

FRIDAY KNIGHT NEWS : June 27th, 2025



From the Principal's Desk...

As we wrap up another school year, we want to take a moment to wish all our students and their families a safe, joyful, and well-deserved summer break. Whether you're heading to the lake, exploring new places, or just enjoying some extra sleep and sunshine, we hope this summer brings you rest, fun, and plenty of memories to carry into the year ahead. To our students—thank you for your energy, your growth, and your perseverance. You've worked hard and earned this time to relax and recharge!

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents, guardians, and families who have supported our students every step of the way. Your encouragement, patience, and involvement make all the difference. To our incredible staff—thank you for your dedication, creativity, and care in helping our students learn and grow. Your commitment is what makes this school community so special. We wish you all a peaceful and joyful summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall!

Please remember to be curious in all that you do and know that God loves you no matter what. Go Knights!

Week At A Glance



August 28th- Welcome Back BBQ @4:30

**September 2- Welcome Back! First day of School
Kinder A-M)**

September 3- Kinder (N-Z)

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.

**Grade 6 Celebration
was a special moment
to celebrate our
students as they head
to Jr. High.**

**Faith
In
Action**

Parish Information

[St. Albert Parish](#)

[Holy Family Parish](#)



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

**A Prayer to End Your School Year and
Get Into Summer!**

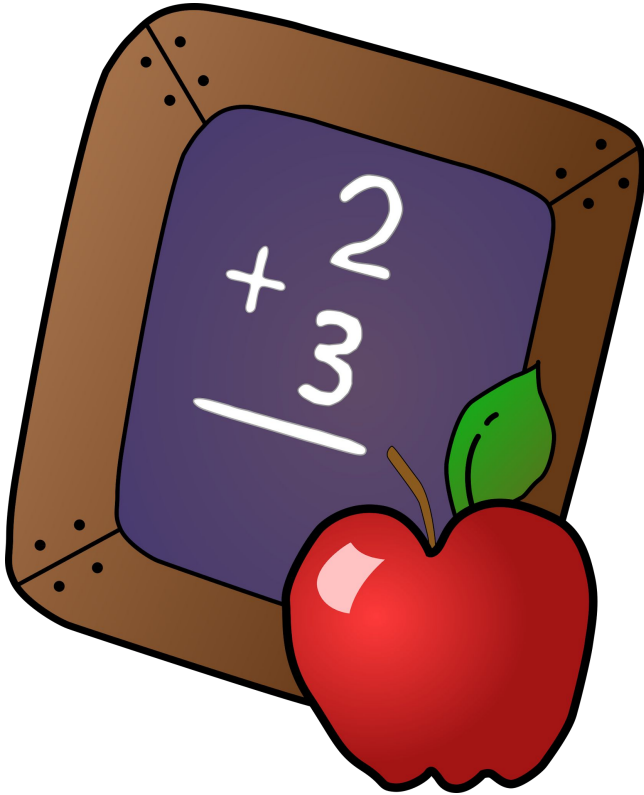


That's it for this year! I love you all very much. Have a beautiful, restoring, adventurous summer break. See you in September!

<https://youtu.be/Vq-xHV0U1P0?si=7UXqIJohUQS4s4HF>



Early Learning



Staggered Start In The
Fall
(Kindergarten Only)

- Last Names A-M
Tuesday Sept. 2
- Last Names N-Z
Wednesday, Sept. 3

*All students attend
Thursday, Sept. 4

Division One

Grade 1's had a blast finishing up the school year during Fun Day!



Division Two

We had a cold but exciting day at our District Track Meet on Monday! Our athletes represented SAA with pride!

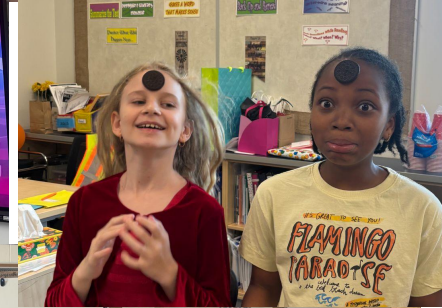
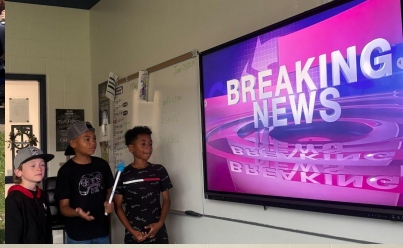
Go Knights! Go!



4A Last Week Fun!

We had such a fun last week together! From waterfights, to Slurpees, to Min it to Win it games, we did it all!

