

FRIDAY KNIGHT NEWS : November 29, 2024



From the Principal's Desk...

We just wanted to take the time to thank everyone who made it out to A Knight's Noel last evening. We had a lot of positive energy in the building and we appreciate everyone coming out. We would also like to thank all of our students for working so hard with their performances, our staff for running activities in their classrooms. The Goldsmith family for their donation of the hot chocolate, for the family and friends of staff that came out to lend a hand, and of course Mrs. Trenchard and Ms. Mark for the countless hours that they put into the event to make it run well. It truly does take the collective effort of everyone to make activities like this work. Thank you all so much.

As we make our way to next week, we are officially getting into December which means we have three full weeks leading into Christmas Break. We still have a lot of work to do until that time, but we will have some fun along the way with our theme days. Looking forward to seeing everyone's Christmas Spirit in the weeks to come.

Have a great weekend everyone! May God Bless you and keep you safe in all that you do and as always, Go Knights!

Week At A Glance

December 2nd: Wear your favourite toque

December 3rd: Wear your bells and lights
Advent Liturgy (8:30 AM)

December 4th: Dress like an elf
Healthy Hunger (Chopped Leaf)

December 5th: Wear red and white

December 6th: Christmas Crazy Hair Day

St Albert Parish Sacramental Prep

2024-25 Preparation for The Sacrament of Confirmation - Grade 6 families

2024-25 Preparation for First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) - Grade 2 families.

Faith In Action

Parish Information

[St. Albert Parish](#)

[Holy Family Parish](#)



ADVENT VESPERS



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2024

Join us to prepare and celebrate the birth of our Saviour

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7:00 pm

ADVENT PENITENTIAL

December 12 @ 7:00 pm

MUSIC MINISTRY Page 1 / 1 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm

8:00 pm

10:00 pm

12:00 am (Midnight)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 28 @ 5:00 pm

December 29 @ 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 6:30 pm

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

December 31 @ 5:00 pm

January 1 @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

ADVENT PENITENTIAL

December 12 @ 7:00 pm

MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 13 @ 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 am

11:00 am



MISSION:

Sister Alphonse Academy is a welcoming learning community that awakens the hearts and minds of students while educating and nurturing each to learn, live fully and serve others.

VISION:

Excellence in learning through faith, learning and engagements.

At SAA we strive to: Serve, Achieve, Aspire



District Chaplain- Doug Kramer



Outside In - Your Personal Apocalypse

1st Sunday of Advent 2024

Gospel Reading - Luke 21:25-28,34-36

https://youtu.be/Ew2p_OvRxNA

That word - APOCALYPSE - has all kinds of scary meanings with it. Fire from the sky. Zombies. End of the world. What it really refers to is an unveiling. A revealing of the things that make us anxious. And a suggestion that we may have fallen asleep to the troubles of the world. Advent is a call to wake up.



Early Learning



Manager of the week



Kinder cooking: Applesauce



Multimedia art fun.



We are learning to read!

Division One

Grade 1B had fun making teddy bears with their big grade 4 buddies. Their bears are now hibernating for the winter.



1A was busy preparing for A Knight's Noel and enjoyed the Beauty & The Beast Production.



2B enjoyed their time at Beauty and the Beast!



