

Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734

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NEWS RELEASE SISTER ALPHONSE ACADEMY EMBRACES EXCELLENCE WITH ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND A RECREATION ACADEMY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

After community consultation that began in the Fall of 2016 and concluded in the Spring of 2017, the Board of Trustees approved programming for the school that responded to community interest:

- Advanced Academic Program for Grades Four to Six;
- Advanced Placement Program for Grades Seven to Nine;
- Recreation Academy for Grades Four to Nine.

In addition, rich and diverse options will be offered to capture student passions and interest.

"The school is named after the first teacher in St. Albert, Sister Alphonse, who modeled excellence, so it is fitting that programming would honor this legacy with opportunities for students to achieve at their best, whether it be in academics, sports, or options," commented Greg Lamer, Principal of Sister Alphonse Academy. "Academy" in the school name means "unique programming," which we will provide through distinctive academic and recreational programming in a Catholic context.

Sister Alphonse Academy is set to open in January 2018 at the Jensen Lakes site in St. Albert and the District is working on a transition plan to support this potential mid-year opening. In addition to these programming opportunities, Sister Alphonse Academy will serve as a community school for all K-9 students in the attendance area, which includes, Erin Ridge North and Jensen Lakes. Families interested in attending the school are encouraged to contact the District.

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Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools delivers Catholic Education to 6,000 students in Legal, Morinville, St. Albert and areas of Sturgeon County. Schools offers a range of programming from Pre-K to 12 including French Immersion, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Sports Academy and integrated learning for students with diverse needs.