



Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

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Scholarship Eligibility Soars and Students Stay in School in Record Numbers

(May 30, 2012) St. Albert, Morinville, Legal – The Ministry of Education released the results of the 2012 Accountability Pillar for the province which measures a school division's performance in delivering high quality education. "Results for Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools are outstanding, exceeding the achievement of the province in all areas reported on by Alberta Education" states David Keohane, Superintendent.

One of the key measures in the performance report is the number of students eligible for Rutherford Scholarships. More than 76% of students in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools are eligible for scholarship monies which are reinforced by the high ratings on provincial achievement tests and diploma exams. Furthermore, the report highlights the work the schools are doing in providing a safe and caring environment for students, a strong focus on citizenship, and exceptionally low dropout rates. The report also highlights three consecutive years of achieving outstanding results that have increased year over year.

Lauri-Ann Turnbull, Board Chair comments "this strong performance across all measures is a result of the hard work being done by the teachers and students in the division each and every day. We are very proud of these results and also know that our focus on continuous improvement is critical to maintaining this performance level. Congratulations to our students, staff and parents who continually support their children to succeed."

The results will be shared with individual school communities and incorporated into their school plans to ensure this success and positive trend continues. The Accountability Pillar Report can be viewed online at http://www.gsacrd.ab.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=238&Itemid=374

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Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools delivers a faith-based education to over 6,000 students in the communities of St. Albert, Morinville and Legal. The school division is consistently a top performing division in the province that offers programming from K-12 including the International Baccalaureate program, French Immersion, Sports Academies and Full-day Kindergarten options.

Faith in Our Students

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