

SA Ambassadors Meeting. The SA Ambassadors will kick off the new year with a meeting on Monday, Jan. 12, at 1 p.m. in the Intermediate Art Room. The guest speaker will be Glen Grove from AEA 13. The Ambassadors group is open to anyone who enjoys having fun in support of Saint Albert — you don't have to have a child or grandchild attending Saint Albert to participate. Please join us.

Happy Scrip New! Make lowering your tuition payments your 2009 New Year's Resolution by joining the Scrip program. With our convenient online ordering/payment system and new merchants participating in the program everyday, now is the perfect time to join. Our weekly orders between July 1 and Dec. 15, 2008 totaled nearly \$1.1 million! That's a gross profit to the school and our families of \$42,444.72! Join the more than 250 Saint Albert families who save money on their tuition by using Scrip. Call Natalie at 329-9000 to sign up . . . and start saving!

World Mission Spaghetti Dinner. Help support the World Mission students and get a good meal too at the World Mission Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, Jan. 22. The dinner will be held from 5-8 p.m. in the Gleason cafeteria. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 4-12, age 3 and under are free, or pay \$20 for the whole family! After the dinner, head down to the gym to watch your Saintes and Falcons take on Lewis Central in basketball.

SA Night at Papa John's on Feb. 3. Treat your family to pizza at Papa John's on Tuesday, Feb. 3, or the first Tuesday of any month, and 20 percent of your purchase will be donated to Saint Albert. Just identify yourself as an SA family when you order. The restaurant will donate an additional 5% if you place your order online.

Coming in 2009 . . .

"New Look — Same Great Education" is the theme of several new advertisements Saint Albert is using in the print media. The purpose of the ads is to promote the many new changes the Saint Albert community will experience in 2009.

The most obvious change is the new Primary school addition and Early Childhood Development Center on Gleason Avenue.

The building project is the culmination of a capital campaign that has been two years in the making. Like our ads boast, the success of the building campaign will make Saint Albert the first school in the region to offer faith-based education from "cradle to college" — all in one location.

The construction process is on schedule, with an expected opening of the Primary addition and child care center in August.

We will be hosting open houses for the new building. The first one will be Sunday, Jan. 25, from 1-3 p.m. to help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Enrollment will begin in March.

In addition, thanks to support from the Diocesan Catholic Tuition Organization, the school also will be providing additional scholarships to make a Saint Albert education accessible to more families in southwest Iowa. For more information about the scholarships, please contact the Business Office at (712) 329-9000.

NEW Look — Same GREAT Education!

Coming in 2009:

- Additional Scholarships
- Elementary School thru 6th grade
- New Childcare Center & Elementary School
- Faith-Based Education from Cradle to College
- All Students on 1 Campus

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Catholic Schools Week Jan. 24-30

"Catholic Schools Celebrate Service" is the theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week celebration. Following is the list of events at Saint Albert:

- Jan. 24-25: Saint Albert students/alumni participate in the Masses at area parishes
- Jan. 25: **Community Open House from 1-3 p.m. at Gleason Avenue campus.**
- Jan. 26: Parent/grandparent lunch at Primary (11 a.m.-1 p.m.); Religion trivia game for elementary students; Spirit band sale
- Jan. 27: Parent/grandparent lunch at Intermediate (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.); Academic Bowl for Jr/Sr High; Spirit band sale
- Jan. 28: Parent/grandparent lunch at Jr/Sr High (11:19 a.m.-12:35 p.m.); Spirit band sale
- Jan. 29: All-school Mass with Bishop Pates at 10 a.m. in Gleason Avenue gym; Seniors go to Elementary to assist in classrooms
- Jan. 30: Spirit Day; Ice Cream Social; Dodge Ball for Jr/Sr High

In addition to these events, students will collect mittens and gloves and make warm blankets, which will be donated to area agencies that deal with homeless youth in our community.



Ensuring a Legacy of Catholic Education

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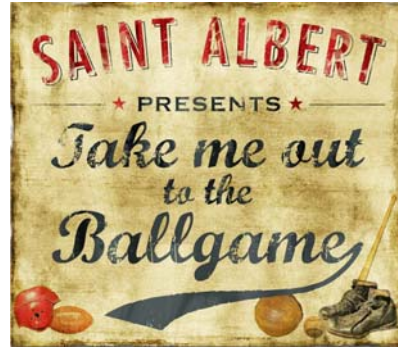
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Saint Albert is raffling off a 2009 Yukon Denali (winner has the option of a \$25,000 cash prize). Use the form below to order your tickets. The cost is \$50 each or 3 for \$100. The Denali will be given away at the Saint Albert Auction on April 25. The goal is to sell 5,000 tickets.

Special thanks to our raffle sponsors: Chris & Sue Harter Family; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers/Struyk Turf Ltd; Holiday Van & Storage; Kelly's Carpet-Co. Bluffs, Bud, Judy, Mike, Duke & Mandie Kilnoski; Candy Narmi at NP Dodge Real Estate; Rhoden Auto Center; and the Saint Albert Educational Foundation.



Saint Albert will host its 28th Annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Mid-America Center.

Matt and Lisa Gronstal will chair the event this year, with support from co-chairs Vinny and Ellen Rallis and hundreds of volunteers.

The theme of this year's event is "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" and will once again include drinks and hors d'ouvres, dinner, silent, super silent and oral auctions, and the drawing for the Yukon Denali. The event is sure to be a grand slam for the school, so mark your calendars now.

The Auction/Raffle are the largest annual fund-raising events at Saint Albert. Proceeds from the event are used for the school's general operating budget, which allows Saint Albert to offer high quality programs for our students. The auction also helps the school system keep tuition affordable for families throughout southwest Iowa.

If you would like to donate an item to the Auction, please bring the item to the Saint Albert Business Office. With three separate auctions (silent, super silent and oral), items of all sizes and dollar values are needed.

Also, **if you would like to volunteer on an auction committee**, please contact Matt or Lisa Gronstal at (712) 322-2954.

(Editor's note: Tickets for the Auction will go on sale in early April. The cost will be \$50 per person. Watch future issues of Newswire or www.saintalbertschools.org for information on how you can get yours.)

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Mail this form and payment to: Saint Albert "Denali Raffle"
P.O. Box 1582, Council Bluffs, IA 51502

NOTE: Raffle ticket receipts will be mailed to Iowa addresses only. Out of State requests will receive written confirmation of their purchase and raffle ticket number(s). Ticket receipts will be held at the Saint Albert Business Office, 400 Gleason Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA and will be available for pick-up. Ticket possession is not required to win.



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