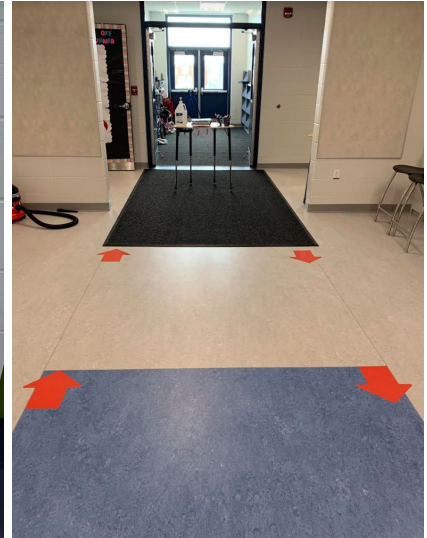
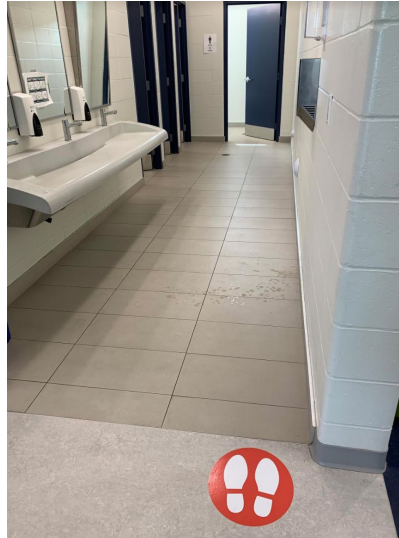
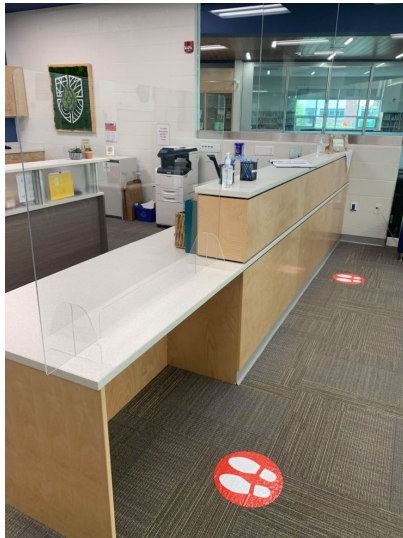


We are busy preparing for the start of the 2020/21 school year and re-entry back to school. Stickers are being placed on floors to facilitate social distancing and plex-glass in the front office to keep everyone safe.



### SAA Bulletin #41

#### Dear Parents/Guardians:

Good morning SAA families! As we start another week leading up to the start of the new school year, we continue to share details regarding the school re-entry process. Thank you for your patience and support as we all enter the new school year together with God's help and guidance.

**"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you" (2 Corinthians 13:13, NRSV)**

#### Health & Safety Protocols:

- Before coming to school each day, all staff and students must complete the Alberta government's [COVID-19 Information Screening Questionnaire](#), which is available in [multiple languages](#), to determine whether they **can attend or must stay home**. The form does not need to be submitted to the office. If your child has any symptoms, contact your school office to let your child's school know. Everyone who enters a school will see a sign that reminds them to complete the daily COVID-19 Information Screening Questionnaire before entering the building.
- On August 4, grades 4-12 students and all staff have been asked to wear masks and mask use will be mandatory in common areas and when physical distancing of 2m is not possible. K-3 students are not required to wear masks.

- Students with **pre-existing health conditions** that cause symptoms of illness should be tested for COVID-19 at least once before returning to school. A negative test will help show that symptoms are related to their pre-existing conditions, and not to COVID-19. This will establish what their baseline for being healthy looks like. Families should notify their school about any pre-existing condition and the symptoms it causes. As long as these symptoms remain the same, the student can attend school.
- Additional **hand sanitizer dispensers** have been installed in every school and division office and additional hand sanitizer has been provided to schools to enable individuals to practice good hand hygiene.
- It is recommended that **individual-sized hand sanitizer** bottles be purchased for your children so that they have this with them throughout the day.
- Students are encouraged to **bring their own water bottles** to school and **not** to share them. Water fountains will remain open and be cleaned regularly.
- Students are asked to have a **mask to wear upon entry** for the first day of school and when riding a school bus.
- Approved cleaning protocols have been put in place in all Division buildings. Custodial staff have been trained to identify high touch areas and to know how to clean, sanitize, and disinfect them.
- If your child becomes ill at school, your child will be placed in a safe space until you or your emergency designate picks up your child.
- Please see our [Parent Guidebook](#) and check our [GSACRD district website](#) to read the most recent information available.

