

SAA Bulletin #39 - June 26/20

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

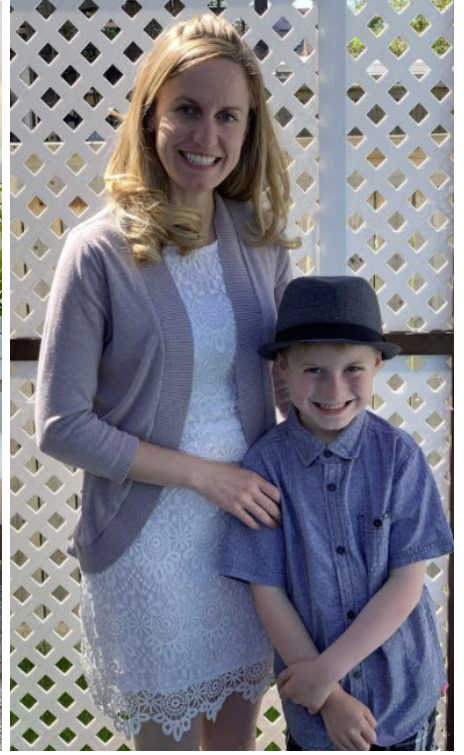
SERVE - ACHIEVE - ASPIRE

Kindergarten wrapped up their year end celebration last Friday. We had a wonderful year and can't wait to see each other again soon. Congratulations Kindergarten, you are officially moving on to be a "great ONE".



Fancy Friday - Here are some of our fancy dressed Knights from last Friday's last virtual theme day for the year. Thank you to everyone who participated in these fun events during online learning.





SUMMER CHALLENGE for ALL of our BRAVE KNIGHTS

Would you like to have a piece of YOUR writing published in THE BRAVE KNIGHTS NEWSPAPER? Editor in Chief, Mrs. Trenchard, is looking for articles and pictures about your summer adventures filled with wonder!! She will be publishing a newspaper on JULY 31st and AUGUST 31st! Send her a factual, interesting, 100 word or less article via email at natrenchard@gsacrd.ab.ca by July 31st or August 31st to be published! A copy of the newspaper will be sent back to you to enjoy!

The sign on the window at the school says it all. From all the staff at SAA **THANK YOU PARENTS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT** in the 19/20 School Year!



What a wonderful tribute for a wonderful man! Congratulations on celebrating 35 years of teaching. Happy Retirement Mr. Lamer, thank YOU for all you did to make Sister Alphonse Academy such a welcoming environment! We will MISS you! Thank you to everyone who came to give Mr. Lamer a send off! He was truly amazed by your love & support!



School News - Important Dates **August 18/20 - Sept. 1/20**

Tuesday August 18 August 19 - August 21	School Office Opens - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm School Office Open - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
August 24 - 27 August 27	School Office Open - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm Back to School Meet and Greet - 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at SAA(TENTATIVE)
August 28	School Closed - Blueprints Faith Development Day
August 31	School Begins K-9 Day 1 - Staggered Start Kindergarten
Sept. 1	Day 2 - Staggered Start Kindergarten

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

Have a Great Summer!

From all the staff at Sister Alphonse Academy. Wishing all of our families a safe, restful and peaceful summer vacation. We can't wait for the next school year to build more memories and learn new things! Take Care!

Mr. Lamer - "That Was Awesome!"

Words cannot express how much I appreciate the wonderful send off and gifts by the students, staff and parents of SAA. The word "thank you" does not seem adequate. Please know that it will be treasured by me for the rest of my life. Health and happiness to you all.

2019/20 Final Report Cards

Report cards were sent electronically via email on the afternoon of Thursday, June 25. If you did not receive your child's Report card please call SAA before the end of the day on June 26. After June 26 call the District Office at 780-459-7711. Unfortunately, School Messenger was having some technical difficulties on Wednesday and Thursday. The issue appears to be resolved but some people did receive an error message when they tried to open the PDF report card. When they waited and tried again, it opened. It does not appear that this was a widespread problem; however, if you are having difficulty opening your child's report card, please try again as the problem is intermittent. Most parents that encountered the error, were able to open the report card after trying the link a second time.

