



Telling Our Story

May 2019

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools



District Religious Education Update

Spring is a wonderful season of Easter liturgies and celebrations that inspire our students to celebrate and profess the good news of the Resurrection and to share the joy that comes from our experience with the Risen Lord.

At this time of year, we are extremely proud to see the Church grow with so many of our students receiving their sacraments. During the first week of May, we proudly celebrated Catholic Education Week with prayers and activities that shine a light on the gift of Catholic Education.

GSACRD now has a 'GrACE' group! The recently formed Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education (GrACE) is an Alberta-based organization that seeks to celebrate Catholic education in the province. Catholic School Districts across the province have been creating local GrACE groups to help celebrate and communicate the benefits and blessings of Catholic Education.

God Bless,

*-Colin Loiselle, Religious Education Consultant,
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Elementary School Updates

Neil M. Ross Catholic Elementary School

Neil M. Ross students and staff engaged in a whole-school faith retreat, learning about how we follow in Jesus' footsteps and serve others. Archbishop Richard Smith came to visit with students and staff and teach about his role in the Church. Father Jozef, from Holy Family Parish, joined students to share his knowledge on a variety of topics.

Grade three students held a garage sale to support STARS Air Ambulance.



Archbishop Richard Smith visited with students at Neil M Ross during a school-wide faith retreat.

EMP Faith Retreat

Students at EMP participated in a faith-filled retreat about Stewardship. Entertained by the Evans Family from Rise and Run Ministries, as well as our youth minister from Holy Family Parish, Noelle Pottle, students watched skits, sang songs and listened to captivating music. We prayed and reflected about our role as Guardians of God's Creation. Our grade 3 and 4 students planted flowers on the edge of the school. To conclude, a healthy snack was provided and students received a personal note with a special bible verse or message. We are truly grateful to all our volunteers.



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École Notre Dame students participate in a 'Fire Up Your Faith' retreat.

École Notre Dame

On May 10th, Notre Dame students and staff enjoyed a camp retreat to "Fire Up Your Faith". The students gathered around a campfire scene in the gym to sing songs and tell how their own faith has grown this school year. Later, grade level groups participated in various activity centers, such as campfire songs and stories, Kahoot trivia, scavenger hunts, crafts, and making s'mores. Our morning ended with "Johnny Appleseed" grace and a hotdog lunch graciously provided by our Parent Council.

Albert Lacombe Catholic School

Did you know that 31 people around the globe are forced from their homes every minute? Albert Lacombe students will learn about forced migration and walk in solidarity with those who have been forced to leave their homes. Everyone should be proud of the success Albert Lacombe community has had this year to live like Jesus, and be good stewards for our school, St. Albert, and the world.

Legal School

Students and staff from Legal School celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Fatima in the school chapel with Father Anselmo presiding over our Eucharistic Celebration. After the mass, students who received sacraments throughout the year enjoyed a celebration lunch with Father Anselmo.



GrACE Event - June 13



Join GrACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education) for an evening to discuss Catholic Education in our community!

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019 FROM 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
ST. ALBERT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
33 MALMO AVENUE
RSVP TO COMMUNICATIONS@GSACRD.AB.CA



Junior/Senior High School Updates

Morinville Community High School

Mrs. Grieve's Cosmetology students went to Aspen House on May 10th to treat the ladies with nail painting and hand massages for Mother's Day! The art students also painted flower cards for them.



Bike-A-Thon 2019 raised over \$10,000 for our two charities this year: the Jessica Martel Foundation and for the dog training program at Victim Services.



MCHS Bike-a-thon participants with a representative from the Jessica Martel Foundation.



École G.H. Primeau Middle School

We celebrated Catholic Education Week (May 6-10) with daily prayer and on Thursday, May 9 students and staff wore blue in support of Catholic Education. Students were encouraged to finish the sentence stem, "I love being part of a Catholic School because...". Over 300 slips were put on display on three bulletin boards. The sentences highlighted how caring, devoted and instrumental teachers were to students' faith formation.



Vital Grandin School is celebrating 60 years on Monday, June 3 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. All former students and teachers are most welcome to join us to celebrate this milestone!

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