

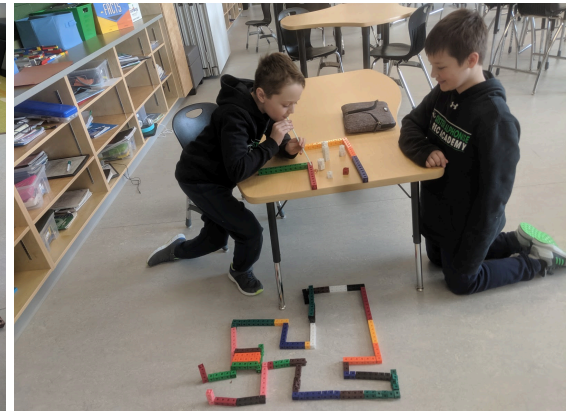
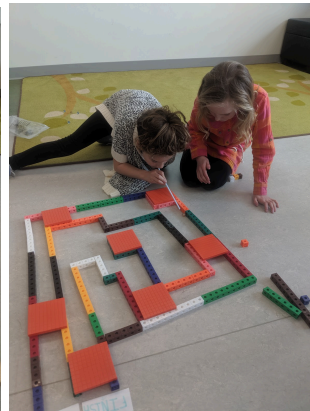
Some students of the 7-8 Leadership Option class have organized a Floor Hockey Tournament for students in Grade 4-8. The action started the first week of March and goes to the final on Thursday, March 19. The games are exciting and lots of students come out to cheer on the players.



Gr. 7 Math students working on a math project. Currently they are learning about rates, ratio and percent. In this project they had to draw a picture of an object and then build it to scale.



Students in our Science Olympics teams continue to meet once a week for STEM challenges. Last Friday's challenge, "Create a maze and with all the wind power you can muster, win the race!"





Two students in the Leadership class have set up Kart racing during morning recess for students in the grade 3/4 class on the big screen in the gym. . Students are very excited to watch and participate.



## School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! **March 16 - 20**

<b>Monday(16)</b>	Drop-in-Badminton - Jr. High - 3:10 to 4:00pm
<b>Tuesday (17)</b>	Happy St. Patrick's Day - <b>Wear Green</b>
<b>Wednesday (18)</b>	Drop-in-Badminton - Jr. High - 3:10 to 4:00pm School Council Mtg.@6:30 - <a href="#">March Agenda Link</a>
<b>Thursday (19)</b>	<b>Carnaval - PM</b> <i>Regular Dismissal Time for Spring Break Holiday</i>
<b>Friday (20)</b>	<b>No School K-8 - PTI Lieu Day</b>
<b>March 21 - 29</b>	<b>School Closed - SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY</b>

### 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

### No School - Friday March 13

There is no school for students K-8 on Friday, March 13 as it is a PD/Staff Meeting Day in our District. Staff will be sharing strategies related to our Learning Framework, working on assessment in writing and having our regular monthly staff meeting.

### Corona Virus Update

We encourage all families to regularly check the [Alberta Health services website](#) for information related to the Covid-19. You are also encouraged to call the Health Link at 811. Our Division continues to implement the following 4 steps to further healthy learning environments. These are as follows:

- We will remind students about normal precautions to take which includes frequent handwashing, covering one's mouth and nose when coughing, and staying at home if feeling ill.
- A go-to hand sanitizer station will be made available for students and the public for use when they enter or leave the school.
- Our high standard for hard surface cleaning in bathroom areas will be increased.
- We will maintain our existing standard for the monitoring and reporting of unusual cases of illness and clusters of illness using our AHS Public Health contacts.

Things are changing by the hour. We encourage you to be sure to check all correspondence from the school on a regular basis. For those of you travelling during Spring break or just returning from a trip be sure to check the [Alberta Health Services website](#) for recommendations.

### 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. **Thanks to all our parents who have completed this important task!** If you are moving or your children will not be attending SAA next year please send an email to Mrs. Despina at [sdespins@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:sdespins@gsacrd.ab.ca) or call the school to notify us. Thank you for your cooperation.