Have a great summer!



Grade 6 Market



Awards Celebration

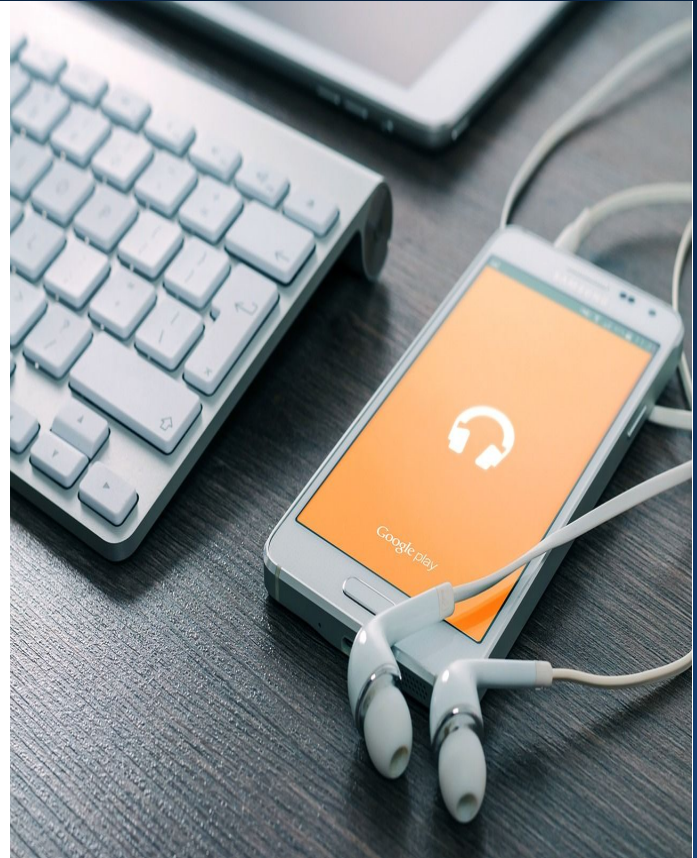
What a great way to celebrate our **AMAZING** students! Thank you to all of our sponsors!



Electronic Devices

As we make our way to the 2025-2026 school year, we wanted to let all families know that devices will not be permitted at school for students in K-9. Cell phones, smartwatches, air pods, etc. will not be allowed even during break times. In conversations with our School Council and with legislation supporting not using non essential device use in schools, we feel this is the best decision for our students.

Please note there are exceptions as we understand some students use their device for medical and safety reasons. Additionally, we are also still a bring your device to school (chromebook) for learning purposes so please still bring those. Everything else however will be off limits as we make our way to the 2025-2026 school year. Thanks for your support!



August/September Dates

August 28- Welcome Back BBQ @4:30

September 2- First day of classes (Grades 1-9)

Kindergarten Only (A-M)

September 3- Kindergarten Only (N-Z)

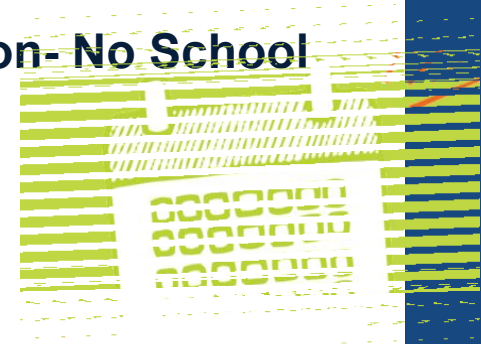
September 18- Opening Mass @ St. Albert Parish 9:30

September 19- PD Day

September 23- Picture Day

September 27- Gr. 7 Faith Rally

September 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- No School



Welcome Back BBQ

Welcome Back BBQ:

August 28th:

4:30 - 6PM

Drop off your supplies, meet the staff, and grab a hotdog!



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER



As the school year wraps up, I want to take a moment to share how much of an honour and privilege it has been to serve our school community in this role. Getting to know our students and families, walking alongside them through challenges and celebrations, and working together to support growth and well-being has been incredibly meaningful.

I look forward to continuing to support and serve our students and families next year. In the meantime, I hope this summer brings rest, relaxation, and memory making moments with the people who matter most.

That said, summer doesn't mean life is without its challenges. If you or your child need support during the break, please know that help is available. Keep those lines of communication open and never hesitate to reach out.

