

Kinders celebrated their last week of learning with some fun family projects! Activities included: taking part in a LEGO prayer, making a solar s'more oven, taking a virtual field trip to the San Diego Zoo, sending mail to friends online and playing with water.



Students in 2/3 celebrated and wrote about their dads this week. Here are just a few of the incredible dads we have in our SAA family of Knights!! Read about the love they share with their families in [The Brave Knights Newspaper Edition #7](#).



Grade 1 students are busy growing beans after reading the book Jack and the Beanstalk! Can they grow a giant beanstalk? Well on their way! They are also becoming very creative with their math!



## School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! **June 22 - 26**

<b>Monday (22)</b>	Look for Mr. Lamer's Weekly Announcements June 22 - 26 <b>Gr. 6 Farewell Livestream@10:00 am. Mr. Brass will send information and links to parents and students.</b> <b>Last day to order School Spiritwear Clothing for August delivery</b> <b>20/21 OnGoogle Kindergarten Oreintation@6:30 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday (23)</b>	
<b>Wednesday (24)</b>	Chromebook Return(parents should have booked a time with school office - see below) Resource Return and/or Gift Card Delivery - please see schedule below
<b>Thursday (25)</b>	Chromebook Return(parents should have booked a time with school office - see below) Resource Return and/or Gift Card Delivery - please see schedule below <b>K-8 Report Cards will be emailed to parents during the afternoon of June 25.</b>
<b>Friday (26)</b>	<b>Last Day of Gr. 1- 8 Online Activities and Last Day of School.</b>

### 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 #38 reaches you and your family safe and well. **June 22-26 is the last week of a truly memorable and historic school year!** Thank you to all our families for your support! We wish you and your family a safe summer with plenty of sunshine throughout the summer. We will see you back at SAA on August 27th for our Welcome Back to School Meet and Greet event! Drop in anytime between 4:30 and 6:30 pm. Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet teacher(s) new classmates, catch up with friends and share an ice-cream sundae treat. You can also drop off your school supplies in your homeroom teacher's classroom.

### Thanks from Mr. Lamer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parent community and the SAA School Council for all your support and trust that has been provided to me and the staff at Sister Alphonse Academy over the last two years. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the students, staff and parent community of SAA as Principal. Over my thirty-five years I have been blessed to work alongside dedicated staff, awesome students and very supportive and engaged parents. Each of the four schools that I have been Principal in holds a special place in my heart, but there is no doubt that the experience of opening SAA and building an engaging, safe and faith filled culture from the ground up has been a highlight in my career! Wishing you all health and happiness. THANK YOU!!

### National Indigenous People's Day - Sunday, June 21

Sunday was National Indigenous Peoples Day. We celebrated the culture of our First Nations, Metis and Inuit people in Canada. This week our teachers will provide some activities that will help our students learn more about their historic contributions to our country. National Indigenous People's Day is an opportunity to advance reconciliation and renew relationships with indigenous peoples based upon recognition of rights, respect, cooperation and partnership.

### Last Day of Online Learning Activities Gr. 1-8 - Friday, June 26

The last week of online learning will be a bit different from the past 12 weeks. There will be some general learning activities and/or choice boards that will be posted that kids can work on throughout the week. **The last official day of school for the 2019/20 school year is June 26, 2020.**

### **IMPORTANT Final Report Cards - PLEASE REVIEW**

**All Final K-8 Report Cards will be sent out via email on Thursday, June 25.** Each report card is password protected. To open the report card you must be able to provide your child's birthdate. If you have not received your child's report card by Friday, June 26 at noon please call the school or email Mr. Lamer or Mrs. Kleparchuk.

**We remind parents of the following:**

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 were responsible for assessing a student's progress and assigning a final grade as best they can during Term 3. All students who were on track to progress to the next grade will. The goal was to focus on key outcomes and prepare students as best as possible for the next grade.

**What will the Kindergarten report card look like?**

Your child will receive a report card that reflects your child's skill level on the Kindergarten Program Statement, using the following descriptors. The teacher will report on and focus on Literacy and Numeracy.

