

SAA Bulletin #33 - May 14/20

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

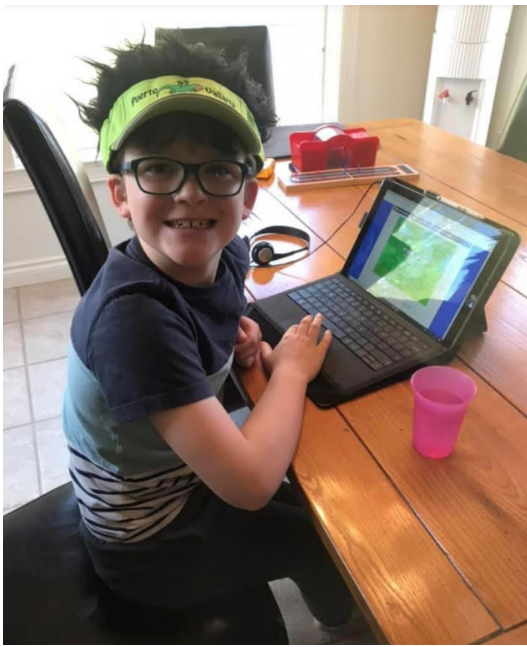
SERVE - ACHIEVE - ASPIRE

These SAA students were out looking for tadpoles and other creatures. They were not afraid to get their feet wet. Can you tell what they discovered in their bucket?



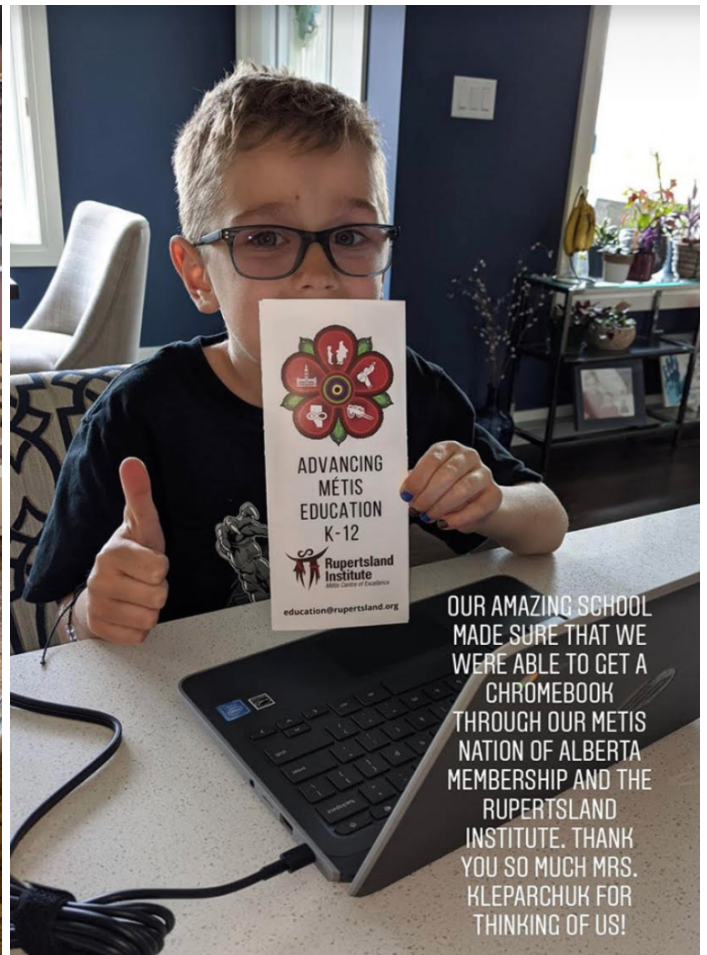
Our SAA Knights showed their school spirit for the Virtual Theme Day this week, here are some of the Crazy Hat Day photos.





Some of our families that are of Métis descent received a brand new Chromebook to access online learning. Thanks to Rupertsland Institute & Metis Nation of Alberta for this amazing opportunity and support for their education.



