

SAA Bulletin #36 - June 5/20

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



SERVE - ACHIEVE - ASPIRE

Depending on your perspective these knights had bad hair days or stylish hair days last Tuesday.



Students in 2/3 made special "High 5 Deliveries" to each other last week. They congratulated each other for all the school work that had been completed over the last couple of weeks! What kind and giving Knights we have! Thanks so much to all the parents who helped make this possible!!



Staff at SAA were so excited to receive their personal wordle presented to them in Google Meets by parents and students on Thursday. What a wonderful gift that will be treasured by all of our staff!! Many thanks to the members of the Staff Appreciation Committee for their work in honoring our staff.







School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! June 8 - 12

Monday (8)	Staff Meeting/PD Day - No Classes K-8
Tuesday (9)	Look for Mr. Lamer's Weekly Announcements June 8 - 12

	SAA Theme Day - 90"s Day
Wednesday (10)	Online School Council Meeting - June 10 Agenda Link
Thursday (11)	SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day- Send us a picture in your gear.
Friday (12)	

<u>Our School Goals</u>

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 #36 reaches you and your family safe and well.

REMINDER - No Online Classes K-8 on Monday, June 8

A reminder that there are no classes for students K-8 on Monday, June 8 as it is a Staff Meeting/PD Day. Staff will be attending a streamed year-end mass and then have their regular monthly staff meeting. The day will be devoted mostly to planning for the upcoming school year.

A Heartfelt Thank You from the Staff of SAA!!

The staff of SAA would like to thank the parents of our school community and the Staff Appreciation Committee for the wonderful framed wordles that were presented to each staff member on Thursday. Each gift will be treasured and remind us of the support that we have received by our community during this difficult and challenging time.

Knights Virtual "Show your Spirit" Theme Days - 90's Theme Day

On Tuesday, June 9th we encourage all of our students to dress like the 90's. It's the decade that brought us the World Wide Web, Hubble Space Telescope, Gulf War, Tamagotchi, Sony Discman, Beanie Babies, Jumpsuits and a lot of PLAID clothing styles. Don't forget to send pictures.

Online Learning End, Final Assessment, Report Card Distribution and Planning for Next Year

As indicated by our School Superintendent online learning will continue until June 19 for Kindergarten and June 26 for Grade 1-12. Final Report Card marks will be based on evidence collected prior to Online Learning and during Online Learning. 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. Because teachers need to submit their marks on June 19, in preparation for report cards, teachers will work to complete assessments and feedback prior to this date. Report cards will be issued electronically for all students on June 25. During the last week of school, June 22-26, teachers will be available to continue learning with students, while also supporting end-of-year requirements, including the return of school materials such as textbooks or technologies. At SAA we plan to collect textbooks and technology June 24 and June 25.

We are excited to be preparing to have students back this fall for another exciting year of learning! We still have a handful of parents that need to submit their child's registration as soon as possible. While the Alberta Government has not made any decisions regarding school operations for 2020-21, it continues to work with school authorities and education system partners on developing a comprehensive re-entry plan. The plan will prioritize the safety and well-being of teachers, staff, and students and be informed by both Alberta's Relaunch Strategy, as well as expert advice from the chief medical officer of health. GSACRD will be ready for any scenario the province brings forward.

School Re-Entry Parent and Student Survey - Must be Completed by Sunday, June 7@6:00 pm

Earlier in the week parents should have received a communication from our Superintendent asking parents and students to take part in a survey on School Re-Entry. If you or your child did not have a chance to complete the survey we encourage you to participate by the deadline on Sunday. We have provided the information about the survey and the link for parents or students below.



As we begin June, it is the perfect time to learn about your thoughts and perspectives about coming back to school in the Fall. We will compose plans for school re-entry based on your input and on the provincial government's guidelines We have collaborated with surrounding jurisdictions and staff within our division to develop three surveys for parents, students, and staff. Each survey begins with the following:

Greater St. Albert Catholic School Division is planning for the 2020-2021 school year. In considering a return to school, we will continue to take direction from Alberta Education and the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

We are currently planning for three scenarios:

- a return to normal school operations
- schools open for classes, but health restrictions will impact some operations
- classes remain canceled and remote learning continues

As we consider the next school year, we would like to hear the thoughts and perspectives of our students, parents, and staff. Participation in this survey is voluntary, and your responses will be kept confidential. The deadline for completion of this survey is Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Please access the three surveys using the following links:

Parent Survey: School Re-entry Information

Student Survey: School Re-entry Information

We encourage children that require support to have the assistance of a parent or older sibling to complete the survey. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey and for your input into our school re-entry plan.