2020/21 School Re-Entry Planning

Our District continues to make 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. For more information check the [Alberta Government Link](#), the [GSACRD Website](#) and/or the [SAA Website](#) for updates through the summer.

SAA School Office Opens

Our school office will open to serve you on Tuesday, August 18 at 8:30 am.

SAA Volunteer Check

If you plan on volunteering for the school next year, we will require an updated child welfare and RCMP check, as your current one that was provided to the school is only valid for one year. Avoid line ups in the fall, and start the process over the summer. Click on the [SAA Volunteer Check Letter](#) link to print the letter to take to the RCMP detachment.

Back to School - Meet and Greet

Pending AHS Guidelines in August, we tentatively invite all parents to bring their children to SAA anytime between the hours of 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm on Thursday, August 27 for our Meet and Greet. At this time class lists will be posted, students and parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and students will have a little activity that includes having a sundae treat. Representatives of our School Council will be there to welcome back all of our returning and new families to SAA.

Friday, August 28 - Office Closed

Our school office will be closed on Friday, August 30 so that all staff can participate in the annual Blueprints Faith Development Day.

Next SAA Bulletin

Look for our first SAA Bulletin of the 2020/21 school year to go out on Friday, August 21.

Congratulations Mrs. Samson

On behalf of the students and staff at Sister Alphonse Academy we would like to congratulate Mrs. Christine Samson, the new Principal at SAA, on receiving the GSACRD Excellence in Catholic Education Award for 2019/20.

Staffing Updates

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Laurie McCurdy and Miss Gabrielle Pelletier for their work in providing social/emotional support to our students at Sister Alphonse Academy as school based counsellors. We wish them all the best in the future. Mrs. Russell has been assigned to VG for the 20/21 school year in her role as Education Assistant. We will all miss her warm smile, enthusiasm and very skilled work. We wish her all the best. We will introduce our new school counselor, teachers and some new support staff in August.

We are pleased to tell you that Mr. Dewald is feeling much better and there is a chance that he may be able to return in the 202/21 school year. We will continue to pray for his full recovery!

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.

School Tools

A reminder about this year's "School Tools Program"! As your school year comes to a close the School Tools Program is just getting started. The site is now up although there are still some adjustments and fine tuning taking place by our programmers in the background. Once this is complete the site will have full speed and functionality. We sincerely appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as this is completed. We wanted to provide you with a few updates and reminders prior to school ending that will be beneficial for parents as they begin to think about placing orders. Home delivery is now available at no extra cost to parents, orders will ship within 3 business days or sooner. Parents have the ability to remove or change any item from the online list that they do not require. There are no cut off dates for ordering, the site will remain up until mid September.



The pricing structure has changed. Pricing is based on the current Staples.ca pricing less the discounts. This means that the best time for parents to buy is after the first "Back to School" flyer is launched. Due to the Covid pandemic the first BTS flyer is now scheduled for launch on July 15th. Parents may want to consider ordering after this date as it will impact the price of their supplies.

St. Albert Parish News

Click on the [SAP Parish Link](#) to access the weekly bulletin for **St. Albert Catholic Parish**.

Holy Family Parish News

Click on the [HF Parish Link](#) to access the weekly bulletin for **Holy Family Parish**.

End of School Year Prayer

O God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.
The days have passed quickly, O Lord.
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,
The exams, vacations, breaks, and assemblies,
All have come forth from your hand.
While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each day,
Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate
Just what you have been up to in our school.
Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us, according to your will,
With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
And guide each day as you have done this past year.
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.
May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives.
Amen.

Keep the Faith!

We pray that we will see you in the fall!