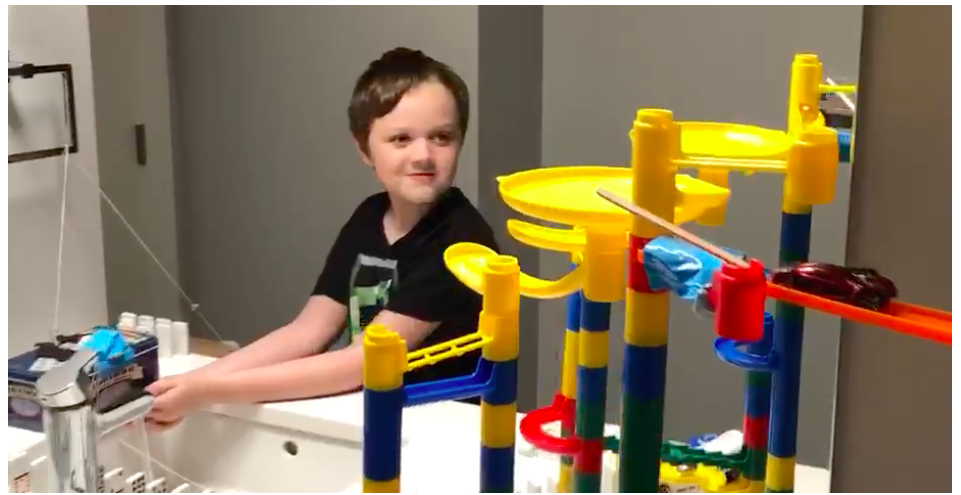


Students in 2/3 have published the first of many editions of their new class newspaper called, "THE BRAVE KNIGHTS." If you missed reading some of the stories last week, check them out!

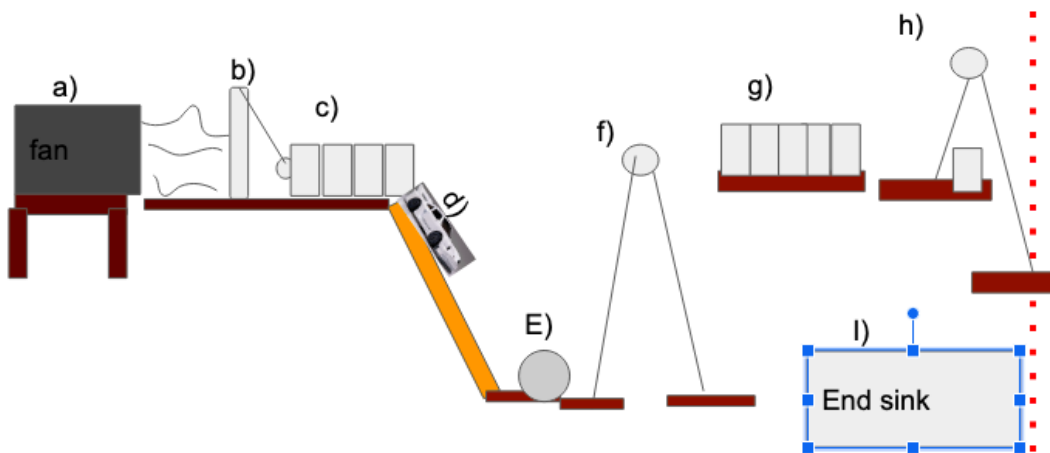
THE BRAVE KNIGHTS

The 45'ers enjoyed learning all about Rube Goldberg this week! They are taking part in the global "BAR of Soap Challenge" to help bring science to life! [Click here](#) to learn more about the challenge!! Here are a few pictures of students building and exploring simple machines that helped to kick off their planning. They are working towards building their own device to drop a bar of soap into their hands in 10-20 steps using simple machines and a transfer of energy. It's building week next week! Stay tuned for their creations! Check out David's device---he completed his project early!





Luka's Plan



How it WORKS:

- I turn on a fan the
- A bulldozer connected to the string will create enough power to knock down dominoes
- The dominoes will hit a race car track
- The car will go down
- and hit a heavy marble and move slightly forwards
- Then it will put pressure down on a pulley and
- Then the other side will go up
- It will hit the bottom of a platform under domino's and the dominoes will fall over
- They will hit a pulley and put weight on one side of the platform where the soap is
- The bar of soap will fall in my hands!

School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! **May 19 - May 22**

Friday (15)	Staff Meeting PD/Day - No Online Classes K-8
Monday (18)	School Closed - Victoria Day Holiday
Tuesday (19)	Look for Mr. Lamer's Weekly Announcements May 19 - May 22. (Hear the message from a Special Guest)
Wednesday(20)	Online SAA School Council Mtg@6:30 pm - May 20/20 Agenda Link
Thursday (21)	SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day- Send us a picture in your gear. SAA Theme Day - Bring Your Pet to Class World Catholic Education Day - Wear Blue
Friday (22)	

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 #33 reaches you and your family safe and well.

