

SAA Bulletin #26 - Friday, March 27/20



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School News - Take a look at what's coming up the week of **March 30 - April 3**

March 21 - 29	School Closed - SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY
Monday (30)	Online Classes begin Junior High
Tuesday (31)	Online Classes begin K - 6
Wednesday (1)	
Thursday (2)	
Friday(3)	

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

Greetings

The staff at Sister Alphonse Academy hope that this Bulletin reaches you with your family safe and doing as well as can be hoped for during these very challenging times for our families, community and the world. It's likely that we all wish we could return to our "regular" lives. We will get there, let's keep the faith! Our staff is excited to get started and help to build some "new" routine in your child's(ren)s lives. Let's continue to pray that God will give us strength, patience and resilience. That he will bring comfort, courage and perseverance to the ill, our health care workers, first responders and leaders.

Online Learning Launch

If you have not had a chance, please read over the [SAA March 19 Update](#) that provided preliminary details regarding our SAA Online launch.

School Hours

At this time nearly all school staff will be available via email between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:15 pm, Monday - Friday with the exception of statutory holidays and weekends. Some part time staff will not be available at all times. These staff will advise parents/students regarding their availability and part-time work schedule.

Contacting Staff

As per the [communication](#) from our School Superintendent on March 23, most of our staff will be primarily working from home. The best way to contact staff and school administration is to email them. We will be monitoring the General Voice Mailbox of our school on a regular basis, we will endeavour to respond within the day or within 24 hrs. Staff will be providing more information regarding times they are available after Spring break and when they begin to deliver online learning. A reminder that Junior High students/families will receive contact and lessons beginning March 30 and K-6 students/families will receive contact and lessons starting March 31.

Computers/Internet

If your child does not have access to the internet(wifi) or an electronic device(computer, laptop, robust device) please send Mr. Lamer glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca or Mrs. Kleparchuk kleparchuk@gsacrd.ab.ca an email or you may call the school and leave a message in our General Voicemail. We will begin contacting families that have notified us regarding this early in the coming week.

Kindergarten Programming for the Remainder of the School Year

Our Division has made a programming decision for the remainder of the school year in our ECS and Pre K programs. A refund for fees associated with the following programs:

- PK Community Non-Funded Students
- Full Day Kindergarten
- Progressive Kindergarten

If you have not yet received information on refunds/program changes (if required) this information will be coming to you in the very near future. Beginning March 30/20

-Kindergarten teachers will provide regular kindergarten programming

-Programming will be supported by therapists and educational assistants for children with an IPP.

-As outlined in Minister Adriana LaGrange's letter to Albertan parents on March 20, 2020, *Kindergarten to grade 3 content will focus on language/literacy and math/numeracy, with teachers assigning an average of 5 hours of work per week*

Recreation Academy Refunds

Recreation Academy refunds for the months of April and May either have been processed or will be processed shortly if required. If you questions about this please send an email to Mrs. Despins at sdespins@gsacrd.ab.ca.

Meetings and Activities

Any activities or meetings at the school are cancelled until further notification. School Doors are locked and there is to be no face to face meetings at the school.

REFUNDS - Field Trips, Meals and School Events

We have cancelled K/1 swimming and Green School in Gr. 4. Refunds have been processed through School Cash Online. If you believe that you have paid for something but have not been refunded please send a message to Mrs. Despins, sdespins@gsacrd.ab.ca and she will be happy to assist you.

Online Learning - A Journey

Beginning this week, many children around Alberta including the great kids at SAA will resume their classes after their Spring Break holiday but in an online learning experience. Over the last week or two the inbox in teacher's mailboxes have been flooded with hundreds of learning sites/resources, PD opportunities and best pedagogy approaches to providing online learning. We are thankful that we are receiving such wide support.

However, teachers as professionals will make judgements about what they will use, when they will begin to implement them or how they will use them. Thus there will be many differences in approaches from teacher to teacher and school to school. It won't look the same at every school, in every classroom. It will take teachers time to learn what works best for kids of different ages and what is manageable for families from home.



What you can trust will be the same for every teacher in the province is the following:

- All teachers are guided by a common Alberta Curriculum and Learning Outcomes.
- All teachers must provide a safe and welcoming learning environment.
- All teachers will identify what content needs to be delivered, teachers will evaluate curricular outcomes that have not yet been covered, prioritize remaining outcomes based on what is manageable for students working from home, and will plan specific tasks and projects for students.
- Every student will receive final grades and will receive a report card, appropriate to their grade level based upon available summative and formative assessment.
- **In Kindergarten – Grade 3** education content will focus on language/literacy and mathematics/numeracy outcomes of the provincial curriculum.
- **In Grade 4 - 6** education content will continue to focus on language/literacy and mathematics/numeracy outcomes, and there will be opportunity to incorporate science and social studies outcomes through cross-curricular learning.
- **In Junior High** education content will focus on core mathematics, language/literacy, science and social studies curriculum outcomes.

Common Online Terms

You are going to begin hearing many terms, some of them you will know but some may be new. Here are some common terms or platforms that you will be hearing more about.

Google Classroom

Google Classroom is a free web service, developed by Google for schools, that aims to simplify creating, distributing, and grading assignments in a paperless way. Google Classroom helps teachers streamline the process of sharing files and assignments. One of the best features of Google Classroom is that teachers can view work that students are completing within the classroom and provide feedback as they work. Teachers can also have students contribute to the learning of

projects and assign separate tasks for common items. Google Classroom will be the primary platform for teachers to provide Online Learning for students at SAA in Grades 4 - 8. Teachers will also use it or begin using it in K - 3 as time goes on. A reminder to parents, you must access Google classroom through your child's login credentials.