SI - Consistently demonstrates the skill independently.

SM - Skill is emerging with minimal support.

SD - Skill is emerging with direct support

N/A - No assessment possible.

**What will the Gr. 1-3 report card look like?**

Your child's report card will include Religion, English Language Arts, French Language Arts (French Immersion), Math, and a General Comment. Your child will receive a grade of 1 to 4 for one to three outcomes in these subjects: ELA, FLA, and Math. Your child will receive "Meets or Not Yet Meets" for Religion. All other subject areas will not be visible on the report card. Growth As A Learner" will not be graded on the report card for term three. In some cases you may see N/A, which would indicate that not enough information was able to be gathered for the teacher to make an assessment.

**What will the Gr. 4-6 report card look like?**

Your child's report card will include Religion, English Language Arts, French Language Arts (French Immersion), Math, Social, and Science, and a General Comment. Your child will receive a grade on a 1-4 scale for one to three outcomes in English Language Arts, French Language Arts (French Immersion), Math, Social, Science, and a General Comment. Your child will receive "Meets or Not Yet Meets" for Religion. Growth As A Learner" will not be graded on the report card for term three. In some cases you may see N/A, which would indicate that not enough information was able to be gathered for the teacher to make an assessment.

**What will the Gr. 7-9 report card look like?**

Your child will get a report card that has Religion, English Language Arts, French Language Arts (if your child is in French Immersion), Math, Social, Science, Physical Education and Health. Teachers were not required to assess options and there were no options delivered in Term 3. When there is enough evidence for the teacher to assess your child's performance on outcomes since the start of the pandemic, your child will receive a grade percentage (%). If your child has not been able to complete enough evidence during Term 3 the teacher will input N/A, then your child will receive the grade that he/she had earned at the start of the online learning journey.

**Honours Certificates - Jr. High**

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools recognizes student achievement in various ways, including a Division Academic Honours Certificate for grades 7-12 students. This certificate is modelled after the professionally recognized criteria of the Alberta Rutherford High School Achievement Scholarship.

*Grades 7, 8 and 9 Academic Honour Certificates shall be presented annually to Grade 7, 8 and 9 students achieving a combined average of at least 80% in core courses (English language arts/French language arts, social studies, science, math), and a student must also achieve 70% or better in each of health, religion and physical education. To be eligible for honours, students also must have passed all other courses.*

**Students in Junior High at SAA who have achieved Honors will have their certificates mailed to their home address on June 29/20.**

**Grade 6 Farewell Live Stream Event**

Parents that have children in Grade 6 are reminded that there will be an Online Gr. 6 Farewell will take place on Monday, June 22 at 10:00 am. Mr. Brass will be sending information to grade six students and parents.

**Registration and Enrollment Update**

We estimate that our enrollment could be anywhere between 210 - 225 students for the 2020/21 school year. We are not sure how many families could register their children over the summer. Class configurations, teacher assignments and class numbers are still to be determined. We continue to tentatively plan for a number of scenarios. Rest assured that we will be ready to go when August 31/20 comes around! If new neighbors are asking, our office will be open and ready to accept registration inquiries starting August 18, 2020. You can also direct your neighbors to the Division website where they can begin the registration process online at any time.

**Online Google Meet Kindergarten 20/21 Orientation**

Parents who will have children in kindergarten for the 20/21 school year should have received a call about the Online Kindergarten Orientation Google Meet which will happen on Monday, June 22 at 6:30 pm. If you did not receive a call please contact the office Monday morning.

### Full Day Kindergarten Update

**We are pleased to announce that we have been given approval for our Full Day Kindergarten Program at SAA for the 20/21 school year!** This approval is provided pending that the Government implements Scenario #1- In-School Classes Resume (near normal operations with health measures, see below).

We continue to accept registrations at the kindergarten level for AM Half Day, PM Half Day, Progressive or Full Day Programming. Call the school for more information or visit our school website for more information about our kindergarten programming.

