

SAA Bulletin #27 - April 3/20

Take a look at some of the learning and activities that took place in the virtual school this past week!

SERVE - ACHIEVE - ASPIRE

Students took learning to new heights at home over Spring Break! Check out what the students in 2/3 were up to!



Melania read her first big chapter book!

All about the human body



Rhys researched and created google Slides about the human body!



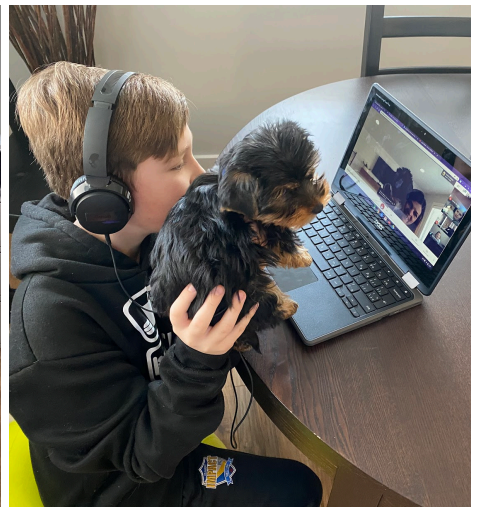
McKenna created Lego Castles with her Grandpa!

Students from SAA hit the books at home Mar. 30th/31st, and continue their journey by asking questions, collaborating online and solving problems. Thanks for sending the pictures and video clips.

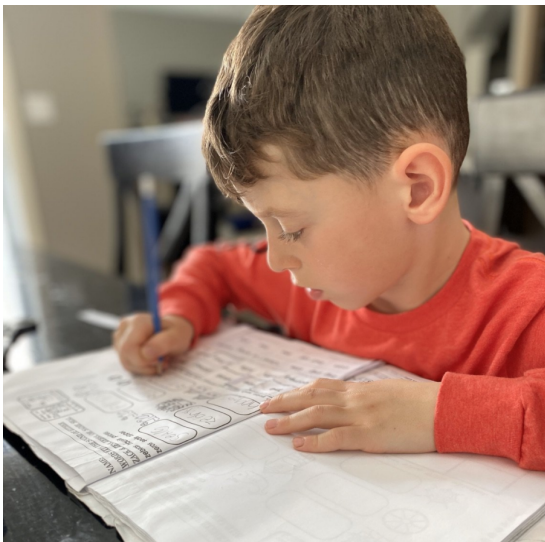
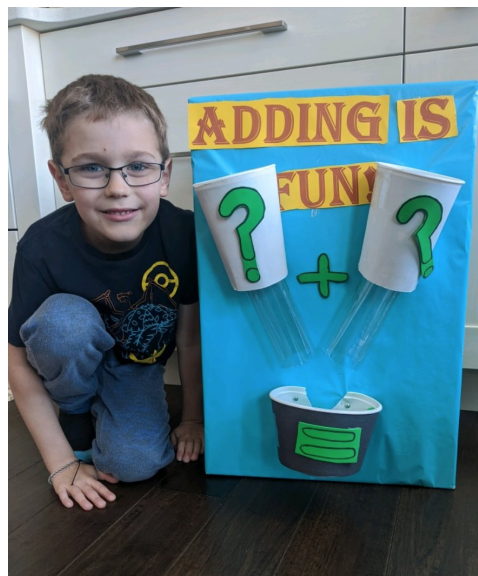


School's in... 🤔

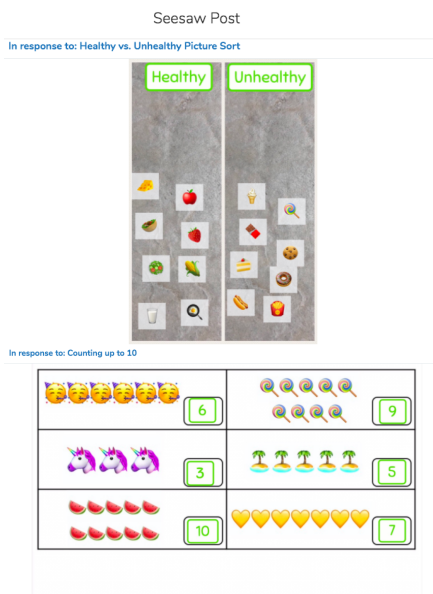




The Virtual One's are hard at work and play!



Kinders are working hard during their first official online week! They have done an amazing job learning how to add audio, and post pictures and videos to their SeeSaw portfolios. Kinders have also started a blog so that they can connect with their friends in our class.