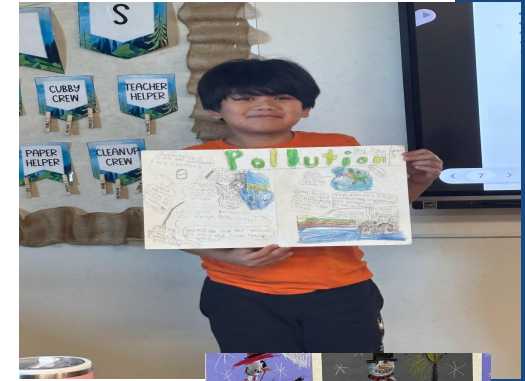
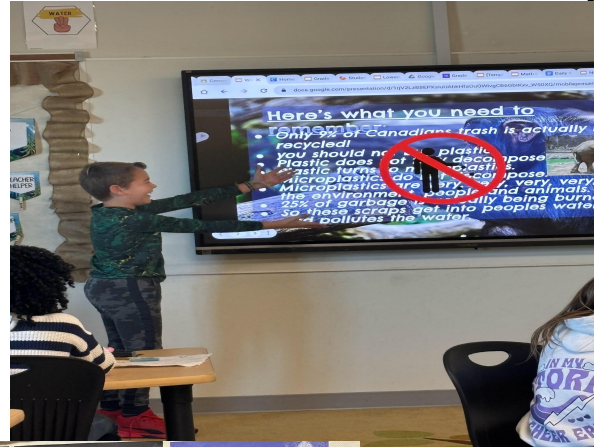
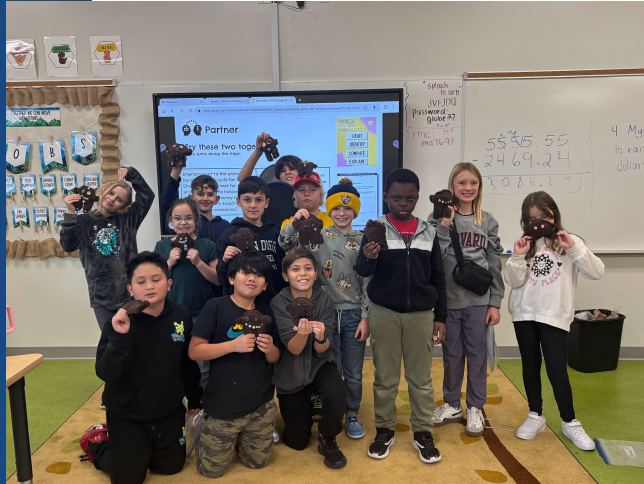
Grade 2A learned some card games in Math this week!



Grade 4 Knights Block finished sewing and adding buttons to their first sewing project.

Division Two

Grade 4 did an awesome job this week presenting their conservation projects!



Grade 6 Art -
Snowmen at Night



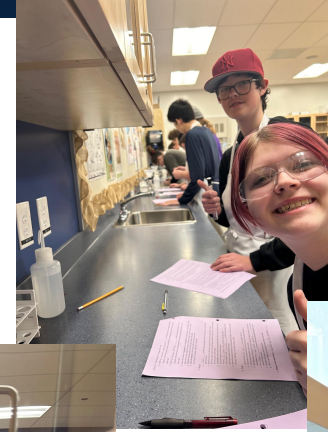
Division Three



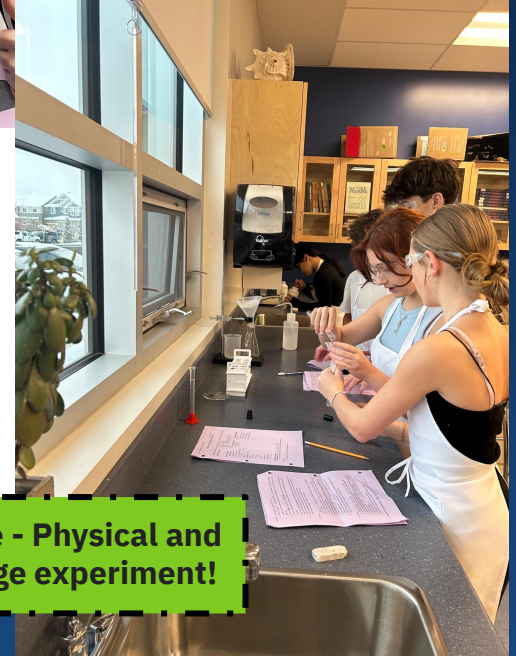
Division Three



Orange Chicken and Rice for Foods!



Grade 9 Science - Physical and Chemical Change experiment!



Beauty and the Beast - Arden



Christmas Family Fun Night



Christmas Lunch: December 19th 2024

On Thursday December 19th we will be doing our annual Christmas Dinner for our students and staff. This is at no charge to our families and is supported by the school's nutrition grant. At this time we wanted to send a huge thank you out to Corie Keeler (Keeler Family) who has volunteered to cook the entire meal for us. Corie is the vice-president of sales/marketing at Nella West Food Equipment and has volunteered the services of his equipment and personnel to help us out. We are so appreciative of this gesture as this is a massive undertaking. Thank you Corie and to the entire Keeler family for the support.