### SAA Year End Movie and Walk With Me Video Message

Please be on the lookout for these special videos that have been prepared for the end of the school year. Teachers will be sending out days, times and Google Meet links.

- **Walk With Me Video** - shared with students through our teachers weekly messages to parents and they can view it with their parents.
- **SAA Year-End School Video** will be shown in homeroom classes during a Google meet during the week.

### School Chromebook Return

**Families that borrowed a Chromebook for Online Learning**, should have been contacted to arrange a time on June 24 or June 25 to return the Chromebook to our school. If you have not been contacted to book a time please call the school. If you are not available during these two days please email Mr. Lamer - [glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca) or Mrs. Kleparchuk - [kleparchuk@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:kleparchuk@gsacrd.ab.ca) to arrange a time to return the Chromebook. **We will have a staff member available to personally receive the Chromebook at the front of the school. DO NOT LEAVE the CHROMEBOOK on the TABLE for RESOURCES or GIFTS/CARDS. If you have resources or a gift/card they may be brought as well at your booked time.**

### Other Resources or Staff Card/Gift

If you need to return any other resource to the school before the end of the school year or sometimes a family would like to leave a card/gift for a staff member we would ask that you do this on June 24 or 25. We will have a table setup for parents to leave resources or a gift/card at the front door. In order to follow AHS Social Distancing Guidelines we would ask that you return or deliver items according to the schedule below. **The tables will be set up right at the front door. Be sure gifts/cards are labelled clearly for delivery to staff.**

### June 24

8:30am - 12:00pm Last Name A - K  
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Last Name L - Z

### June 25

8:30 am - 12:00 pm Last Name L - Z  
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Last Name A - K

### 2020/21 School Re-Entry Planning

Thanks to all our parents and students who participated in the GSARD Survey on Re-Entry preferences. This information will be used to help guide Division decisions to plan for three possible Re-Entry Plans for the 20-21 school year. On Wednesday, June 10 Education Minister Adriana LaGrange outlined the 3 possible scenarios:

1. **In School classes resume(near normal operations with health measures)++Targeted Scenario**
2. **In School Classes PARTIALLY resume (with additional health measures in addition to the above)**
3. **At Home learning continues (in school classes are cancelled)**

**The government has indicated that the preferred and likely scenario is that students will return to daily in-school classes at the beginning of the year. The government will share it's final decision by August 1 on which scenario will be in place at the beginning of the year.** Now that we have been provided with guidelines for these three scenarios our School Division is working on plans to implement any of the three possibilities. For more information related to the School Re-Entry Plans and guidelines click on the following [Alberta Government Link](#).

Be sure to carefully monitor your email and check our website regularly as updates regarding school entry could be provided during the summer.

### SAA School Office Hours

During the summer vacation our school office will be closed from June 30 - August 17/20. The SAA School Office will open on Tuesday, August 18 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm for the 2020/21 school year.

### Update Us During the Summer

If for some reason your plans change over the summer we would ask that you please let us know as soon as possible. You can leave a message on our school voice mail or you can email Mrs. Christine Samson at [csamson@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:csamson@gsacrd.ab.ca) or Mrs. Lisa Kleparchuk at [kleparchuk@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:kleparchuk@gsacrd.ab.ca). Thank you for your cooperation.

Save the Date - Thursday, September 10

### **Bussing 2020/21 - Important Reminder if Your Child Will Be Riding a Bus**

Transportation registrations are now open for the coming 2020-2021 school year. Please login to your [Parent Portal](#) and under the forms tab fill in the 2020-2021 bus application. Please register by July 1st to be considered in the routing process. All registrations received after midnight July 1st will be routed to a stop already on the run. To ensure your child may ride the bus the first day of school your application must be received no later than midnight August 1st. If you have already filled in a bus application for the 2020-2021 school year, please check your email for a response from the transportation department confirming receipt of the registration

### **Mark Your Calendar - School Photo Day**

Please be advised that our School Photo Day will be on Thursday, September 10.

