

HELPFUL HINTS

from Other Parents

- There are a couple of locations for St. Albert schools.
 - The Primary building for Pre-K through 3rd grades is on 9th Avenue.
 - The Gleason campus is near the intersection of McPherson and Gleason Avenues.
 - The Gleason campus contains the Intermediate (4th-6th grades), the Junior High (7th – 8th grades), and the High School (9th – 12th grades) as well as the Moriarty Center.
 - You might also hear it called the “hill campus”.
 - The Moriarty Center contains the business office and some administrative offices. It is located behind the main school building on the Gleason campus.
 - Main phone number for the Primary is 323-3703.
 - Main phone number for the Intermediate is 322-7004.
 - Main phone number for the Business Office is 329-9000.

- You are always welcome to come to the school!
 - You can come for lunch with your child any day – you can choose to eat hot lunch (give the office advance notice that morning) or bring in lunch for you and your child. Mrs. Jensen has the lunch time for each grade.
 - You can come to Christmas and Valentines Day parties even if you are not signed up as an “official” volunteer. You can also bring along younger siblings.
 - You can come during the regular school day –it does help to call ahead to find out if a classroom needs help, or if there is help needed in one of the offices.
 - Feel free to come to masses offered at the school.
 - First Fridays – all Primary grades, 8:45 am in the Primary gym
 - Other Fridays – 3rd grade only, 8:45 am, Primary building chapel
 - Each Wednesday – 4th through 6th grades, 8:45 am, High School Auditorium
 - Feast of St. Albert and Catholic Schools Week all-school masses - all grade, dates and times vary, High School large gym
 - The Parent/Grandparent lunch during Catholic Schools week is extremely well-attended, so try to have someone attend from your family (parent, aunt/uncle/grandparent/family friend) – or see if another parent can “connect” and have your child sit with that group.

- Communication is key – for both you and your child!
 - The school web site – www.saintalbertschools.org – is a great resource.
 - Calendars
 - Lunch menus
 - Email addresses for all teachers and staff
 - Current events – photos, what’s happening
 - Read everything that comes home – daily AND in the Friday folders. You don’t want to miss special play clothes days or supply requests for upcoming class projects.
 - Pay special attention to the monthly newsletter (sent home on the last day of the month with the oldest child PreK-6th for each family) and individual classroom newsletters – a lot of schedule information and supply needs are centralized in these documents!
 - Communicating to the teachers and staff via e-mail works well. You should give the teacher at least 48 hours to respond – so for urgent matters, still use the phone!
 - Classroom wish lists and teacher requests are posted on the website as well as placed in the monthly newsletter, if you want to know who needs what.

- Uniforms are required at St. Albert.
 - Uniform information will be provided by the school.
 - You can get pants/shirts from any store providing the clothing meets the standards.
 - Belts can be any color – they just can’t cause a distraction for the class.
 - You can remove belt loops from pants/shorts if your child doesn’t want to wear a belt.

- A Used Uniform sale is held during August registration. At any other time, you can stop by the Business Office (in the Moriarty Center) and ask to check out the inventory – items are for sale all year long! Uniform jumpers are only \$10 and shorts, pants and shirts are only \$1 – quite a bargain! You can also do trades for items.
 - We are planning to have Dennis Uniform at the August Registration with uniform samples for kids to try on (to either speed up your shopping trip to the store or order online).
- There are a variety of “play clothes” (non-uniform) school days during the year.
 - The day of school pictures (in October) is a non-uniform day.
 - The days of the Christmas and Valentine’s parties are non-uniform days.
 - Other non-uniform days may be scheduled (homecoming week, etc) – advance notice will be sent home for those days.
 - Also - the Christmas concert and Spring concert (4th-6th grades) are non-uniform events.
- Lunch is not served on any *planned* half-day.
- All conferences for Pre-K through 6th grade are held at the primary building.
- Kidz Kare is St. Albert’s before- and after-school program for Kindergarten through 6th grades.
 - You only pay for the days your child attends.
 - Kidz Kare is available on in-service/professional development days – but the limited number of slots fill up fast! The signup sheet will be placed out during regular Kidz Kare times a few weeks before the date.
- Busing is available for St. Albert students depending on where the child is picked up/dropped off.
 - You should consider signing your child up for a bus route even if you plan to rarely use it, since stops are not added to routes after initial set up.
 - Only St. Albert students are on the St. Albert bus routes.
 - You will find out bus information at registration in August.
- Football games have structured rules and seating locations for the younger children (a note will be sent home explaining the rules).
- Try to attend at least a couple athletic / performing art events. They are a great way to get involved with the school system and show your child some of the “fun” things that are done at school. And, the younger kids really look up to the older students.