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! April 6 - 9

Monday (6)	Look for Mr. Lamer's Weekly Announcements April 6 - 9.
Tuesday (7)	
Wednesday (8)	
Thursday (9)	SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day- Send us a picture in your gear.
Friday(10)	Good Friday Holiday - School Closed

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

We hope that this Bulletin reaches you with your family safe and healthy. We also hope that you or your children have connected with their teacher and they have started to build a new school routine. It will take some time! Please remember it's kind of like the start of a school year. Being in a new class, new routines, etc. Your kids are resilient, they will manage with your support but it will take a while for all of us - children, parents and staff! A big thanks for the many kind messages we have received from parents regarding the work that our school staff has been doing. Mrs. Kleparchuk and I are very proud of our staff, we will continue to do our best.

School Hours

Reminder, 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. Listed below are the times that some of our Part Time staff will be available.

Ms. C. Bennett(Teacher) 10:15 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 3:15 pm Monday to Friday

Mrs Russell(E.A.) 8:30 - 11:30 am Monday to Friday

As you can imagine, this is also a very steep learning curve for staff and we are not able to check in with each other as we would normally do at school on a daily basis. Our staff will be Meeting Online every Monday from 2:30 to 3:15 pm in order to stay connected, support one another and pass on information from the Division Office.

School Calendar

The [2019/20 School Calendar](#) that was adopted by the Board of Trustees is still in effect. This includes all Statutory Holidays and PD/Staff Meeting Days as well as any non-instructional days for kindergarten. As always you can check our [School Calendar](#) and our Weekly Bulletin for updates.

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. At this time Mrs. Despina is in the school taking calls from 8:30am to 2:30 pm. Monday to Friday and we will be monitoring the General Voice Mailbox of our school on a regular basis. We will endeavour to respond to all messages within the day or within 24 hrs. **PLEASE - if you are having some difficulties do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or school administration.**

Don't Forget - It's a Journey!

As we indicated last week, 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.

Online Learning Considerations

As our teachers adapt and reflect upon how they are presenting learning opportunities to students so too will students and parents need to adapt and change. It is very important that parents are closely monitoring their child at this time. There is no doubt that the younger the child, the more parents will need to be involved. Parents who have older children must plan to spend 15 - 30 minutes a day/evening where you review the work they are producing and submitting. Take 5 minutes to review assignments and work they will be starting or continuing to work on the next day.

DO NOT expect your children's learning styles to be the same. Each of your children has different talents and skills. Some children will require more support than others. One child in your family may need little or no help, another child may require much more scaffolding to be successful. Some children are very good independent learners and some are not. You might want to experiment on where your children set up for learning. Some children need to be away from distractions. Another child can be in the middle of the kitchen with all kinds of things going on and are still able to focus and complete their work. Your child's teacher can give you ideas and insight on how to set your child up so don't hesitate to contact them.

Timers can be good tools to help your children stay motivated. For children at the K - 3 level 15-20 minutes of sustained work time is plenty without a break. Children can build stamina, but it's usually based upon regular routines that have been established. At school, it can take teachers weeks to get students into regular routines at the start of the school year. Don't expect all your children to have the same stamina, our routines(life) have changed considerably over the last few weeks! As children get older their stamina for sustained focus on learning tasks will increase but don't forget that most schools set their block lengths at the junior high level to about 45 minutes. Breaks are important!

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. We have recently been advised that we are not permitted to RECORD a Google Meet due to FOIP regulations. School administration would like to remind all parents that our school wide expectations to ensure a safe and caring learning environment for all students apply in the school online world just like at school.

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).

Read & Write for Google Chrome

Learn how to use Read & Write for Google Chrome to support reading and writing

- Read and Write for Google Chrome is a Chrome Application that supports students with reading and writing. Our Division pays for the subscription for Read & Write for Google Chrome.
- When your child is signed into Google Chrome from his or her account, he or she has access to this tool.
- Click on the [Chrome Read and Write link](#) for more information

Computers/Internet

We handed out some laptop devices to families that requested them this past week. 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.

School Counselling Services

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools cares for our students and remains committed to supporting their well-being. We will continue to provide support during this unprecedented and evolving situation. Despite schools being closed, our School Counsellors remain accessible to all of our students and families.

If students require emotional or social support, you can reach out to our School Counsellor Mrs. Laurie McCurdy by email: lmccurdy@gsacrd.ab.ca. Emails will be checked and responded to during regular school hours. In the event of a crisis or emergency, please contact your local hospital, police department or call 911.

