

SAA Bulletin #7 - October 12/2020

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your support, your caring, and being part of our SAA community!

Thank you to all of the parents/guardians who serve in any capacity, i.e., our school council, prayer groups, lunch supervisors, etc. Together we give thanks this weekend for all that God has provided for in our lives. We know that at Jesus' table, **ALL are WELCOME**. As we "ARISE: GET UP!" this weekend, let us think about how we can thank the people around us for the gifts they share with us? How can we invite others to share? This week, we read from the Gospel of Matthew 22, and we pray that we are able to put God's words into our actions:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find."

The servants went out into the streets
and gathered all they found, bad and good alike,
and the hall was filled with guests."

Superintendent's Update - Week ending October 9, 2020:

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

- [COVID-19 Update - Oct. 9, 2020](#)

Please open the link below to see an important change in the symptoms and isolating:

[Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) - Updated Oct. 8, 2020

[Covid-19 - How long to stay home from school](#)

Health and Safety Mask Reminders:



Please discuss/remind your children of the following health and safety guidelines. Working together between home and school really makes a difference! We are noticing that students are needing more reminders lately of the following:

- Wearing masks on the bus is mandatory. Staff have had to remind students of this lately.
- Wearing masks in the school while seated closely to someone, walking in the school/classroom, or being in a closer proximity activity is mandatory in Grades 4-9. Mask breaks are provided.
- Please remember to wash your mask often as per the instructions that were provided with the mask. We have had some of our Grade 4 - 9 students not arriving with a mask each day.

Thank you so much for your support!

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

Ms. Bennett's Grade seven class completed a physically distanced science lab on adaptations!



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 google slides 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! Pray 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.

Students in grade 3 have begun publishing their own monthly newspaper. Check out our first edition in the link below. We thought we'd help our parents decorate for Thanksgiving so we also made some pretty cute plump and perky turkeys in Art!

Brave Knights Newspaper Edition #1



District Chaplain in Residence this week!

We are so blessed to be able to have Mr. Doug Kramer spend some time with our staff and students during the upcoming week of October 14 - 16th! This is an excellent opportunity to continue to move forward with the spirit of thanks as a community. Please see a short video that Mr. Kramer has prepared for us:

Greeting to the Sister Alphonse Community!

Catholic Social Teachings:

The grade three class focused on the Catholic Social Teaching of the "OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE" with this service project. They read the story of the Last Judgment (Matthew 25: 31 - 46) where we are called to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. What a great learning experience for them!

Thank you for your help in guiding your children to be empathetic to the needs of others!



Faith Formation Support for Families!

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, there is a great resource available which provides Catholic faith formation support for families! Please click on the following link to access this resource: [Family Faith Support Services](#). If there are any parents who expressed an interest in learning more about this resource, I will be organizing Google meets shortly. Thank you!

Read in Week - Thank you!

Read-In-Week took place October, 5-9. This year even though it was a little different, we have set up virtual readers to read to our students during the week. Thanks to all the readers that took time out to read to our students.



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**.

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 20th. Click on the link to the store to place your order.

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

Elementary/Junior High - Powerschool Marks Portal:

Junior High parents are able to login and see the academic progress of their children and shortly Elementary parents you will receive a letter this week detailing how you may also do the same. Our staff has just recently been trained on PowerTeacher Pro, a new Grading scale/marks program. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held virtually between November 3 and 5th, from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. respectively. There will be a choice between having a telephone call or Google meet interview. Please note information regarding how parents are able to sign in and book an interview with a teacher will be shared later this week.

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

October School Council Meeting!

Please note the date of our next School Council meeting is this **Wednesday, October 14th @ 6:30pm**. The link will be shared closer to the meeting date.

If you wish to join our meeting the Google meeting link is as follows:

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING LINK: meet.google.com/rpa-wohh-acd

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.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

1. Oliver's Labels - <http://www.oliverslabels.com/FriendsofSAA>
2. Mabel's Labels - 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 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.

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">• Alberta Health Daily Checklist - Daily questionnaire for safe arrival at school each day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GSACRD Transportation• GrACE (Graceful Advocates for Catholic Education)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GSACRD District School Re-Entry Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St. Gabriel Education Centre
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Handbook *UPDATED October 9, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• K-6 Mental Health Resources

School News - Take a look at what's coming up!

Monday (12)	Happy Thanksgiving
Tuesday (13)	No School - PD Day
Wednesday (14)	District Chaplain visiting SAA! School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Thursday (15)	District Chaplain visiting SAA!
Friday (16)	District Chaplain visiting SAA!

God bless and take care.

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