In the past, we would have parents help out and do the cooking for us in the Foods Lab. Now, due to growth and unavailable space we have had to adjust and this is one of the ways to do that. That said, if you are interested in helping serve, please email Marianne Schiedel at: marianne.schiedel@gmail.com Thanks everyone, looking forward to a wonderful meal.



DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 WEAR YOUR FAVE TOQUE	03 WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS BELLS AND LIGHTS	04 DRESS LIKE AN ELF	05 WEAR RED AND WHITE	06 CHRSITMAS CRAZY HAIR DAY	07
08	09 CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY	10 WEAR YOUR REINDEER ANTLERS	11 WEAR YOUR SANTA HAT	12 WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS SOCKS	13 WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS BEACH OUTFIT	14
15	16 WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS ACCESSORIES	17 WEAR RED AND GREEN	18 WEAR YOUR FLANNEL	19 WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS BEST!	20 PJ DAY!	21
22	23	24 MERRY CHRISTMAS	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

School Fees

Just letting everyone know that school fees are now up in the parent portal for payment. We have been able to reduce fees slightly for families. Please note this would not include Jr. High option fees. We understand that the holidays are nearly upon us so if families need to wait until the new year to get these paid, that's completely okay. Additionally, if there is any issues with paying school fees, please let us know and we will support where we can. Thanks everyone.

Lunch Supervisors: \$40

Special Event Fee: \$20

Agenda: \$8

Sketchbooks: \$10

SAA Assurance Survey

Dear SAA Parents and Guardians,

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools values your opinion. As part of our Assurance process, we ask that you share your perspective through our Division Assurance Survey at the link or QR code below. Results from this survey will be used to inform planning and make decisions at both the school and divisional level for the 2025/2026 school year.

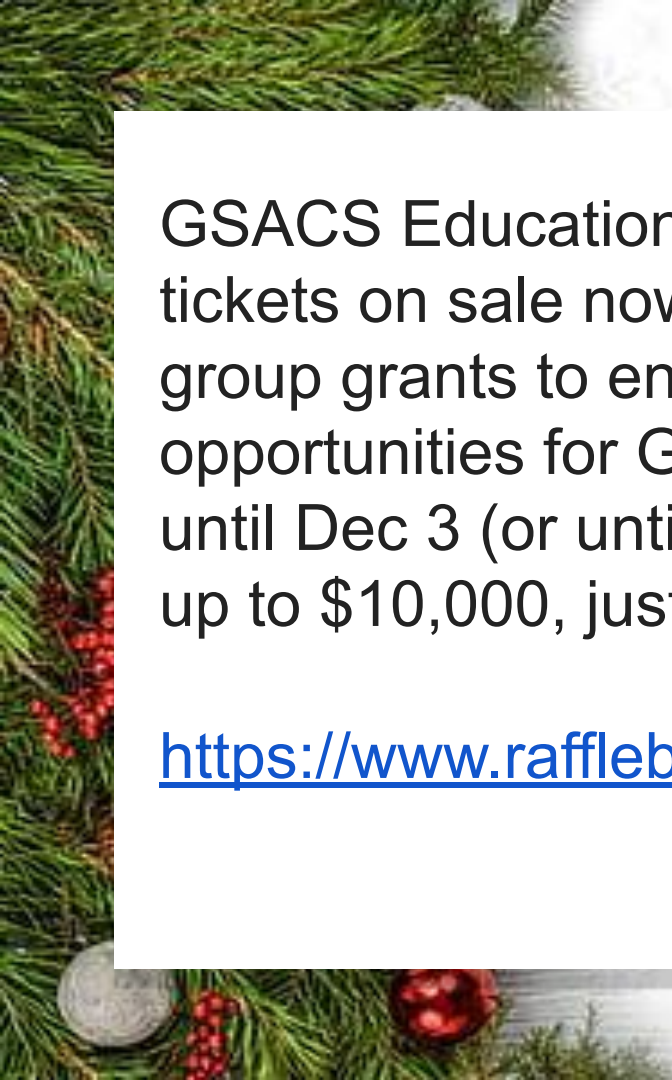
- All parents and staff, as well as students in grades 4-12, will be given the opportunity to complete the survey. Surveys are completely anonymous.
- **Families with children at more than one GSACRD school are asked to complete a survey for each site.**
- The survey will remain open until **Friday, December 20, 2024**.