### **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.

Staples School Tools Program provides you with direct access to the school supplies your child will need – as provided by their actual teachers – and an easy way to order them without ever leaving home. You'll save time. You'll save money. And you'll have exactly what you need to give your child the best start possible.



**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE HAVE LEARNED THERE IS A TECHNICAL PROBLEM WITH THE SCHOOL TOOLS WEBSITE. THEY ARE WORKING ON THE PROBLEM AND HOPE TO HAVE IT RECTIFIED SOON. We ask that you continue to check the website regularly.**

### **Highlights of the New Program**

Parents can deselect items from their child's list should they already have them. Additional items such as backpacks, Chromebooks, locker accessories etc. can be added if desired. Core list items only will be discounted by 5% for orders over 25\$ and 10% for orders over \$50.

### **How To Order School Supplies Through Staples**

Go to the [Staples School Tools Link](#). Find and then select your child's school, and grade. Order your child's supply list when it appears. Make any adjustments to the list to suit your child's individual needs. Select free delivery with your paid order, arriving direct to your home within 2-3 days.

### **Thanks to the Current Sponsors of our SAA Field Trip Fund**



### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

One of our goals at Sister Alphonse Academy is to provide authentic learning opportunities for our students which we believe can lead to Deep Learning and Conceptual Understanding. Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734 believes that the formation of educational partnerships or sponsorships from individuals, businesses, or community partners provides an opportunity for educators to work collaboratively with the community in an effort to support learning and growth opportunities for students in the District. Thus principals may work with partners or sponsors with the intention of assisting students with ongoing activities and/or events while ensuring that the primary goal for the partner or sponsor is to provide valuable resources.

Our school is looking for individuals, businesses, or community partners that would be willing to assist/sponsor some of the costs associated with providing our students with these incredible learning opportunities. Our staff has already applied and been accepted for some activities for next year but they are costly. These costs could include transportation and or registration costs. Our District Administrative Procedures allow for some public recognition of sponsors via newsletters, banners, etc. If we have individuals, businesses or community partners that would like to discuss this opportunity please call Mrs. Christine Samson at SAA at your earliest convenience next school year.

## **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](#)

## **More Information About the Summer Reading Program - St. Albert Library**

### **Summer Reading Game Information:**

The teaser page for the St. Albert Public Library Summer Reading Game that will begin Monday, June 29th is here <https://www.sapl.ca/srg2020.html>

### **Book Talks by Grade:**

Grade 1 -<https://youtu.be/Tvyb6mybtNg>

Grade 2 -<https://youtu.be/BWJLKrXRbwQ>

Grade 3 -<https://youtu.be/iQbl30Sy8W4>

Grade 4 -<https://youtu.be/r-d56P9y36E>

Grade 5 -<https://youtu.be/aAtSonkl0vQ>

Grade 6 -<https://youtu.be/y-Wc9GmPRLw>

### **Summer Reading Recommended Reading:**

[Recommended Reading Grades 1-6](#)

You'll find English **and French** lists here, the books recommended are all available at the St. Albert Public Library and chosen by the staff there. Students (or parents or teachers) need more? We also do [personalized booklists](#)!

### **How can Kids read these books?**

Some of the titles on these lists are available as ebooks or e-audio books through digital platforms on our website. **AND!** Starting June 5, people can arrange to pick-up Library books through *curbside pick-up*. Find that information on our website: [www.sapl.ca](http://www.sapl.ca)

Keep an eye out either on our website or on our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) for news about our re-opening in Phase 2. We're all excited to see you again!

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## **School Council**

We are always looking for parents to attend our meetings. If you have not been able to participate in meetings this year please feel free to join us next year at our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, September 16@6:30 pm. More information will come in the fall.

