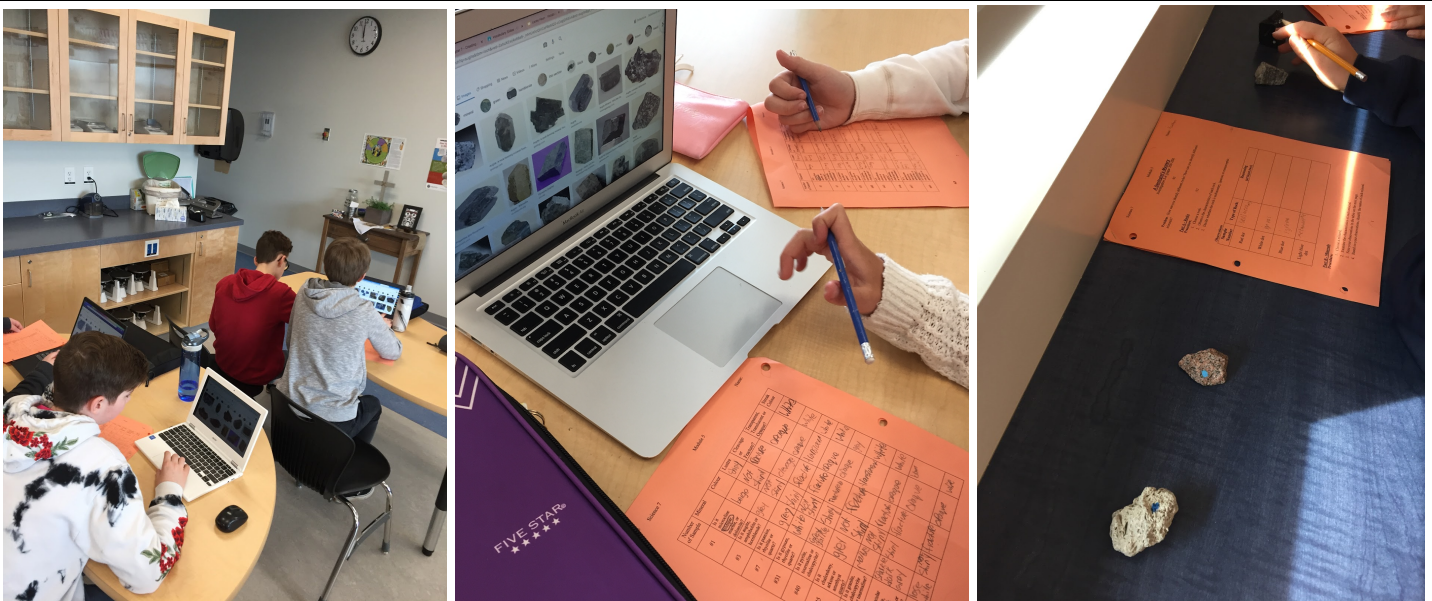
Students in Gr. 6 spent the entire week at the Alberta Legislature School.



Grade 1 students are taking math to the gym! They are developing their physical and numerical skills by playing addition games.



Gr. 7 students are studying Rocks and Minerals in Science.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! March 2 - 6

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| Monday(2) | |
| Tuesday (3) | Gr. 6 Immunizations(mostly for any student that missed round one earlier in the year) |
| Wednesday (4) | Last day to order DQ Hot Lunch for March 12 on School Cash Online |
| Thursday (5) | <i>Please have your child wear SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day</i> K/1 Field Trip to Sobeyes |
| Friday (6) | Family Movie Knight - Doors@ 5:30, Movie@6:00 |

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

2020/21 Gr. 1- 9 School Registration Is Now Open!

Registration for SAA students in grade 1 to 9 opened on Thursday, Feb. 27. You should have received an email that contained a SNAP CODE with 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. If you did not receive an email with a Snap Code please call the school office and we will be happy to assist you.

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.

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. To find out more about the Recreation Academy program you can also visit our school during Open House and take in the Rec. Academy presentation. Open House is Thursday, March 12. Please be advised that outside registration for new students to Sister Alphonse Academy has begun and we will begin to accept registrations for new students wishing to be in Rec. Academy.

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 - Perogies 3/\$1
 Tuesday - Chicken Alfredo \$2
 Wednesday - Smoothie \$1
 Thursday - Panini \$1.50
 Friday - Fish & Chips

Reminder that DQ Hot Lunch will be March 12th, orders must be placed by March 4th.

Glad You Could Make It

Thanks to all the parents who were able to meet with teachers during our Parent/Teacher Interviews on Wednesday and Thursday this past week. If you were unable to attend please feel free to call or email your child's teacher(s) to discuss your child's progress. As always, if you have any concerns please contact the teacher directly.

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.

