

SERVE - ACHIEVE - ASPIRE

Students at SAA are taking the time to learn some incredible skills with their parents! The staff at SAA thank all our parents for their efforts in helping their children GROW while learning at home! Take a look at Ellie's recent adventures making rainbow bread!

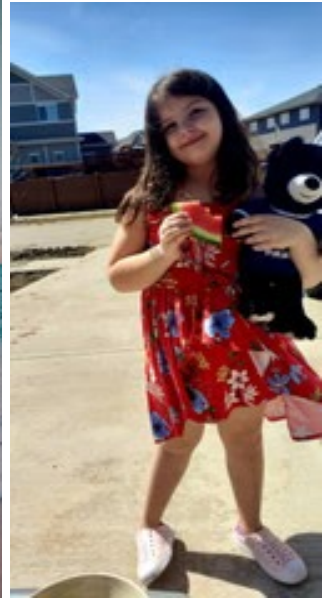


Students in 2/3 and kinder went hunting this week for signs of new life and Spring! Check out some of their findings!





Tropical Day had students ready to hit the beach!





Grade 7 Students were challenged to perform a random act of kindness. They delivered quarantine survival kits for friends, walked extended family member's dogs and made breakfast and desserts for parents and siblings!



School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! May 4 - May 8

Monday(4)	Look for Mr. Lamer's Weekly Announcements May 4 - 8 SAA Virtual Theme Day - STAR WARS GSACRD Mental Health Week
Tuesday (5)	GSACRD Mental Health Week
Wednesday (6)	GSACRD Mental Health Week
Thursday (7)	SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day- Send us a picture in your gear. GSACRD Mental Health Week
Friday (8)	GSACRD Mental Health Week

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 Bulletin #31 reaches you and your family safe and well.

Please Respect Personal Time of Staff

There is no doubt that for most of us our lives have changed considerably over the last five weeks and we are all under a lot of stress. In the education field we have been asked to implement a massive change in pedagogy, planning and schooling in a few days. Most teachers are reporting that the planning for online lessons has easily doubled their work. We are proud of the work that all staff are doing but we need your help. Please limit your communication with our staff to the regular school hours within the day(8:30 am to 3:15 pm). Much of their time outside of the regular school day is now being spent with planning. We need to ensure that staff remain healthy and strong so that they can do the best they can with your kids.

Student Assessment

The online world presents many interesting challenges. One of the biggest, is the valid assessment of student achievement. When students are present in the classroom the teacher can question, watch students work through questions/challenges and constantly gather in person formative assessment of what a child knows and is able to do. This assists teachers with their planning. In the online setting, this can be more difficult. The validity of tests and quizzes can also be questioned. Thus as we move towards the final two months in the school year staff will be prioritizing key outcomes and skills to focus on. Teachers will not be able to assess the same number of outcomes that they would normally do on the third term final report card. In some subject areas much of the students final summative assessment will be based upon work to the middle of March and then on best evidence that can be gathered until the end of the school year. The focus will be on growth and readiness for the next school grade. Click on the [link](#) that was sent out to parents regarding year end assessment last week by our Superintendent.

Online Learning Considerations - The Learning Coach

For most students the role of their parents has been expanded for them to be successful in the online learning world. In many respects, parents now have to become Learning Coaches. You have become the eyes and ears of the teacher in the classroom. The Learning Coach becomes more of a mentor and guide as the student becomes increasingly responsible for his/her studies. A Learning Coach has daily involvement in their child's education. They help their children to stay focused, stay organized and provide their children with feedback and praise in their learning.

When providing feedback, it's important to note that most research indicates feedback which is specific rather than general promotes more growth in learning. For example, if your child completed a picture or piece of writing, general feedback would be - "Wow that is



good work!" Specific feedback might be, "Wow, I really liked your picture. I see how you used bright colors and you added many details or Wow, I really liked the paragraph you wrote. You stayed on topic, it was clear and easy to understand and I noticed you had periods at the end of your sentences." Both offer praise, but one type of feedback specifically provides students with information about why it was considered to be good. The next step would be to ask a child what they liked about their work and why they think it might be good. This self assessment step promotes meta cognition (thinking about thinking) which is really important in helping kids solidify their learning and promotes the growth of independent learners who can determine the next steps in their learning.

May 4 - 9 Learning Activities

At our staff meeting on the 24th of April we decided as a staff that we would reduce some of the work that is being planned by teachers weekly. This is being done as a trial. Teachers may ask you for feedback. As always each teacher makes a decision about the amount and scope of the Learning Activities that are planned for students.

Clarification - End Date for Kindergarten

Please be advised that the most recent communication from the Division indicated that Kindergarten instruction would end on June 26/20. This was an error. The last day of classes for kindergarten in GSACRD will be on Friday, June 19 as has been communicated throughout the school year.

Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week is May 4-8, 2020 and GSACRD Voice is bringing you a week full of activities to keep everyone feeling energized and healthy! We all have mental health, just like we all have physical health. We need to create space every day to engage our minds and bodies to care for ourselves in every way: mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Mental Health Week is a time to reflect on the positive 'tools' we already possess within ourselves and notice how we can take steps to improve our mental health. We encourage your family to join us each day of the week as we adventure together with food, physical activity, mindfulness, and self-care. See below for a schedule of events and use the following link to access the fun! Click on the [link](#) starting May 4 for daily activities.

Mental Health Resources - COVID 19

Are you looking for Mental Health Resources that will help you with anxiety and worry around COVID 19. Are you looking for ideas and support on how to talk with children about this. Click on the links below for support in regards to these topics.