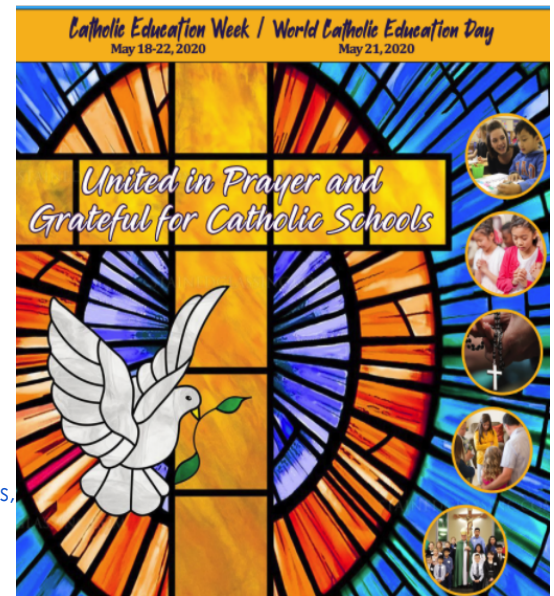
No Online Classes K-8 on Friday May 15 and Monday May 18

A reminder that there are no online classes for students on Friday, May 15. On that day staff will have their regular PD/Staff Meeting Day. Our day will be dedicated to next year planning and the review of assessment reporting for the 20/21 school year. On Monday, May 18 there are no online classes as it is the Victoria Day holiday. Have a great Long Weekend!

Celebrating Catholic Education Week

Catholic School Divisions across Alberta are celebrating Catholic Education Week (May 18-22, 2020) and World Catholic Education Day (May 21, 2020). World Catholic Education Day takes place every year on the fortieth day after Easter (on the Feast Day of the Ascension of Christ). The theme for this year is "United in Prayer and Grateful for Catholic Schools. Key outcomes for Catholic Schools are:

1. **The connection of home, school, and parish** that furthers faith formation and learning.
2. **Catholic schools support our students to know, model, and witness Jesus Christ.**
3. **Catholic educators are proud** to be part of a **public mandate** to provide **education** that is **fully permeated in our Catholic faith.**
4. **Catholic education makes significant contributions** to our communities, province, country, and world through our staff, students, and graduates



On World Catholic Education Day, Thursday May 21, we are all encouraged to **wear BLUE** to show our support for Catholic Education in Alberta and around the world. We encourage our students and families to put on their blue spirit wear or a blue sweater to show their support. Send us your pictures!

Online Learning Considerations

Hopefully many of you have settled into a fairly regular routine. But, we are now heading into the middle of May. Teachers will tell you that for some children, these last 6 - 7 weeks of the school year can be even more difficult to stay focused and on task in the classroom setting, imagine how difficult it might be in a virtual classroom? Thus, you will have another challenge in trying to keep your children on task. Teacher strategies involve more frequent breaks, daily goal setting and rewards, celebrations for work completed and even more hands on learning connecting to the learning online. Think about what you can do to continue to support your child.

SAA Clothing Store Is Now Open

Please be advised that our SAA Clothing Store operated by Sportfactor is now OPEN 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. Click on The [SAA Clothing Store Link](#) to check out clothing options and to place an order for the start of next school year.



Knights Virtual "Show your Spirit" Theme Days - Bring Your Pet to School Day

Most of us love pets and on Thursday, May 21 we are encouraging students to bring their pets to school on an official basis. We know that many kids have had their pets with them at different times during the online learning. Be sure to send pictures of your pet "in school" with you for the day!

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.

School Supply Lists

School Supply Lists will be posted on our website near the end of May. Once again we have decided to offer parents the opportunity to order supplies through Staples School Tools program. This popular program will have a few important changes that will provide parents with even more flexibility. Coming in Mid June you will be able to go online and order your school supplies for the 2020-2021 school year and have the items delivered directly to your home!