**\*Please note: Re-Entry Change: Staggered Entry for Kindergarten-Grade 9:**

**August 31, 2020:** Only students who have last names beginning **(A-K)** would attend school on this day.

**September 1, 2020:** Only students who have the last names beginning **(L-Z)** would attend school on this day.

#### **Regular Classes**

**September 2, 2020:** **Regular classes resume on this day.**

#### **Transportation & Bussing:**

Bus routes stay the same for all families and students only need to get on the bus the day that they attend school as per the above staggered entry schedule.

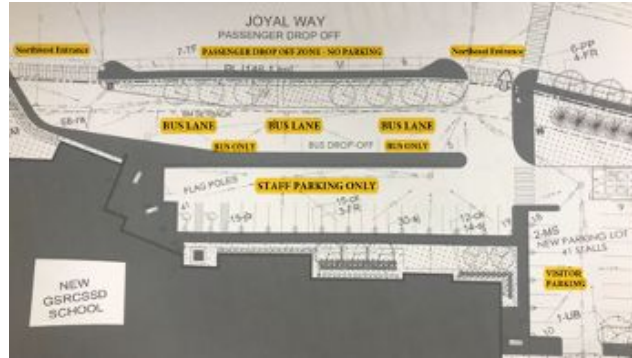
Busses will enter the parking lot via the northwest bus lane. The BUS LANE is reserved for busses between the hours of 8:00 am and 9:00 am and 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm. The bus lane is one way only. Students will board and disembark busses along the sidewalk adjacent to the bus lane.

#### **STUDENT DROP OFF**

A passenger drop-off lane has been created along the north sidewalk in front of the school. This lane is only for dropping off of students. PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED in the drop off zone.

#### **VISITOR PARKING**

A visitor parking lot is found immediately east of the school. Visitors should enter and exit the visitor parking lot via the northeast entrance.



### Student Drop off & Pick up Procedures:

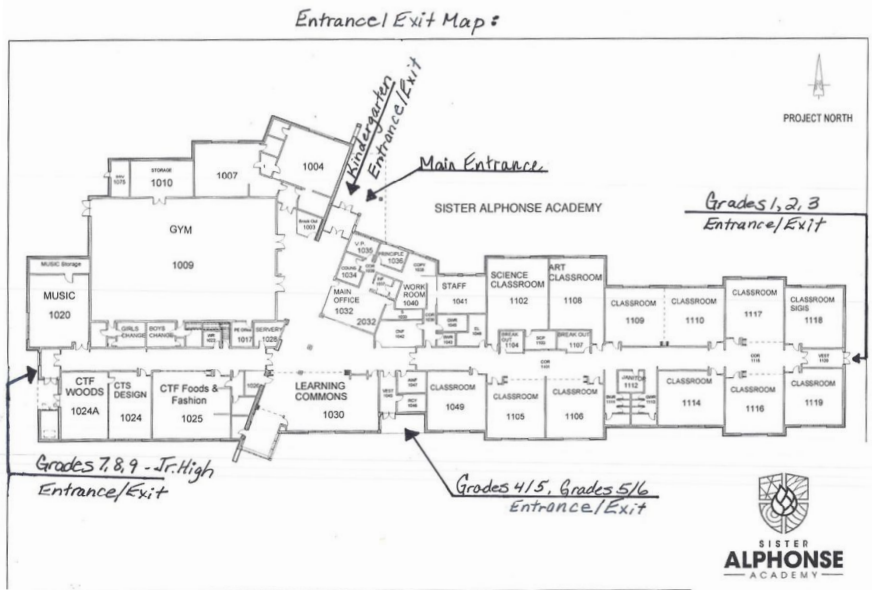
- Adults bringing students to school will be asked to stay in their vehicle or outside the school, and to maintain a safe physical distance between themselves and others. Those who need to enter the school must book an appointment with the school office. Individuals without an appointment will not be able to enter the school.
- Parents/guardians are required to set an appointment in order to enter the school at this time. Communication will happen through email and phone calls. This means that if a lunch is forgotten, this will be resolved by first calling the school and then meeting the student outside or arranging to drop off the item at the office.
- All persons who enter the school will be required to wear a mask. **Please note that a shield is not a mask.**
- All persons who enter schools or division buildings will need to sign in using the regular visitor/student sign in books.

