

## SAA Bulletin #6 - October 5/2020

### Serve Achieve Aspire

Take a look at some of the learning that took place  
last week in our school!

Our Sister Alphonse Academy family honored **Orange Shirt Day** through offering their prayers and intentions for people who were victims of Residential Schools.



Our Principal sharing message re: our **Orange Day** activities: [Orange Shirt Day video](#)

GSACRD continues to [prioritize the building of foundational knowledge and experiences](#) for all students and staff with regard to the culture, history and truth of our Canadian Indigenous brothers and sisters.

#### Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope that this Monday bulletin finds your family happy, safe and healthy. Please feel free to look ahead to the upcoming week and see what events and activity days are being planned through using our school [calendar](#) on our [Sister Alphonse Webpage](#), as this calendar is kept current and highlights events over the course of each month. ***This is a great way to see what is coming up!***

This week we learn from St. Paul and how we need to remember that we are the people of God. God pours out many gifts to us and so we are called to “steward God’s gifts with fidelity”. We are called to use these gifts for God’s purposes.

**“whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable ... think about these things.”**

(Archbishop Richard Smith referencing St. Paul)

Please see the attached homily and Pastoral letter from Archbishop Richard Smith:

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2020**

**A Pastoral Statement on the Impact of COVID-19 and the Call to Christian Renewal (EN-PDF)**

**Superintendent's Update - Week ending October 2, 2020:**

Please click on the link below to read the latest update from Dr. Clint Moroziuk, Superintendent of GSACRD Schools:

- [COVID-19 Update - Oct. 2, 2020](#)
- [Student Illness - Guidance to Health](#) - Quick reference if someone has symptoms

**Daily Health & Safety Protocol Information:**

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.

**Homework and Isolating at home:**

*My child is experiencing symptoms that require him/her to isolate at home for more than one or two days, what should I do?*

Grades **4 - 9 teachers** are asking students to go daily to their Google classroom to see what they missed, what assignments they are able to work on. Assignments and information is posted there on a continual basis. Teachers will do check ins with students to ensure they are learning the concepts that are associated with the assignments while they are away. Teachers in the early elementary grades are working on slideshows for parents which will have activities for students to do depending upon their grade level. Again, teachers will provide checks in understanding of the concepts that are being taught. Thank you to all of the parents/guardians for supporting the stay at home protocol when your children are not feeling well.

**Arise! Get Up! Prayer the Rosary!**

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The month of the Holy Rosary is October and this entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. The feast day of the Holy Rosary in particular is October 7th. The month of October is a good time to commit to [praying the Rosary](#) everyday. The Rosary is one way to Get Up and pray to great peace and holiness to your life and is a wonderful way to honor the spirit of Mary.

### **Parish Partnership Meeting:**

Father Ignacy, Superintendent Dr. Clint Moroziuk, Religious Consultant Colin Loiselle, and the Principals of the schools associated with St. Albert Parish met on October 1st to discuss and plan our liturgies and faith activities for the school year. Sacramental preparation information is not available as of yet, but will be shared with families as soon as the information is available. Working with families, schools and the parish are all excited about a new year of faith formation and renewal as we work together on our theme of: Arise Up! We thank Father Ignacy for always making time for the students, parents and staff of GSACRD. Blessings.

### **Terry Fox Run!**

As [Terry Fox](#) made such a huge impact on people in the world through his heart, dedication, perseverance and caring for others, so too can we support his worthy cause! On October 2, our students and staff participated in a Terry Fox Run/Activity Day! Thank you to everyone who contributed to Cancer research. We are so happy to say that we raised **\$282.75** at Sister Alphonse Academy!

**“Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Luke 6:31)**

### **Picture Retake Day**

Picture retake day is **Thursday, October 8th!** Anyone who did not receive photos on photo day can have a picture taken that day. This is also SAA Spirit day, but please wear what you would like to wear for your retake pictures on this day!

### **SAA Spirit Wear - ONLINE orders now open**

The order for KNIGHTS spirit wear is now on sale again for the next two weeks. As soon as the online store closes delivery to the school is about 2-3 weeks later. The store closes on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. Click on the link to the store to place your order.

<https://sisteralphonse2020vs.itemorder.com/sale>

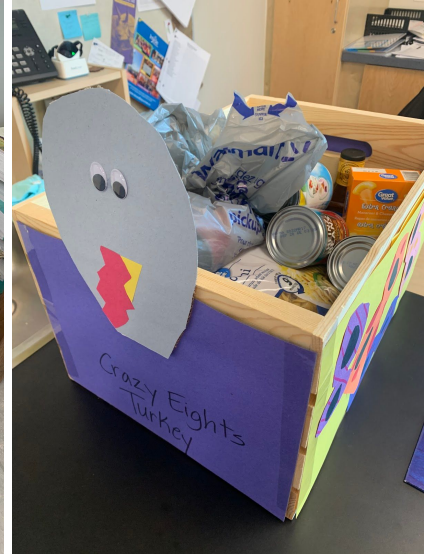
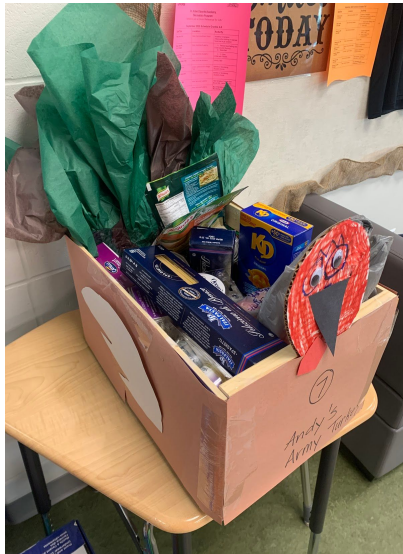
### **Turkey Trot Food Bank Drive**

