



Telling Our Story

March 2019

Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools



District Religious Education Update

Our Catholic Schools in St. Albert, Morinville and Legal have been busy with Lenten activities and liturgies. Schools marked Ash Wednesday with liturgies and the distribution of ashes, where students were invited to engage in the disciplines of praying, fasting and almsgiving in an effort to realign their lives; to become Christ-centred.

Throughout Lent many of our schools will be hosting priests from our partner parishes to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, offering students the opportunity for confession.

We at GSACRD wish all in our communities continued blessings during this Lenten season.

God Bless,

*-Colin Loisel, Religious Education Consultant,
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Re-opening Celebration of Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High

Dignitaries and the V.J. Maloney School Community gathered to cut the ribbon to mark the completion of their second school modernization.



Students, staff and dignitaries gather to officially re-open Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High

In 2015, the school was gifted with the announcement that new learning spaces and much needed upgrades would be done to support 21st Century Learning.

Today, students attending the school are enjoying the new student-centered spaces that support diverse CTF programming, refreshed core learning spaces, a new chapel and enhancements for student wellness and connectivity, along with a new learning commons.

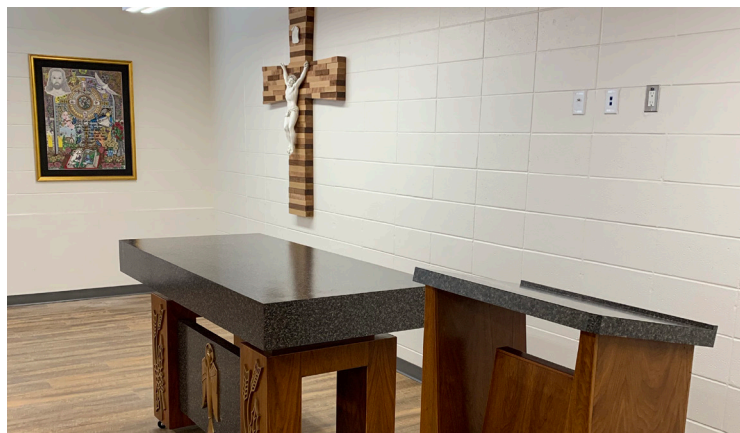
The 21st Century model for education is based on providing flexible learning environments that include spaces where students are learning and leading. As you walk through V.J. Maloney, it is visible that students have options for flexible seating, places to gather to work collaboratively and areas dedicated to supporting their well-being.

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School is a vibrant learning community for students in grades seven to nine. Built in 1985, the schools' namesake reflects the leadership of a former superintendent of the district that provides diverse programming for up to 500 students.

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Students and staff have the opportunity to enjoy the new chapel, part of the upgrades to VJM Catholic Junior High.

Junior/Senior High School Updates

École G.H. Primeau Middle School

At École G.H. Primeau Middle School all students wrote their Lenten Promise on a cross before attending the Ash Wednesday liturgy. Over 400 students wrote their promises that are now hanging on Our Tree which is on display at our front entrance ...a reminder of our promises and that Lent is a time to repent and reflect. As well, our Open House was Thursday, March 7 and the Religion 5 new curriculum was on display as well as other 'Faith in Action' moments. Many thanks to Father Trini and seminarian Adrian who joined us that evening to talk to parents and students.



Ash Wednesday celebration at R.S. Fowler Junior High

J.J. Nearing

At J.J. Nearing, the students have had many opportunities to practice our faith goal "Living Like Jesus: We Are Stewards". To help us prepare for Lent, Mr. Colin Loiselle led a Palm Burning Service at the school on Shrove Tuesday. On Ash Wednesday, Fr. Ignacy spoke to us about the purpose of the Lenten season and reminded us of the importance of fasting, almsgiving and prayer as we journey through the next forty days.

Elementary School Updates



Bertha Kennedy students participate in a faith retreat.

Bertha Kennedy

All the students of Bertha Kennedy participated in grade level retreats with our chaplain, Mrs Groenenboom. The students sang, prayed, reflected on how they are a light of Christ by being STEWARDS of the earth, each other, and by giving their time and gifts to to help each other when in need.



EMP students with the kitchen items they donated to the La Salle Shelter.

École Marie Poburan

The Students at EMP donated kitchen essentials to the La Salle Shelter in Edmonton during the months of February and March. Students from the Faith on Fire option group were able to learn more about the La Salle Shelter and the services it offers to women in need. These items are much appreciated and will offer a helping hand to these families in need of having a fresh start.



Grade 6 students participated in the annual JJN Wake-a-thon and raised \$1200 to support Catholic Social Services.



MCHS celebrates Ash Wednesday.