



Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools

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Celebrating 150 Years of Catholic Education!

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(September 19, 2014) St. Albert, Morinville, Legal – In September 1864, the first school building in St. Albert was built to provide education to early habitants in the region. The vision to provide a moral and religious education that would be the foundation to building a strong community was pioneered by the Grey Nuns (Sisters of Charity) who moved from Lac St. Anne in 1863. Board Chair, Noreen Radford, commented *“this is a significant milestone locally, provincially and nationally as the establishment of Education in 1864 pre-dates the city, the province and Confederation taking their place in our history books. The attractiveness of developing a moral compass in our children still resonates and has withstood the test of time in our community for over 150 years.”*

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools will celebrate throughout the school year the educational mandate of our District which began with a handful of children and has become an example of excellence in delivering faith-based education to over 6,000 students. While much has changed what continues to be a constant is the District’s mission to provide a strong, loving Christian environment that is rooted in Catholic principles that welcomes all children. Education, by nature is a foundational building block to all communities.

Celebrations began today with the announcement of some key events that will take place in the coming year. An event website is set up to highlight activities across the District and capture stories and memories from those who attended our schools. Residents or visitors to St. Albert will also notice that streets bordering the historic Mission Hill be decorated with commemorative 150th anniversary banners to honor the pioneering spirit of our founders.

Residents and alumni of Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools are encouraged to share their stories on a webpage dedicated to this milestone and to come out and support education in their community by attending one of the many events planned throughout the school year. To learn more visit www.gsacrd.ab.ca

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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.

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