SAA is working with Staples to put together the online ordering. Once you sign into Staples you will be given the basic supply list and you will be able to order or change items that you might already have from previous years. With a minimum order of \$25 you will receive a 5% discount and if you order more than \$50 you will receive a 10% discount (not including taxes or electronics). **Stay tuned for more information.**

Thanks to the Current Sponsors of our SAA Field Trip Fund



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

School Council News

Our next School Council Meeting is on Wednesday, May 20. As we did in April, we shall have an **Online School Council Meeting using Google Meet** You do not need to have a Google Account to participate. If you would like to participate in our Online School Council Meeting you need to send Mr. Lamer an email - glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca . A confirmation of your RSVP will be sent out to you prior to the meeting. All you need is a laptop/tablet or desktop computer with a camera and microphone to participate. Approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting an invite link will be sent to your email account so that you can join the meeting. [May 20/20 Agenda Link](#).

St. Albert Parish News

Dear Parishioners!

Jesus tells us in today's gospel, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus has the power to change our hearts. He teaches us to love and to forgive, and we are able to do that when we ourselves encounter His mercy. As Christians, we have to be clear about this truth. No one can come to God the Father except through Jesus. There is no other Way. There is no other Truth. There is no other Life. Jesus alone brings salvation to the world. No one else was sent by the Father to die for our sins. No one else has conquered death by rising from the dead. In fact, there is no other founder of religion who even claims to be God as Jesus does or who claims to have won for us the forgiveness of sins. Only Jesus. If we desire everything that is good and beautiful, if we long for peace and ultimate happiness, if we want to have eternal life in heaven, there is no one else we can turn to.

At this time I imagine many of us have so many questions about the meaning of what is happening in the world and our lives. In our search for meaning, we do not have to stumble around in the dark wondering who we should follow. Jesus has all the answers. If we read the gospels, the truth is there for everyone to see. We only need to open and read to hear His words and experience His light on our path. We do not only encounter Jesus in the Bible, we also receive Him in the sacraments. In today's gospel He also tells us, "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to my Father." While Jesus' words are preserved for us in the Bible, His

"great works" are passed down through history in the sacraments. Just as He cured the sick, so the power to heal comes down to us through the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. His power to forgive sins comes down to us through the Sacrament of Confession. And in the most amazing ways, His very Body and Blood continue to nourish us in the Eucharist. We do not have to travel to distant lands to encounter our Savior. He meets us every Sunday in our home town (and we can say now in our homes as we participate at Mass (through streaming). Dear friends, we do not have to go on searching for truth and meaning but can turn to Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life. He has the words of eternal life. If we go to Him and trust Him, we can finally bring to Him our hearts and lay down our burdens, and be transformed in the power of love. Finally, I would also like to wish all our wonderful mothers a very happy Mothers Day on this special day.

May God bless you.

Fr. Ignacy Warias, OMI

Living in the Word

Many different voices speak words to us daily. Consider the Internet, television, radio, books and magazines. We are putting those words into practice when we allow them to influence and shape our ways of thinking and living. Yet, there is only one voice that we know is fully worthy of our trust. That is the voice of Jesus, who is the only one who speaks the words of eternal life (cf. John 6:68).

(Archbishop Smith, Pastoral Letter, September 14, 2017)

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

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." ~ St. Catherine of Siena

Who did God create you to be? How can you live your life for Christ in the midst of our current suffering? Turn to the saints. Turn to Holy Scripture. Turn to the promises that God made to those who follow Him. Things will not be easy for us, but the reward waiting for us is worth all of our earthly sufferings! Stay strong in your faith! Love God with all your heart, and set the world on fire!

As of Thursday, April 30th I will be laid off temporarily. Due to COVID-19, the Archdiocese of Edmonton is advising parishes to temporarily lay off some employees to save on costs. I do not know when I will be returning to ministry, but hopefully the wait isn't too long. I will miss everyone very much, and please know that I will be praying for you during this difficult time!

GOOD NEWS

The Icon of the Holy Family has arrived, as pictured in the top left corner. You can come and see the painting and contemplate its possible placement in the Church. I encourage and welcome your suggestions. Please remember no more than 15 people at a time. The priests of the Archdiocese have been informed that Archbishop Smith and Bishop McGratton are working on a timeline to resume Masses in accordance with provincial guidelines. So let us pray that this pandemic will pass. Holy Family of Nazareth, pray for us.

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**

Dear Jesus,
let your light shine in our Catholic schools.
Let your grace rain down,
bringing hope to each person we encounter,
wisdom to our teachers and leaders,
and strength in times of trial.
Protect us from harm.
Let the children come to You, for the kingdom of God is theirs.
St Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of Catholic schools,
Pray for us.
Amen.

Keep the Faith!
We will get through this.