### 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.**

### Next week's Snack Shack specials: All items below are \$1.

Monday - Pancakes (orders in morning)  
Tuesday - St. Patrick's Day Baked Potato (orders day before)  
Wednesday - Smoothie  
Thursday - Mercato Donut

### LENTEN ALMSGIVING and a fun PAINT NIGHT


Does your child love to paint? Madison in our 2/3 class has invited her cousin who is a talented young artist to our school on **March 18th** to lead a PAINT NIGHT for students in grades 3-8. She will be guiding participants in painting a canvas with a sunset, barn building and windmill. Each participant will be given a canvas, paint brushes, paint and guidance as they complete their masterpiece. There is a cost to attending this event as proceeds will be donated to the Edmonton Humane Society as part of Madison's Lenten project to do some almsgiving. If your child is interested, please go to School Cash Online and pay the **\$35.00 entry fee** as soon as possible. **Only the first 40 participants to have paid online will be accepted and require at least 10 participants to register by Saturday, March 14.** A special thank you goes out to Madison and her family for organizing this exciting event for our students!

### SAA Carnaval

On the afternoon of Thursday March 19, we will be celebrating Carnaval, a French Canadian winter festival. Typically, it is celebrated before the first day of spring and people enjoy being outside and taking part in activities that will keep them warm. All students will get the chance to be outside, eat "la tire" (sugar taffy) and take part in various activities such as hockey,

## SAA Paint Night for the Humane Society!

RSVP  
March 14,  
2020



EDMONTON  
HUMANE  
SOCIETY  
for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Each Elementary student must be accompanied by an adult.

*Location : Sister Alphonse Academy Rm. 110?*  
*Time : 6:00pm - 8:00pm*  
*Date : March 18, 2020 (Drinks and Snacks provided)*  
*Age : Gr.3 and Up (Maximum of 40 participants)*  
*Price : \$35.00 register and pay through School Cash Online*  
*Info : Please contact Mrs. Trenchard (natrenchard@gsacrd.ab.ca)*



colouring, and a three-legged race. Please have your child dress appropriately for outside winter activities. We are excited to have this new opportunity at SAA! Thanks to our Grade 4-6 students who are helping to plan this event as part of their French class.

### **Mark Your Calendars - Important Dates Coming Soon!**

March 30 - Classes resume K-8

**March 30 - April 3 - Gr. 4 and 5 to Green School**

**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](#).

### **Bunny Pictures**

Last year we were very fortunate to be able to bring in some real live bunnies close to Easter and provide each family with a picture of their child holding or sitting beside a bunny. Our School Council is sponsoring this popular activity again which will occur on Friday, April 3. SAA will cover the cost of the bunny rental through our student activity fee. Parents will be charged a fee of \$2 per picture or \$5 for a family. Payment can be made in [School Cash Online](#).

### **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](#)

As Catholic educators, we believe that humans are created in the image and likeness of God and are worthy of a loving dignity and mercy that is unconditional and everlasting preparing their students to be saints. The Catholic school is filled with a spirit of trust, a willingness to collaborate, and a sincerity of living a life of faithful witness founded on Catholic teachings of Christ. The Catholic school is built on social justice highlighting the importance of moral values, founded on the natural law on every human conscience. Based on 59 researchers and analysts working in 35 societies across the world, studies have found that Catholic schools lead to overall higher achievement, lower dropout rates, and higher achievement especially for disadvantaged students.



## [School Council](#)

Please join us for our School Council meeting on Wednesday, March 18. Click on the link for the [March 18 School Council Agenda](#).

## [SAA Fundraising Society](#)

### **Current activities:**

- Family Movie Knight (Admission by Donation and Concession)
- [Easter Fundraiser \(Stawnichy's/Mundare Sausage\)](#) - **Deadline for orders March 19/20**
- Staff Appreciation
- Mabel's Labels
  - Go to [mabelslabels.ca](http://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](mailto: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.

## [Ministry Training](#)

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, 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.

## [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.