Additional support services you can also reach out to include:

Kids Help Phone - text 686868 or call 1-800-668-6868 or visit www.kidshelpphone.ca

211 Alberta – text 211, call 211 or visit www.ab.211.ca

Distress Line (24/7) 780-482-4357

Mental Health HelpLine (24/7) 1-877-303-2642

Alberta Health Services [Help in Tough Times](#)

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 have questions about this please send an email to Mrs. Despina at sdespins@gsacrd.ab.ca.

Online Resources and Links for Palm Sunday and Easter

Holy Week at Home

What are your plans for Easter 2020? Since many Catholics are not able to gather in their parishes during Holy Week this year, Liturgical Press has made [Holy Week at Home](#) available for individuals and families to use. This is a short resource, adapted from the liturgies of Holy Week, with prayers for Palm Sunday and the days of the Triduum. (PDF, 15 pages)

Archdiocese of Edmonton - <https://caedm.ca/http://catholicv.org/masses>
<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/sunday-mass-live>
<https://saltandlighttv.org/mass/>

Word On Fire with Bishop Robert Barron -
<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>



Please - 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

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 ASAP 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.**

Thanks to the Current Sponsors of our SAA Field Trip Fund



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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. (Arbuckle, 2013) The Catholic school is built on social justice highlighting the importance of moral values, founded on the natural law on every human conscience. (Sodano, 2004) These attributes would be felt and permeated in an online learning context as well.



School Council

Our Partners in Prayer group is still praying for us. You can send prayer intentions to Mr. Lamer and he will forward them to our parents group. Please be advised that the April 15 School Council Meeting is cancelled. School Administration and your Council Executive will be exploring the possibility of online meetings in the near future and will let you know as soon as we can.

St. Albert Parish News

A Message From Father Ignacy

It seems impossible to do anything right now without hearing the word "coronavirus." Social media's buzzing with the word COVID-19; news sites can't keep up with the ever-developing updates; even stores and online retailers are running out of household items like hand sanitizer and many others. The daily reminders and updates about coronavirus sweeping the globe are causing people to panic and filling them with fear, and more so for those who already struggle with some anxiety in life.

So where is a room for good news in the midst of all of this? There is good news in the midst of the bad news. God listens and answers our prayers. Prayer can lead us to overcome fear, anxiety and worry and will help us focus our thoughts on God's peace and presence. Instead of focusing on your fear, anxiety and worry, focus on the words that Jesus said to his disciples. "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?" You don't need to carry any burden on your own.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me. For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." A yoke is like a device that pairs two working animals together. Back in biblical times it was used a lot. The yoke lessened the burden of a single ox doing all of the work, and so making the work easy. We forget that we are connected to Jesus and that Jesus walks beside us. If we truly grasp that, how could we be fearful, anxious, and worried? Jesus urges us not to be anxious. Our daily prayer would be a way for us to calm our naturally anxious minds during this stressful time in our world. The practice of daily prayer in no way denies or hides from the reality of the Coronavirus pandemic. Rather, it's a way to effectively and spiritually calm our anxious minds as we are continuously bombarded with news and information about this dreadful disease. And it also provides a sacred space in our souls from which we can then offer additional prayers of praise, confession, thanksgiving and intercession, treatment for fear and anxiety.

Please hold fast to Paul's words in his Letter to the Philippians 4:6-7:

St. Paul encourages "prayer" as a "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

May God bless you and Mary, our Mother have you all in her loving care. With prayers for all of you.

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.

SAPY QuarantTEAM Photo

A Daily Photo Challenge to help: pass the time, grow in Holiness and bring your family closer together. During this time of Self Quarantine and Social Distancing.

Each day we will post a challenge on Instagram and Facebook. Complete the task either individually or as a team and send a photo or video to SAP4Youth on Instagram or Facebook (can be private messaged or posted public). SAPY points will be awarded for each challenge completed and the team with the most points at the end, will win an epic prize. If you don't collect SAPY points you can start now! Points can be used toward items in our SAPY store or toward upcoming trips. We do want to share some photos and videos so please let me know if you do not want your photos to be shared. We encourage your youth and/ or yourself to Follow us on Instagram or Like us on Facebook @SAP4Youth...the first challenge will be posted soon! You can also contact Rebecca, rebecca.sakowich@caedm.ca with any questions you may have!

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**.

PRAYER

All-powerful, eternal God,

During Holy Week we are reminded of the sacrifice of your Son. You have chosen to give mankind a model of humility; our Savior took on our flesh, and subjected Himself to the Cross.

Grant us the grace to preserve faithfully the lessons He has given us in his Passion during this difficult time for our families, nation and the world.

We ask for the strength and faith of your Son as we persevere and support one another during this challenging time.

This we ask of You through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

Amen.