Please note: If you have a child in grade 4, 7, or 10, you may receive a similar survey from Alberta Education toward the end of January. If so, we would encourage you to complete both surveys. Our divisional survey is being administered earlier in the school year to avoid overlap and encourage participation.

We thank you in advance for sharing your feedback; your time is appreciated.

[2024-2025 SAA Parent & Guardian Assurance Survey](#)

Dr. Clint Moroziuk
Superintendent of Schools



GSACS Education Foundation 50/50 Christmas Cash tickets on sale now; proceeds are used in supporting group grants to enhance learning & educational opportunities for GSACRD students. Get your tickets until Dec 3 (or until sold out) - don't miss your chance at up to \$10,000, just in time for Christmas.

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/gsacsef>


Clothing Order (Online Store)

We have had a number of folks ask about our online clothing store and making some purchases for school apparel. Please see the link that has been provided to us for families to order clothing if desired. Please note that none of these items will be in before Christmas. All items will be in at some point in January. The online store will shut down on December 11th. Thanks everyone!

<https://saaspirit2024.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

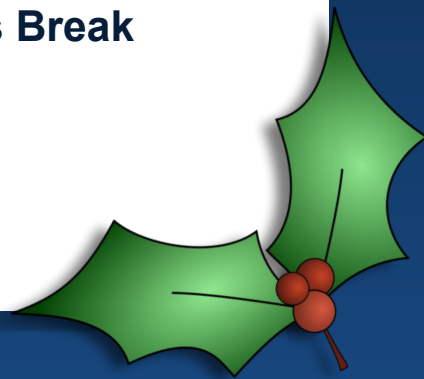


December Dates



December 3rd: Advent Liturgy (8:30 AM)
December 4th: Healthy Hunger (Chopped Leaf)
December 9th - 13th: Writing Residency
December 11th: Healthy Hunger (Pizza Hut)
December 18th: Healthy Hunger (Edo)
December 19th: Christmas Lunch
December 20th: No Kinder/Last Day Before Christmas Break
December 21st- January 5th: Christmas Break

January 6th: School Resumes



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER



When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, you don't just throw it away...

You change the batteries.

When a person finds themselves in a dark place, you don't just forget about them...

You help them change their batteries.

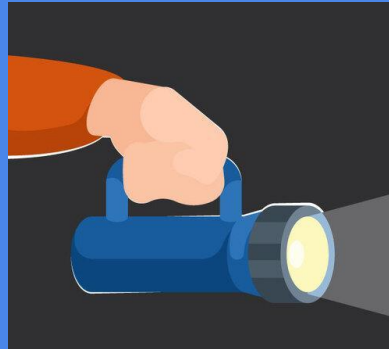
@BigLifeJournal

And just like flashlights...

Sometimes we need AAA: attention, affection, and acceptance

Sometimes we need C: compassion

Some we need D: direction



The Power of Being a Good Friend

Being a good friend can sometimes mean taking different approaches. It's like using a flashlight: depending on the situation, we need to pick the right batteries to make it shine brightly. Take a look at the images from Big Life Journal as an example.

When we understand that each situation might need a different kind of support, we can be more thoughtful, patient, and kind. By using this flashlight analogy, we can help our students recognize that being a good friend doesn't always look the same—it depends on what your friend needs at that moment.

Let's keep shining bright and being there for each other, no matter what type of "batteries" our friends need!

Sean Brass sbrass@gsacrd.ab.ca

FRIENDS of SAA

Stem Night is fully sold out!

Looking forward to taking a break from packing lunch? Consider purchasing your child a delicious meal from one of these restaurants. www.healthyhunger.ca

Please make sure your order is placed by Friday prior to the lunch.

Every order helps contribute to our fundraising goals!

Thank you so much for your support!

Dec. 3rd



Dec. 4th



Dec. 11th



Dec. 18th



Sponsorship Thank You!

4-WAY

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Also, please join our SAA Parent Facebook Page.

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/1024072471126540/?ref=share&mibextid=S66gvF>