Thought Exchange

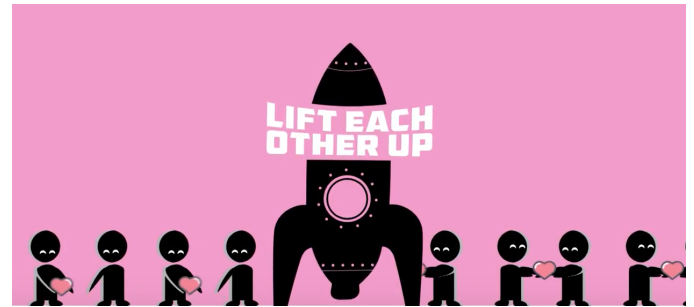
We are looking forward to another successful year of learning what our community's response is to **two questions** in ThoughtExchange:

- *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 sent the Thought Exchange link out to families on **February 24, 2020**. Feedback must be received by March 20. Thank you for taking the time to do this.

Lift Each Other Up

During lent we will focus on "lifting each other up" by being kind, considerate and helpful to others. This ties into the theme of the 2020 Pink Shirt Day.



Mark Your Calendars - Important Dates Coming Soon!

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 6 - K/1 Swimming

April 7 - Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff

April 10 - No School Good Friday

April 13 - No School - Easter Monday

April 15 - School Council Mtg@6:30 pm

April 16 - Easter Lunch

April 17 - Resurrection Mass at SAP@9:45 am (students bussed to SAP)

April 17 - Spring Fling Family Dance

April 20 - K/1 Swimming

April 24 - No Kindergarten

April 24 - Early Dismissal@11:45 am.

April 27 - May 1 - Education Week

April 30 - Boston Pizza Lunch

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

Volunteering at SAA

Parents play a vital role in the education of children both in the home and at school. At Sister Alphonse Academy we are most thankful for the parents and community members who have served in the role of Volunteer. Just a reminder that all parents of SAA must provide up to date(yearly) Child and Criminal Checks. You may check our website for a [form letter](#) that you can take to request these checks. In some instances the Principal may accept a declaration if parents have started the process of getting their yearly checks. Thanks for looking after this important task. For more information click on the [Volunteer Information Link](#).

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 that are usually a week long and are more 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





GRACE - Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education

Did you know that the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* (1982) extended the protection to Catholic education? This was reaffirmed in the 1988 *Alberta School Act*. Alberta Catholic ratepayers represent approximately one quarter of Alberta's tax revenue base and contribute to the funding of Catholic schools through their property, income and other taxes? Alberta is one of three provinces and two territories in Canada with publicly funded Catholic education? The other two provinces are Ontario and Saskatchewan. Between the 2018/2019 and the 2019/2020 school year, Alberta experienced a growth rate of 9.53%? Public schools saw an increase of 7.13%. *Alberta Catholic Schools Trustees Association Enrollment Data Report 2019-2020*



School Council

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 newly formed Friends of SAA Society. They are currently raising funds to purchase school team wear for our Cross Country, Track and Relay teams.

Bunny Picture Day - April 3

School Council will be supporting this event once again. The school will cover the costs related to the rental of the bunnies. Parents will have to pay a small fee to receive a print of their children holding a bunny. Information regarding ordering and payment will be in the bulletin next week.

Friends of Sister Alphonse Academy Society

Who Are We?

Friends of Sister Alphonse Academy Society was formed in 2019 to fundraise and support the initiatives and activities of Sister Alphonse Academy that are not provided for in the school's allocated budget. We value parent and school staff feedback to determine the direction of our fundraising efforts and to identify areas where funds raised can benefit the students and the school community.

For 2019-20, the Friends of Sister Alphonse Academy Society Executive includes:

- Kirsten Miller – Chair
- Kristi Rouse – Treasurer
- Jillian Bourgeois – Secretary
- Karla Bergstrom – Ex-Officio

What do we do?

Friends of SAA will engage in fundraising events throughout the year to provide for initiatives identified by school staff and the school community.

Current activities:

- Family Movie Knight (Admission by Donation and Concession)
- [Easter Fundraiser \(Stawnichy's/Mundare Sausage\)](#)
- Staff Appreciation
- Mabel's Labels
 - Go to mabelslabels.ca
 - Click on Support a Fundraiser and search for Friends of Sister Alphonse Academy (St. Albert)
 - Friends of SAA earns 20% on these sales.

How can I get involved or Find out more?

Our group needs the support of the school community! We encourage support of fundraisers, welcome donations and volunteer assistance throughout the year.

Please contact FriendsofSAA@gmail.com any time! You can also find us on the Sister Alphonse Academy website. Click on the Friends link for more information regarding our **Friends of SAA Easter Fundraiser**.

St. Albert Parish News

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

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@holymfamilyparish.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**.