

### Welcome

As the end of the school year approaches our Board is actively preparing for 2014-2015. This includes approving and updating of important guiding documents for the District; the Three-year Education Plan, Capital Plans and the Budget for 2014-2015. With the addition of new trustees to our Board it has been a year of learning for many of us, including myself as we take on new roles, and continue the work of governance for the District. At the same time it is an exciting time as we plan to commemorate 150 years of Catholic education in the region. We look forward to celebrating with our students, staff, families and our Catholic community in the coming year.

*Joan Crockett, Chair.*



Top row (left to right): Serena Shaw, