

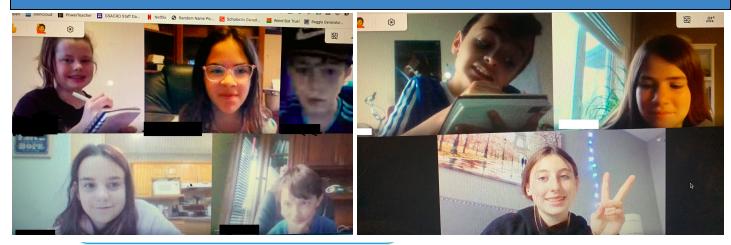
SAA Bulletin #34 - May 22/20

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



SERVE - ACHIEVE - ASPIRE

Students in 5/6 use Google Meet to work in small groups to, "Breakout", a digital escape room learning game. Students are required to be critical thinkers, collaborators, communicators, and risk takers to breakout!



Colors, colors, everywhere...what order lets you unlock? Is it least to greatest or greatest to least? Compare these and be a fraction beast!



SELECT THE COLORS IN THE SEQUENCE THAT YOU WISH TO OPEN THE LOCK



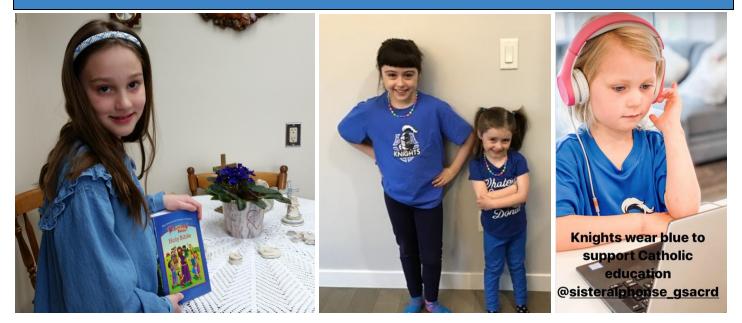
SELECTED COMBINATION



Kindergarten continues to demonstrate the importance of health and wellness. We continue our kinder cooking at home every week! This week we learned knife safety. Knives are "tools NOT toys". We learned about the progression of skills that we need before using real knives. We also learned how to safely cut food under the watchful eye of an adult. This week, we also did workouts that were determined by using the letters of our names.

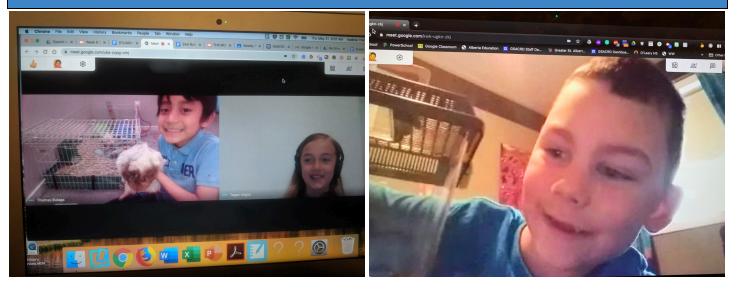


Students wore BLUE on Thursday to show support for Catholic Education!





Students brought their pets to school this week - in our google meets of course!





Check out The Brave Knights newspaper created by the 2/3 class. Editions #2 and #3 included below!

The Brave Knights Edition #2 The Brave Knights Edition #3

School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! May 25 - May 29

| Monday (25) | Look for Mr. Lamer's Weekly Announcements May 25 - May 29. |
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| Tuesday (26) | |
| Wednesday (27) | SAA THEME DAY - ONESIE WEDNESDAY |
| Thursday (28) | SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day- Send us a picture in your gear. |
| Friday (29) | No Online Kindergarten Classes |

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 #34 reaches you and your family safe and well.

Online Learning Considerations

Are you feeling a little frustrated? If you are answering "yes" to this question rest assured that you are not alone. While a lot more data needs to be gathered, it appears that the majority of parents are finding online learning to be difficult/challenging. The biggest advice we can give you is just try and make the best of it and please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. Working together is the best



solution when confronted with challenging times. We appreciate your support and know that we can count on our parents as we make the turn for the home stretch in the 19/20 school year.

Alberta Education Help-Line

Looking for support with online learning in addition to supports provided by our School Division? The line is 780-422-6548 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000, followed by the 10-digit phone number) or via email at: studentsupport@gov.ab.ca.

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 <u>SAA Clothing Store Link</u> to check out clothing options and to place an order for the start of next school year.

IMPORTANT - Report Card and Final Exam Cancellation Reminder

We wanted to remind parents that as per guidelines established by Alberta Education for Online Learning. Every student will receive final grades and will receive a report card, appropriate to their grade level. Teachers will be responsible for assessing a student's progress and assigning a final grade. All students who were on track to progress to the next grade will. The goal is to focus on key outcomes and prepare students as best as possible for the next grade. All Provincial Achievement Exams have been cancelled. All final school generated exams will also be cancelled this school year.

Knights Virtual "Show your Spirit" Theme Days - ONESIE WEDNESDAY

Mr. Lamer learned a new word this past week. It was the word ONESIE. Mr. Lamer encourages all the Knights to wear their ONESIES on Wednesday!

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**.

Virtual Class Photos

Hello Sister Alphonse Families! In these challenging times, we thought your families might still enjoy having a Class Group Portrait. As we are unable to photograph live for you this spring, but our amazing team has come up with a new idea to keep the tradition alive. To view your class group photos, please follow these steps:

- 1. Go to <u>www.iconexp.com</u>
- 2. Select the ORDER NOW button
- 3. Enter your keyword sisteralphonse20
- 4. View and order your prints
- 5. All orders will be shipped directly to your home

Please note shipping is included and you have two size options: 5x10 and 6x12. We hope you enjoy this creative version of a class group - you are under no obligation to purchase. Please be advised that if your child was not in attendance during the School Individual Photo Day or the Retake Day they would not be included in the Virtual Class Picture. Stay Safe and Stay Healthy

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 <u>link</u> 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 <u>Chrome Read and Write link</u> for more

School Council News

At our last Online School Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 20 school administration updated us on events since our last meeting. Theme Days are going well, we thank everyone for their pictures. At the last PD/Staff Meeting Day staff did some planning for next school year. The school is looking at moving all K-9 Report Cards to the Powerschool program. This would allow parents to login and review progress at any time of the year. If the staff decides to go ahead with this we would be one of 3 pilot schools in the Division next year. The school would gather feedback from parents related to this next school year.

As per the guidelines of Alberta Education staff and School Council are required to review the current School Code of Conduct once per year. We took a few minutes to review our Code of Conduct which can be found on our school website. Mr. Lamer indicated that Satisfaction Surveys show Very High Satisfaction with two questions related to Code of Conduct. The first is the question "Our school has clear Behavioral Expectations" - Parents indicated 100% agreement with this question, 72% indicating they STRONGLY AGREE, and 28% indicating the AGREE. Staff indicated 100% agreement with this question, 92% indicating they strongly agree and 8% indicating they agree. The second is the question, "Our school has a positive reputation in the community." 94% of parents STRONGLY AGREE with this and 92% of teachers STRONGLY AGREE. Mr. Lamer indicated that in the 19/20 current year school administration have had no PINK sheet infractions, last year there were three. Mr. Lamer emphasised that he believed creating a positive school culture, building strong relationships between teacher-student, student-student, teacher-parent and providing engaging instruction were key elements that are integral to the School Code of Conduct. When staff reviewed the Code of Conduct they felt there were no changes needed and the administration recommended that our Code of Conduct be endorsed by School Council as is for the 20/21 school year. The School Council endorsed the current Code of Conduct.

Mrs. Kleparchuk reviewed the Nutrition Program which has been very successful. We did provide some funds for use in the District. We are hopeful that our government will continue with the program next school year. Mr. Lamer reviewed updated enrollment projections which would likely be around the 210 - 220 mark. Mr. Lamer and Mrs. Kleparchuk briefly updated us on Online Learning. Key messages are that some students are doing well, some are finding it more difficult. Some parents are allowing children to pick and choose what they want to do and submit. Staff are finding assessment to be difficult, primarily ensuring that assessment is valid. They also see inequalities in resources and support for students in online learning. The last point that the administration reviewed is that the Division is still waiting for clear direction on 20/21 re-entry guidelines for students that should be coming by the Province soon. It is likely that no firm decisions will be made until the end of June or into the summer.

Our Chair, Mrs. Bergstrom reported that she attended the ASCA Online Annual General Meeting. She indicated that with well over 100 participants online it was very difficult to accomplish a lot and to have delegates enter into debate and discussion around resolutions. She indicated that they hope to continue with an Annual General meeting once again in the Fall. Mrs. Hoskins reported on the plans for Staff Appreciation. We don't want to say too much as we are hopeful that it will be a surprise for our staff. Mr. Lamer and Mrs. Kleparchuk both indicated that they feel the plan is awesome! Mrs. Hoskins and Mrs. Rouse thanked parents for their generous donations for the Staff Appreciation plans. Mrs. Rouse also reported that

Friends of SAA will have some money in the bank to begin the next school year, so a very positive start for the Society! Following the recommendation of our Principal Mr. Lamer we have decided to move our last School Council Meeting of the school year to Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 pm. He indicated that he will invite Mrs. Samson, the new Principal for SAA in 20/21, to attend part of the meeting.

St. Albert Parish News

Dear Parishioners!

The greatest need each one of us has is for real, unconditional love. Yet we find it hard to believe that this is how God loves us. We tend to believe that God will love us only if we are good. God loves us, not because we are good, but because He is good. Our very existence is a sign of God's love. God's unconditional love for us is the Good News. Our response is to try to return that love. Jesus knew that the Father loved him. He responded by loving the Father. He showed his love for the Father through his obedience, even though that obedience cost him his life. And it is through obedience that we truly show our love for Jesus. What does this mean in practice? It means listening to His word and putting it in action. To love is to obey. And to obey is to love. There are those who proclaim their love for Jesus in words, but who deny him in their deeds or by their way of life. Real love is shown in deeds. People know us by our acts, not by what we say with our lips. When we truly love others, we will never want to hurt them. Chances are, we will go out of our way to avoid any behavior or words that would cause them pain. And when we do hurt those we love, we make a point of apologizing and doing whatever we can to repair the harm we have done.

The same is true in our relationship with Jesus. If we truly love Jesus, we will do everything we can to avoid offending Him by sinning. Once we take to heart how much He has loved us - enough to die for us - we will want to show our gratitude by keeping His word. And just as I would not hurt my friend's friend out of love for him, just so I will love my neighbor out of love for Jesus. As Saint John tells us in his first letter, "Anyone who says He loves God but hates his neighbor is a liar" (1 Jn 4:20).

It's not easy to live as a disciple of Jesus in the modern world. It never was an easy thing. But for that reason Jesus has given us the Holy Spirit. When we are weak we must pray to the Spirit. The Spirit comforts us in times of sorrow, enlightens us in times of darkness, and makes us brave and strong in times of weakness.

During this difficult time for everyone we are put into many tests of love, towards God, others and ourselves. But we have to remember that true love has different shapes and forms. The apostles knew that Jesus loved them and they were able to carry on His mission even during difficult times. And we know that Jesus loves us too. Love is our connection to God and to each other. Let us ask Him for the gift of the spirit of love. It will transform us. Then we will do great things in joyful response to the God who loves us so much.

'Love one another as I have loved you'. That sums it all up.

Blessings, Fr. Ignacy.

Mass Celebrations Update

There is currently still no date available for the commencement of Masses in the church. We will keep everyone updated on any changes but for now we wait for direction from the Archdiocese.

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 21/20

St. Albert Parish together with the Oblate community will be hosting a Food drive on Thursday May 21 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

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 <u>https://saltandlighttv.org/subscribe</u>. The Daily TV Mass is available on other faith-based television networks, and schedules can be found at <u>dailytymass.com/about/broadcast-schedule</u>.

Click on the <u>SAP Parish Link</u> to access the weekly bulletin for **St. Albert Catholic Parish**.

Holy Family Parish News

Reflections in time of Pandemic

When you enter St. Peter's Basilica, and after passing the Pieta of Michelangelo, you come to the chapel of St. Sebastian which contains the body of St. John Paul II. St. Sebastian is the patron saint of archers and athletes. He is also the saint whose intercession we ask for in time of plague (the old phrase for pandemic). There is a novena to St. Sebastian that can be prayed and the opening prayer is:

Glorious Sebastian, martyr and saint, I call on your strength and courage to help me through this difficult trail. Your faith was so deep, a multitude of arrows could not finish you. The piercing wounds inflicted for your faith only proved to strengthen your belief, May you intercede for those who are weakened from the effects of disease. I ask for your intercession that I may also survive that which threatens to destroy my beliefs in the mercy of Christ. Amen

These are difficult and uncertain times for many. We have to remember that we are not alone – God is with us in our journey. We are challenged to move forward following the example of Christ and the saints, knowing that this, too, will pass. Holy Family of Nazareth pray for us. St. Sebastian pray for us.

You can google the novena at https://novenaprayer.com-stsebastian-novena/

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: <u>https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/</u>

Salt and Light has Masses at: https://saltandlighttv.org/mass/ EWTN has Masses at: https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/sunday-mass-live

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<u>A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic</u>

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.