**Tuesday, Sept. 29th - Friday, Oct. 9th**

One of the Catholic Social Teachings is: Preferential Option for the Poor. "The moral test of any society is based on how the most vulnerable are treated. God's love is universal, so this principle does not intend that we should focus on the poor to the exclusion of others, but rather that we are called to prioritize those who are in most need of our *Solidarity*." <https://www.devp.org/en/cst>

The Grade Three class is encouraging a food bank collection and a friendly classroom competition will inspire all Knights to be a little more Christlike. If your family is able to donate any non-perishable items, please send them with your child to school over the next two weeks. The class that ends up with the most food items that will translate into the most points will be awarded a special surprise just before Thanksgiving!

Our Sister Alphonse Academy home room classes are collecting many food bank items to assist families in need during this season of Thanksgiving! We are grateful to God for the many gifts we have.



### **Read in Week - October 5-9!**

Read-In-Week is taking place October, 5-9. This year it will look a little different. As we are not allowed guests in our building, we have set up virtual readers to read to our students during the week. We have media personal, authors and government officials. If you would like to read to your child's class, please email the teacher(s) directly to set up a time and receive a Google Meet link. Thanks for your understanding and participation.

### **School Cash Online:**

Our School cash online is up and running! Please pay any school fees you are owing online by October 31, 2020. If you experience any problems with the system, please let our office know at **780-809-2996**.

### **Staffing Announcement:**

We would like to welcome our new temporary Grade 4 combined teacher, Ms. Justine Kuntscher to Sister Alphonse Academy! Justine Kuntscher comes to us as an Elementary specialist, who recently graduated from the University of Alberta. Justine has experience working in our division as she volunteered and completed her student teaching Practicum at J.J. Nearing Elementary School. She brings a strong commitment to her faith, a focus on building relationships with students and staff alike, in addition to bringing a keen desire to learn. We are excited she is joining our SAA team!

### **Junior High - Powerschool Marks Portal:**

Parents are able to login and see the academic progress of their children. If you have any questions or you need help in setting up your Powerschool access please do not hesitate to call



the school office at 780-809-2996. Please note that Parent/Teacher Interview appointment sign up will be shared in the next bulletin.

Please note that our Junior High options will now be using a Grading scale of 1 - 4, to reflect skills development rather than using percentage. Most of the Junior High schools in our district are now using this assessment tool as well. The Career and Technology Studies curriculum which options are based upon at the junior high level, expose students to many career related skills and focus upon the importance of skill development and exploring interests. More information regarding this new grading scale will shortly follow. Thank you!

### **Supporting Mental Health Resources:**

The Covid-19 Pandemic has been a challenging time for families all over the world. Communication and support is more important than ever in meeting the needs and challenges that people are facing today. Included here is a resource for supporting mental health and your family: [K-6 Mental Health Resources](#)

### **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

### **Friends of Sister Alphonse Academy!**

This will undoubtedly be a difficult year for fundraising, and so the Society is establishing some ways that the school community and extended friends and family can help out by doing things you normally do. Assistance is needed and appreciated, and input is always welcome by reaching out to [FriendsOfSAA@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfSAA@gmail.com).

### **ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:**

1. Oliver's Labels - <http://www.oliverslabels.com/FriendsOfSAA>
2. Mabel's Labels - [mabelslabels.ca](http://mabelslabels.ca) - Click on 'Support a Fundraiser' and search for Friends of Sister Alphonse Academy (St. Albert)
3. Campbell Park Bottle Depot - Ask for the receipt from the return of your bottles and cans to go towards 'Friends of Sister Alphonse Academy.'
4. FlipGive - Go to [flipgive.com](http://flipgive.com) or get the FlipGive app. Enter code QYXC53 to earn a portion of proceeds for the school by purchasing gift cards and shopping online!

### **CURRENT INITIATIVES:**

1. \$10 [Multi-Purpose Quilted Zippered Bags](#) - Examples in use by students in Grades 1, 4 and 6, and also in this poster.

**Please note the date of our next School Council meeting: October School Council Meeting - October 14th @ 6:30pm.** The link will be shared closer to the meeting date. Thank you!

### **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.

### Quick Links for Parents/Guardians:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">COVID-19 Information Screening Questionnaire</a> - Daily questionnaire for safe arrival at school each day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">GSACRD Transportation</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">GrACE (Graceful Advocates for Catholic Education)</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">GSACRD District School Re-Entry Updates</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">St. Gabriel Education Centre</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Parent Handbook</a> *UPDATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">K-6 Mental Health Resources</a></li> </ul>

### School News - Take a look at what's coming up! October 5 - October 9

Monday (5)	<b>World Teachers Day!</b> <i>Read in Week</i>
Tuesday (6)	<i>Read in Week</i>
Wednesday (7)	<b>Thanksgiving Liturgy 10 am</b> <i>Read in Week</i>
Thursday (8)	<b>Picture RETAKES!</b> <b>Spirit Wear Day! Wear your Knights wear or Blue or Green!</b> <i>Read in Week</i>
Friday (9)	<i>Read in Week</i>

God bless and take care.

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