Google Meet

Google Meet is a video-conference-calling platform. It links remote students/people together for real-time interaction. In this environment students can watch a lesson by a teacher in real time, share ideas, work in small groups or one to one with a teacher. Teachers can record sessions and post them for students who might miss a live lesson. As time goes on teachers may post and send invitations for students to log in and participate in a Google Meet.

Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning

Synchronous learning is online learning that happens in real time, whereas asynchronous learning occurs through online channels without real-time interaction. Best practices around online learning indicates that teachers would include a blend of both asynchronous and synchronous online learning opportunities. As we move forward, the goal of teachers at SAA will be to try and find the right balance and blend of these opportunities. There are pros and cons to each kind of delivery and they may work to varying degrees or levels for each student.

Google Resources for Parents

Click on the [link](#) to access some resources for online learning including a video tutorial on how parents can access a Google Classroom and a Google Meet. (video conference).

Send us Your Pictures

Teachers will be very happy to accept pictures of your children working online, pictures of their projects, etc while learning at home. We still need photos for our weekly bulletin and for our school yearbook.

2020/21 Gr. 1- 9 School Registration Is Still Open - Please Help Us Plan Effectively

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. **We still have a few families that have not completed this important task. It will help us immensely in planning for next school year if families could complete registration by March 29/20 or notify us of your intentions.** If you did not receive an email with a Snap Code or your children will not be attending SAA next year please send an email to Mrs. Despina at sdespins@gsacrd.ab.ca and we will be happy to assist you. **Thanks to all our parents who have completed this important task!**

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. **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.**

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

St. Albert Parish News

A Message From Father Ignacy

Dear Parishioners, I want to send greetings to everyone and assure you of my prayers for you all. When I celebrate Mass every day, please know you are in my heart and that we are one through Jesus. This journey of Lent, a beautiful and fruitful time, is a strange and difficult one for us all. I want to encourage everyone to keep calm and continue walking on this journey with hope. That's what our faith offers us. God is still in control of this world. I want to mention two important things:

First, please watch the message of our Archbishop about Faith and Hope.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4TQupPSwdc&feature=youtu.be>

Second, please know that the parish staff and I are here for you. If you need anything, please contact us and we will do our best to help. At the same time, we as Christians have another chance to live our faith by keeping an eye out for our neighbors, especially those who are vulnerable. Perhaps we could ask ourselves:

Does my neighbor have my phone number in case they need help?

If a neighbor becomes ill and can't head out of their place of residence, might they like to chat for a few minutes on the phone? I pray that God will lead us throughout this time and make us "Rooted in faith, growing in love and living in hope". Also, please remember to pray for an end to this illness and to keep in your prayers all those who have died from or are affected by the Coronavirus.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Ignacy

Currently ALL: Masses, Sacraments, Saturday Confessions, Retreats, Parish meetings, Social gatherings and Parish related events are CANCELLED until further notice.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Daily Mass intentions will still be included in Masses during the COVID-19 Isolation period. Fr. Ignacy will still offer Mass daily in solitude and will share the weekend Mass intentions with his fellow priests so please rest assured, the Mass intentions received by the Parish will still be included as per schedule.

Good Bye Darryl Tymchuk

Farewell to one great employee! Your hard work and dedication were an important part of our parish team. As you turn the page in your life's story, we join together as a community in wishing you every success in all your future endeavours. Your ministry here will never be forgotten. Now, we wish you God's blessings, as you leave to your next calling. Good luck and best wishes Darryl.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and gives you peace.

Televised Mass

Salt + Light TV has arranged with cable companies across Canada (Rogers, Bell, Telus, Shaw Direct, Videotron) to make their service available free of charge to all subscribers until 1 May 2020. This means that anyone who subscribes to cable TV will be able to access Salt + Light TV and therefore the Daily TV Mass and Sunday TV Mass produced by the National Catholic Broadcasting Council. Also, "La Messe du jour" that is produced and televised by Salt + Light TV six days a week from the crypt at Saint Joseph Oratory in Montreal will likewise be televised on Sundays now through arrangements with the Archdiocese of Montreal. Salt + Light TV is televising the daily Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta. This airs every morning and will be televised in both English and French. The channel number on each cable company that carries Salt + Light TV can be found at <https://saltandlighttv.org/subscribe>. The Daily TV Mass is available on other faith-based television networks, and schedules can be found at dailytvmass.com/about/broadcast-schedule.

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

Holy Family Parish News

STAY SPIRITUALLY INVOLVED

In light of recent restrictions on our faith practices, here are some ideas or ways to continue your faith at home and while still respecting social distancing:

Prayer:

Continue your prayer life, first thing in the morning, mealtimes and before bed. All are easy ways to incorporate more prayer into your daily life.

Confession:

Fr. Joe has agreed to hear confessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm (noon) and on Thursdays and Fridays from 6:00 until 9:00 pm.

Mass:

Although currently attending Mass in person is not available, we are all strongly encouraged to attend virtually.

The Archbishop will be live streaming Sunday Masses at: <http://caedm.ca/>

Bishop Baron will also be

live streaming Masses at: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

Salt and Light has Masses at: <https://saltandlighttv.org/mass/>

EWTN has Masses at:

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/sunday-mass-live>

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

SOLIDARITY PRAYER

For all who have contracted coronavirus,

We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,



We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,

We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,

We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,

We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,

We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,

We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord.



Amen.