Take care and see you in the fall. Sean Brass sbrass@gsacrd.ab.ca

- Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868
- The Distress Line (Edmonton & area) – 780-482-4357
- St. Albert Family Resource Centre – Offers parent support, workshops, and counselling referrals
- Canadian Mental Health Association – Edmonton Region – 780-414-6300
- Access 24/7 (Alberta Health Services) – 780-424-2424 (mental health and addiction support)

Report Cards Are Now Available!

Report cards are now available and are accessible through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. As a reminder, here is how to locate a student's report cards:

Please use an internet browser to access the PowerSchool Parent Portal, as the mobile app is incompatible. After logging in, find a list of navigation links on the left-hand side. At the bottom of this list, click the link labelled "report card" to proceed to the next screen.

After clicking the report card link, you can view the report card in PDF format. Additionally, there's an option to download the report card. Once downloaded, you can save or print a copy for your records. For visual guidance, you can watch this brief instructional video on accessing the report card: [Report Card Video](#).

If you have not created a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, don't hesitate to contact your child's school for assistance.

Did you know that you can also check out your child's progress throughout the year as they complete tests and assignments, also through the above-noted process?

Registration Now Open for the 2025-2026 School Year!

Dear Families,

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! All current families should have received an email notification with instructions for re-registration. If you haven't seen it, please check your inbox (and junk folder) or visit our website for detailed registration information: [Registration Process Information](#).

We encourage you to complete your registration early, as several schools in our division are nearing or already at capacity. Securing your spot now ensures a smooth transition into the upcoming school year.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the registration process, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for choosing Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools!

Warm regards,

Class Configurations

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we would like to take a moment to share some information about our classroom placement process.

At SAA, our primary goal is to create a positive, supportive, and productive learning environment for every student. Each year, our staff devotes considerable time and care into organizing classroom configurations that best support the academic, social, and emotional needs of all our students. This process involves thoughtful consideration of many factors, including individual learning styles, peer relationships, academic needs, and teacher strengths.

We understand that parents may have insights or preferences regarding their child's educational experience. While we value your perspective, we kindly remind families that all classroom placements and configurations are ultimately at the discretion of our administrative team, in consultation with our teachers. Our team works collaboratively and professionally to ensure each student is placed in an environment where they can thrive.

Thank you for being a valued part of the SAA family. We look forward to another wonderful year of growth and learning together.

Update to Our Online Payment System

We are updating our online payment system to better serve you. As part of this change, any previously saved credit card information in Rycor has been securely removed.

You may see a message prompting you to re-enter your card details when making your next payment. This is simply part of the update and not due to any security issue or fraudulent activity.

Thank you for your understanding as we complete this system upgrade.

Eye See... Eye Learn - Free Eye Exams & Glasses for Kindergarten Students!

How well can your child see?



Eye See...
Eye Learn!

You can't see the world through your child's eyes, but your optometrist can. During your child's eye exam, your optometrist will assess:

- Visual acuity (how well they can see)
- Lazy eye, crossed eyes
- Nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism
- Colour vision
- Eye coordination, tracking and depth perception
- Eye health



For more information about

Eye See...Eye Learn™



contact the Alberta Association of Optometrists at 1-800-272-8843 or visit optometrists.ab.ca/esel

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It's important to do before they start school!

Eye See...Eye Learn™

is a program that provides kindergarten-aged students with a comprehensive eye exam from an optometrist. There is Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19. If required, kindergarten-aged students also receive a free pair of eyeglasses.



How kindergarten-aged students participate

Step 1 Parents can find a participating optometrist at optometrists.ab.ca. Click on Find an Optometrist and Eye See...Eye Learn™, then enter your postal code to find a doctor close to you. **Call and book an appointment.**

Step 2 See your optometrist for the eye exam. Have your health card ready. There is **Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19.**

Step 3 If required, kindergarten-aged students will **receive a free pair of eyeglasses.** Ask to see the frame selection available. The optometrist will order your glasses for you.

*Free glasses are covered by a one year manufacturer's warranty.

Who can participate?

Eye See...Eye Learn™ is available to all kindergarten-aged students in Alberta. It's important to address eye health and vision problems before children begin school.

Children are eligible from August until they begin grade one.



Eye exam coverage

There is Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19. It's a painless, non-invasive process that could change their lives!

Did you know?

- 80% of learning is visual.
- 1 in 4 school-aged children has a vision problem.
- An eye exam detects health problems such as crossed eyes or lazy eye.
- Children with vision problems are often misdiagnosed as having learning or behavioural disabilities.
- The earlier an eye health or visual problem is identified, the more likely it can be corrected.
- Children often don't know they have a vision problem, as they believe what they are seeing is normal.
- It is not uncommon for parents to believe they would know if their child has a vision problem, because these issues can be hard to spot particularly if there is a problem in only one of the eyes.