### Importance Notice: New Entry and Exit Doors for Students (See Map below):

To facilitate smaller groups of students entering in class cohorts and groupings, students will be reporting to separate entrances and will be dismissed at the end of the day through this same set of doors. Parents/guardians please direct your child in walking to the correct door. Teachers will meet and assist students and guide them into the school each day. In keeping with sanitation and safety protocols, no parents or visitors may accompany students into the building at this time. Thank you so much for your help and cooperation. We appreciate your support.

**Please see the attached diagram of the school and the designated doors for each grade:**

*(Please contact the office if you require any assistance or clarification. Thank you)*



### What school supplies should I bring on the first day?

Because we know that many students usually have help from their parents in bringing their school supplies into the school on the first day, we would suggest that students bring some of their supplies (to be able to work) along with their bagged lunch that may fit into the student backpack. Students will keep their belongings with them along with their lunch. Supplies may be sent to school as they need them/small amounts at a time. **Please note - Junior High:** Lockers are **NOT** being used at this time. Thank you.

### Programming Choice:

As described in the *Parent Guidebook*, parents or guardians may choose whether they would prefer online or face-to-face learning. Students who learn online will be part of an online learning group with an assigned teacher from the Division. Online students will remain enrolled at the school where they registered for 2020- 2021. **If you did not complete the division survey that was previously shared but you are interested in online learning, please contact Christine Samson, SAA Principal, at [csamson@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:csamson@gsacrd.ab.ca).** Once your child is enrolled, you will have a teacher assigned who will then share information required for school start up.

### Reporting and Notification Periods

Once you have started the year in either face-to-face or online education, you will receive report cards based on the school's reporting periods. Between reporting periods, you will be notified by your school principal to decide whether your child will attend school in person or choose to learn at home through online instruction.

**Between notification periods, if your child needs to switch from online to face-to-face programming, this would be handled on a case-by-case basis by your school principal.**

**Reporting Period 1:** Aug. 31- Dec. 6 **Reporting Period 2:** Dec.7 - April 4 **Reporting Period 3:** Apr. 4 - June 25  
**Notification Period 1:** October 15, 2020 **Notification Period 2:** December 15, 2020  
**Notification Period 3:** March 15, 2021

### Please call our Office to Register or Update Your Information

Our school secretary Mrs. Despina has asked that all parents please call the school to ensure that all registration documents have been submitted and all paperwork has been 100% completed. If you have had any change in email or contact information, please call the office at

**780-809-2996** to ensure this information has been noted and updated. **Please note:** A registration is not considered complete until reviewed and approved by the school Principal. Thank you!

### SAA Spirit Wear Clothing Online Store

Knights have Spirit! School clothing as well as a school ensignia mask is available for ordering until **August 26th** through the following link: <https://sisteralphonse2020.itemorder.com/sale> (Please note that this clothing order may take three to five weeks to arrive) The items ordered in June will be going home to students on the first day of school.

### School Supplies

Click on the link to access [School Supply Lists](#) for the 2020/21 school year. Parents who choose to take part in the Staples School Supply Program can still order them. At the link here: [Staples.ca/SchoolTools](https://staples.ca/SchoolTools) If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Despina in the office.