## **Message from Friends of SAA Society**

### **Year End Tokens of Appreciation, Borrowed Chromebooks and Library Books**

While none of the staff ever expect gifts from their students, many families often wish to extend their own thanks at the end of the school year. Since this is more complicated this year, [Friends of SAA has requested that tables be available at the school on Wednesday, June 24 and Thursday, June 25 to collect any year end gifts that families may have for staff. Please follow the schedule listed by administration above.](#)

### **Support Friends of SAA - Labels for Next Year**

While school re-entry plans are being finalized, please consider supporting Friends of Sister Alphonse Academy in enhancing our school community by ordering through Mabel's Labels or Oliver's Labels to assist students with keeping track of their belongings once they do return to school.

Please select Friends of Sister Alphonse Academy at [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support)

OR <http://www.oliverslabels.com/FriendsofSAA>

If you have any ideas for fundraisers you think might be appealing to families for the 2020/21 school year, please contact [friendsofsaa@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsaa@gmail.com).

Thank you so much!

## **St. Albert Parish News**

### **Message from Father Ignacy**

The New Testament witnesses to many miracles which Jesus performed. He showed His control over nature by walking on water. He showed His power over sickness by curing the ill. And He showed His authority over death by raising the dead. When we think of miracles, we often consider them as a phenomenon of the past. They took place in Jesus' day and in the

early Church, but they do not happen today. With our knowledge of science and our advanced technologies is there still room for belief in miracles? Can we still believe that God bends the rules of nature to give His people a sign that He is still alive and active among us? Those of us who have the gift of faith can say without a doubt that God still performs miracles. And we do not have to look too far back into the past to find them. It is good for us modern women and men to study these miracles and learn about them. They remind us that there is more going on in our world than what we can see with our eyes or examine under a microscope. They assure us that God is at work in our world even despite its skepticism and lack of faith. We see the hand of God even in the most ordinary events of our lives - the sunrise, the budding trees, the birth of a child or the love of our family. We witness His power when enemies become friends, when hardened hearts welcome God's mercy and when our prayers are mysteriously answered. The work of God is all around us. Where others see coincidences or luck, we see our God at work.

And in no other instance is that truer than in the gift of the Eucharist. When we offer the bread and wine and the priest repeats Christ's words over them, "This is my body. This is my blood." They are really and truly transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Throughout the ages, Christians have believed that they are not merely symbols but the real thing - Jesus Christ made present for us. Just as the Holy Spirit transforms simple bread and wine, so we should expect that we who receive the Body and Blood of Christ should ourselves be transformed. Let us pray for the grace to adore Him more and more. And let us pray that when we receive Him we will be changed forever.

Blessings,

Father Ignacy Warias, OMI

### **COVID 19 Update**

Sacraments, Retreats, Parish meetings, Social gatherings and Parish related events are still on hold until further notice but Masses have started as of Friday, 5 June. Parishioners who want to attend mass must register by calling the Parish Office as only 50 people are allowed to be in the Church at one time.

### **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](http://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**

#### **FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE:**

The Catholic Bishops of Alberta are welcoming the news that attendance limits on worship services will be expanded under Stage 2 of the Alberta government's relaunch strategy. However, the guidelines for Stage 1 of reintroducing public celebrations of the Mass were developed by a task force the Bishops established under the direction of Archbishop Richard Smith of Edmonton and Bishop William McGrattan of Calgary. Until further notice, those guidelines remain in effect. Under those guidelines, parishes will still have to meet several conditions for public celebrations of the Mass. These include:

- Ensuring physical distancing of two metres between people who are not of the same household.
- Asking attendees to answer a series of health and travel-related questions, as recommended by AHS.
- Recording contact information of attendees for the purpose of contact tracing, if necessary.
- Sanitizing hands upon entry and exit.
- Requiring masks for all volunteers and all those who wish to receive Communion.
- Extra cleaning of the Church between Masses.

THERE IS STILL A MAXIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH, INCLUDING ALL VOLUNTEERS AND THE PRIEST.

#### **MASKS AVAILABLE**

With Masses beginning, we have a very willing parishioner making masks. If this is something you would be interested in buying, please call the parish office to be added to the list. Once your masks are completed, you will be contacted for their pickup and can make payment through the office. Masks are \$10 each. All money collected will be donated back to the parish. Thank you for your support.

### **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:

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.