What is an optometrist?

Your optometrist (doctor of optometry) is a primary source for all your vision, eye health and eyewear needs. They have the knowledge, tools and equipment necessary to diagnose, treat, prescribe medications or refer to a specialist, if needed.

CMOH Letter regarding Measles

Please find attached a letter regarding measles from Dr. Sunil Sookram, Interim Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Sincerely,

Lora Pillipow

Deputy Minister of Education and Childcare

[Attachment: CMOH Letter to Parents](#)

Musical Theatre

Musical Theatre Kids Camp – Summer 2025

Looking for a fun and creative summer opportunity for students aged 8 to 13? The Musical Theatre Kids Camp returns this August at the St. Albert Salvation Army (165 Liberton Drive), offering a dynamic and engaging experience in improv, acting, singing, choreography, and character development.

Camp Dates and Fees

- Week 1: August 5–8, 2025 – \$160
- Week 2: August 11–15, 2025 – \$200
- Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily
- A short final performance will take place on the last day of each week (time TBD).

Discounts and Scholarships

A 15% family discount applies when registering two or more students. The cost includes all materials, and scholarships are available.

To register, email cdhanson67@gmail.com or call 780-231-9401. Visit www.voicebodyworks.ca for more information.

Summer Volleyball Camps with Volley Pro

Looking for a fun and active way for your child to build skills this summer? Volley Pro, a local volleyball training facility in St. Albert, offers various summer volleyball camps for youth of all ages and skill levels. Programs include:

- Introduction to Volleyball — perfect for beginners learning the basics.
- Skill Development & Competitive Play Camps — for intermediate and advanced athletes looking to level up their game.
- Back-to-School Prep Camps — to prepare players for school team tryouts and the upcoming season.

All camps are led by experienced coaches passionate about helping young athletes grow in skill, confidence, and love for the sport.

For more information or to register, visit www.volley-pro.ca/camps or contact info@volley-pro.ca.

Idealab

Do your kids love STEM, Cooking, Art, and just having fun? This summer, they can enjoy all that and more with Idea Labs Saint Albert, and help raise money for our school at the same time!

We've partnered with Idea Labs to bring exciting, educational summer camps to our community. For every camp registration, our school earns \$10–\$20! A simple and fun way to support our students.

Why you'll love it:

- **Engaging Activities:** Kids dive into hands-on STEM, art, cooking, and more.
- **Incredible Fun:** A summer filled with creativity, exploration, and new friendships.
- **Supports Our School:** Every registration contributes directly to school fundraising.

Spots are limited, so don't miss out — check out the camp options today and give your kids an unforgettable summer while supporting our school!

Important:

Make sure to use our school's personalized registration link below — it's the only way to ensure our school gets credit for each sign-up



SUPPORT

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HOW IT WORKS



REGISTER

Sign up for an
IDEA Lab Kids
summer camp



SAVE

Use Code
SAACAMP10
to save \$10
per camp



GIVE BACK

\$10 per ½ day, and
\$20 per full day
registration goes to
Sister Alphonse Academy!



Engaging, hands-on STEAM
(STEM + Art) camp themes



Tech & Coding Camps



Culinary Arts exploration



Art, design, and engineering



Full-day & half-day options



REGISTER TODAY HERE:



<https://openregistrations.com/categoryinfo/606>

1135 St Albert Trail, Unit 120
St. Albert, AB, T8N 7X1
780-983-5350
idealabkids.com/location/st-albert

GSACRD Education Foundation

For More Information Please Visit :
www.foundation.gsacrd.ab.ca

FOUR - \$250 Grade 9 Scholarships
Awarded Annually

The Foundation will be providing up to 4, \$250 Scholarships to current grade 9 students, with confirmed grade 10 registration @ September 30-25 in a GSACRD high school. This is the FIFTH year the Foundation has supported grade 9 students with Scholarships.

The 2025 Grade 9 Application Package is posted on the website (use link



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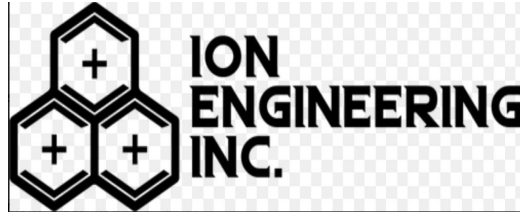
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Don't forget to look for us on Facebook and Instagram!

Also, please join our SAA Parent Facebook Page.

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