### Bring Your Own Device

School owned technology lent out to students are high touch areas that require extra cleaning and sanitizing protocols. Students are encouraged to bring their own device to school if possible. If a student wishes to bring his/her own device to school, here are some recommended devices: **Laptop** (ex. Macbook Pro, Macbook Air, Acer Aspire, HP Laptop, Toshiba Satellite Laptop) **Chromebooks** (ex. Asus Chromebook, Acer Chromebook, HP Chromebook, Samsung Chromebook)

### Cohorts & Options:

Students will be instructed in their classroom cohorts and teachers will move classrooms to teach different classes where possible. The option schedule and timetable established for this year will still be followed with some changes in entry and exit routines in addition to some activities being changed within courses in order to facilitate and support health and safety guidelines.

### Home to School Information/Communication

We do our best to provide as much information as we can about school events through a variety of methods. This includes: [SAA School Website](#) and [Web Calendar](#), email, [SAA Facebook Page](#), [@Sister Alphonse Twitter](#), [SAA Instagram sisteralphonse\\_gsacrd](#) and our SAA School App.

**As long as your email address is current you will receive our weekly bulletin on the last day of school each week.** If there is the rare occasion where we need to send home paper correspondence we usually try to do it on a Monday. The [SAA Weekly Bulletin](#) is also posted on our school website.

### SAA School APP

The SAA App for iOS and android is available. Just search for "My School Day" on the app store. When you run it, it will guide you through selecting Sister Alphonse Academy- this only needs to be done once. The app will be used to send out news and notifications from our school.

### Volunteer Information

Although volunteers are not permitted at this time, we will let you know when the status of volunteers working in the schools changes. Thank you!

### Snack Shack & Hot Lunch Program

Due to health and safety restrictions, the Snack Shack and hot lunch programs will not be taking place at this time, but we will keep you informed if/when the status changes.

### 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

### School Office Closed on Friday, August 28

Our school office will be closed in the morning of Friday, August 28, so that all staff can participate in the annual Blueprints Faith Development Day.

### Teacher and Class Configurations

Please remember that these are tentative and class configurations due to changes in enrollment could occur by September 4 or throughout September.

K AM/PM/FULL TIME - Mrs. Shmyr

Gr. 1 AM – Mrs. Teixeira AND Mrs. Rayner

Gr. 2 - Ms. McLeod

Gr. 3 - Mrs. Trenchard

Gr. 4 & 5 - Mrs. Lobel

Grade 5 & 6 - Mr. Brass

Grade 7 - Mrs. McKinnon (LA 7, 8, 9 & Rec. Academy 4-9)

Grade 8 - Ms. Bennett (Science 7, 8, 9 & Math 7, FSL 4-6))

Grade 9 - Mr. Parks (Math 8, 9, Social 9 & Phys. Ed K-9)

\*Mrs. Kleparchuk - (Social 7, 8, Kindergarten Phys. Ed.)

\*Mrs. Samson - (Religion 7, 8, 9 & Arts Options)

**School News - Take a look at what's coming up! Aug. 24 - 28**

<b>Monday (24)</b>	<i>School Office Open - 9 am to 3 pm</i>
<b>Tuesday (25)</b>	<i>School Office Open - 9 am to 3 pm</i>
<b>Wednesday (26)</b>	<i>School Office Open - 9 am to 3 pm Staff Meeting/Planning Day</i>
<b>Thursday (27)</b>	<b>Meet and Greet - Virtual Online</b> - Staff Meeting/Planning Day <i>School Office Open - 9 am to 3 pm</i>
<b>Friday (28)</b>	<b>School Office Closed AM</b> - Blueprints Faith Development Day for all GSACRD Staff.
<b>Monday (31)</b>	<i>Kindergarten to Grade 9 - Staggered entry start: <b>Only students who have last names beginning (A-K) would attend school on this day.</b></i>
<b>Tuesday (1)</b>	<i>Kindergarten to Grade 9 - Staggered entry start: <b>Only students who have the last names beginning (L-Z) would attend school on this day.</b></i>
<b>Wednesday (2)</b>	<i>Regular Classes for all students begins.</i>





Mrs. Samson (SAA Principal, on the right) along with Mrs. Kleparchuk (SAA Vice Principal, on the left) is excited to welcome everyone back to school.

God bless and take care.

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