[Mental Health Resources for K-6](#)

[Mental Health Resources 7- 12](#)

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

Nutrition Grant

We have received news from the Education Ministry that through the nutrition grant we may distribute unused funds of the nutrition grant to all families in need in GSACRD. If your family is in any need of support during this unprecedented time please reach out to Mrs. Kleparchuk or Mr. Lamer and we can offer assistance through the school nutrition grant.

Knights Virtual "Show your Spirit" Theme Days - STAR WARS MONDAY

Monday is the day we will all become JEDI Knights. Grab your lightsaber, get on your Star Wars gear, and use the FORCE to get all work done all through the week. **May the "4th" be with you!**



SAA Clothing Store Goes Online May 8/20

We had very positive feedback from parents throughout the school year with styles and quality of clothing that was provided by Sportfactor during this 19/20 school year. We have entered into an arrangement with Sportfactor for the 20/21 school year. Please be advised that our SAA Clothing Store operated by Sportfactor will be going live from May 8 to June 16 for clothing orders that would be delivered to the school in the last week of August 2020. We have added a few items and made some minor tweaks to clothing styles and logos. Be sure to check our website for more information. We will provide you with the Clothing Store Link in next week's bulletin.



2 Colors

Plant a Flower or Vegetable

There are all kinds of great learning opportunities and questions that can be discussed by digging or planting in the garden! This spring have your child plant a couple of flowers or vegetables in a pot or spot in the yard. Waiting for pictures and giving us updates on the growing and reporting on things they are observing. Send your pictures to Mr. Lamer at glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca.

Thanks to the Current Sponsors of our SAA Field Trip Fund



St. Albert Parish News

Dear Parishioners!

Many of us walk for our physical health, but how about a walk for our spiritual health? Especially during this time of the pandemic we may hear the story of the disciples walking to Emmaus differently. We may see a new depth in it that we have not seen or noticed before. We are invited to learn more about this faith enhancing experience and how it may serve and help us to develop a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are all on the journey of life which is also a journey of faith, which leads us through many experiences, sometimes strange. Many of the stories we hear during the Easter Season tell us that when the Risen Jesus appears to His disciples, they always fail to recognize Him. As today's gospel tells us, "...their eyes were prevented from recognizing him". When Jesus first appears to Mary Magdalene who sits weeping by the empty tomb, she mistakes Him for the gardener. It is only after Jesus says her name that she recognizes that it is He. When Jesus first appears to the apostles in the upper room, they think they are seeing a ghost. It is not until He shows them the wounds in His hands and feet that they believe and rejoice that He is risen. And, in today's gospel, Cleopas and the other disciples who are walking to Emmaus, mistake Jesus for a stranger. It is not until He breaks bread with them that their eyes are opened to the fact that Jesus had been with them all that time. The Risen Lord was walking with the disciples on the road to Emmaus listening to their disappointments, fears, anguish and confusion. Then, He comforted them with the words of Scripture foretelling that the Messiah would have to suffer and die. Jesus raised them to a deeper understanding of God's plan.

It's the same for us. Jesus appears to us in many ways, as He did to the disciples. The Risen Lord comes into our life but often we don't recognize Him. He told us He would come to us in the disguise of the hungry, the naked, the poor and the imprisoned. Whatever we do to them, we do to Him. It is important and good for our spiritual lives, then, that we treat every person we meet as Jesus. The disciples on the road to Emmaus finally recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we participate in the Eucharist (though differently now compared to how we used to, but no less fruitful) we witness that same miracle. Our Risen Lord appears to us in the form of bread and wine.

Many people, even Catholics, miss out on this appearance of Jesus because they only see bread and wine. We discover Jesus our Lord and our hearts burn within us to hear His word and to receive the Bread of Life. God is always reaching out to us. He is always walking with us and speaking to us. However, His voice is not loud like thunder and does not boom out from Heaven. Rather, He comes to us in the quiet, often not recognized. If we live in the moment, attentive to the grace He provides, we will recognize Him. Like these two men on their way to Emmaus, many of us are experiencing confusion, fear and anxiety. Often unrecognized, Jesus walks the road with us, to talk to us. And if we think about it / if we care enough to ask Him in, He will explain to us the meaning of the things happening. We will also come to realize who He really is — the Christ, the Son of God, the Risen One. May God bless you.

Fr. Ignacy Warias, OMI

Food Drive - May 9/20

St. Albert Parish together with the Oblate community will be hosting a Food drive on Saturday May 9th from 9:00 - 11:00 am. The food will be going to Sacred Heart Parish in Edmonton as well as Lac St. Anne to be shared with the Alexis community. We are looking for non perishable items. I know for the last couple of calls, we have received things such as toiletries, pet food and supplies and other household items. These were well received. We will have tables set up in order to facilitate physical distancing.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Daily Mass intentions are still being included in Masses during the COVID-19 Isolation period. Fr. Ignacy is offering 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 continue to be included as per schedule.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Do you want to meet youth your age who share your faith? Please join the Holy Family Parish Youth Ministry. "Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." - Mother Teresa is the EASTER Season! ALLELUIA!! I hope you are feeling some joy and happiness right now! The coronavirus is still a thing, but Christ has risen! Easter is here! We have a wonderful reason to be happy, even in the midst of all of this. My challenge for you this week is to spread some Easter joy! Smile at those around you, whether you are at home, going for a walk, or practicing social distancing! There are NO in person youth groups, but I am doing live videos on Instagram, as well as organizing google hangouts for youth nights. Follow @hfp youth on Instagram to see the live videos, and email me to receive the link to the google hangouts! If you are interested, or have any questions, please email Noëlle at youthprograms@holyfamilyparish.ca

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**

[A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

Most Merciful and Triune God,

We come to You in our weakness.

We come to You in our fear.

We come to You with trust.

For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the virus present in our world.

We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers, first responders and those who ensure food have abundant strength and protection.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.

Keep the Faith!

We will get through this.