SAA Clothing Store Is Open Until June 16

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



School Chromebook Return

For those families that borrowed a Chromebook for Online Learning, please be advised that you will be contacted in the middle of June to arrange a time on June 24 or June 25 to return the Chromebook to our school. In order to respect the guidelines by Alberta Health families will book a time to come to the school to do this. If you are not available during these two days please email Mr. Lamer - <u>glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca</u> or Mrs. Kleparchuk - <u>kleparchuk@gsacrd.ab.ca</u> to arrange a time to return the Chromebook.

School Supply Lists

School Supply Lists for 20/21 have been posted on our website.

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

Mark Your Calendars - Important Dates Coming Soon!

- June 19 Last Day of Online Classes Kindergarten
- June 19 Fancy(Formal) Friday Theme Day
- June 24 25 Chromebook Return
- June 25 Final Report Cards emailed to parents

*** due to COVID 19 some of these dates could change and new dates will be added****

Summer Reading Program - St. Albert Library

This year, we are developing an online reading game (Escape the Labyrinth) AND our librarians have made short videos recommending 3 books for each grade (videos are approx 3mins). Each video also has a handful of extra books at the end for those kids (or teachers) that want to read everything! With curbside pick-up now available we are looking forward to getting kids some screen-free reading time. For more information regarding the summer reading program contact

Ashley King

Children's Services Coordinator ST. ALBERT PUBLIC LIBRARY T: 780 459-1536 | aking@sapl.ca

School Council News

We are planning to have our last School Council Meeting of the 2019/20 school year on **Wednesday**, <u>June 10 at 6:30 pm</u>. 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 will 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. We are pleased that Mrs. Christine Samson, the new Principal for the 20/21 school year will join us to say a few words at the start of our meeting. Click on the <u>June 10 Agenda</u>.

St. Albert Parish News

Dear Parishioners!

Everyone loves birthdays! The candles, the gifts, being the center of attention for a day.... what is not to like about that? Granted birthdays are more enjoyable when we are younger, but even as we age and celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary or our fortieth birthday, there is still something special about gathering with loved ones and giving thanks to God for the gift of life. These days those celebrations certainly look different than they did before. We cannot gather and celebrate the same way we used to even a few months ago; nevertheless it is still an occasion for great joy and thanksgiving even if celebrated in different ways. Today we celebrate and give God thanks on a very important birthday, the birthday of the Church that was established on the first Pentecost over two thousand years ago when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and the other disciples.

We hear two accounts of that first Pentecost. Taken together, these two accounts make one thing clear-that even though Jesus had ascended back to the Father's right hand in heaven as we celebrated a week ago, his work of inaugurating the Kingdom of God here on earth was not yet finished. He was entrusting to his Apostles the task of continuing the work he started. But this task was not just for some people, a long time ago, in a place far away. No, by virtue of our baptism, that mission extends to each of us as well, those privileged to be disciples in our modern age. It is important to remember, as St. Paul makes clear, that each of us has been gifted by God in some unique way and therefore has a special contribution to make to the overall mission entrusted to us as members of the body of Christ.

It would not be a birthday without gifts, and on this birthday of the Church we recognize that we are the recipients of the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit – wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord – all of them tools that equip us in our mission as coworkers with Christ. Filled with the Spirit's gifts, may we go forth to be witnesses of and to bear Christ's presence to the world, and to continue the work of building God's Kingdom here on earth.

Blessings, Fr. Ignacy.

Mass Celebrations Update - Time to Return to Mass

The Archbishop has announced that masses can commence as of June 1/20. There are obviously a number of very stringent regulations so please familiarize yourself with them if you would like to attend mass in the near future. At our Parish the first mass will be held on Friday, June 5, in the main Church. Please understand that you are still not under any obligation to attend in person at this stage, the 11 am Mass will still be live streamed are there are numerous options online. The Archbishop offers a special word of encouragement to those who are most vulnerable at this time - parishioners who are over 65 years of age, have any symptoms of illness, or who have underlying health conditions that peut them at greater risk. On the advice of the Chief Medical Officer, he is recommending that not return to Mass in this early stage. Please be assured, however, that you remain in our prayers, and that you are still excused from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Below are the guidelines for people wishing to attend:

* Total participants will be 50 maximum, including the priest and volunteers.

* People need to make every effort to only attend their own parish and not "parish hop" to ensure everyone gets a fair chance at attending Mass with the restricted numbers.

* Access to Mass will need to be fair so parishioners will need to call in to "book" a place at a particular Mass

* Names and contact details will need to be verified on arrival at Mass so people are asked to start arriving 30 minutes before the Mass and wait (6ft apart) outside the church while families sign in at the door

* There is a list of health checks that will be read to you on arrival and responses will all need to be negative in order to enter the church.

- * Everyone will need to sanitize their hands on entering and exiting the church.
- * We request that people try to avoid touching anything unnecessarily.
- * There will be no holy water in the baptismal font
- * Seating will be spaced according to regulation so people will be ushered to the designated seats
- * There will be no precious blood but the body will be distributed (only on the hand at this stage)

* The wearing of a mask is mandatory for Mass and although it does not need to be worn throughout Mass, it is required for communion so please ensure everyone in your family has a mask at Mass

* There will unfortunately be no singing at Mass during this phase

* Volunteers are essential in order for Masses to take place under all these restrictions as we will need cleaners after every Mass, people to sign people in at the door, ushers and people to operate the powerpoint slides for weekend recited Masses. Please contact the Parish Office if you are currently in ministry and you'd like to sign up for any of these positions.

* Finally, please do not attempt to simply arrive at a Mass. We cannot allow any additional people in so if we have committed to 50 people at a specific Mass, we cannot accept anyone else sadly. Each person will need to sign up to attend.

For directions on Mass Signup, please read through the May 31 Bulletin or visit the Parish website. 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 - June 6/20

St. Albert Parish together with the Oblate community will be hosting a Food drive on Saturday, June 6 from 10:00 am to 12 noon..

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 dailytymass.com/about/broadcast-schedule.

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

Holy Family Parish News

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is now more than two months since I made the painful but necessary decision to cancel all public celebrations of the Mass in order to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. My first message to you now is one of gratitude for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented restriction. Separation from actual reception of the sacrament of the Eucharist, which is the very heart of our Catholic way of life, has been very painful. I am grateful for the graciousness with which you have accepted this measure. Now that the Province of Alberta has initiated its phased relaunch strategy, I am pleased to announce that our parishes will begin inviting you back to Mass in small numbers in this first stage. Parishes that have made the necessary preparations will be able to begin offering weekday masses on Monday, June 1, the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and Sunday masses as of June 7, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. A new set of liturgical directives has been developed by the Bishops of Alberta to guide us through Stage One of the relaunch. They have a two-fold aim: the worthy and reverent celebration of the Eucharist in accordance with Church norms; and the safety of everyone through protocols that align with the health measures stipulated by civic authorities. The Bishops have been consulting regularly with medical specialists, and our decisions have been informed by their thoughtful and measured professional advice. We have full confidence in their expertise. Please be assured that we remain committed to doing everything we can to protect our parishioners, church staff, and clergy from infection. This will mean high levels of diligence and extra safety protocols at each parish. These will include:

□ Limiting the total number of participants at each Mass to 50, or fewer if that is required to ensure physical distancing.
 □ Asking attendees to answer a series of health and travel-related questions as recommended by Alberta Health Services.
 □ Recording names and contact information of attendees for the purpose of contact tracing if necessary.
 □ Sanitizing hands upon entry and exit.

□ Observing physical distancing throughout the celebration.

Extra cleaning of the church between masses.

UWearing of masks will be required for those who wish to receive Communion.

We will need to demonstrate that we have succeeded in providing a safe environment for Mass with small groups before we can proceed to the next stage and open masses to larger assemblies. For that reason, I ask once more for your patience and understanding as we take these first steps. Since the size and resources of our parishes vary greatly across the Archdiocese, it may be that some parishes will not be able to accommodate public celebrations of the Mass just yet. I want to offer a special word of encouragement to those who are most vulnerable at this time: parishioners who are over 65 years of age, have any symptoms of illness, or who have underlying health conditions that put you at greater risk. On the advice of the Chief Medical Officer, I am recommending that you not return to Mass in this early stage. Please be assured, however, that you remain in our prayers, and that you are still excused from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. We shall continue to offer a live streamed Mass from St. Joseph's Basilica on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., particularly for all those not able to attend in person. Your own parish may also be providing masses online. I encourage you to reach out to your pastor

if you need any help or just a listening ear at this time. You are always welcome at the parish, especially under these trying conditions. I also want to thank all of you who have contacted us with inquiries about plans for the resumption of Masses. I have been deeply touched by your longing for the Eucharist and the other sacraments. They are privileged spaces and occasions for an encounter with the Lord himself, and I have heard clearly how important they are to you. Even if you are not able to attend a Eucharistic celebration in these early days, you are still welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I invite you to contact your parish for confession times or an appointment. Soon we shall celebrate Pentecost Sunday, when we commemorate the day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and empowered them to proclaim the Gospel. By this wondrous gift, the Risen Lord Jesus remains always with his people, giving us new life and filling us with fresh hope. May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace we need to face this current situation with confidence and charity. I look forward to the day when we can all be together again, celebrating joyfully in our beloved parishes. May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you all.

Sincerely in Christ, Richard W. Smith Archbishop of Edmonton

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: <u>http://caedm.ca/</u>

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 <u>HF Parish Link</u> 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.

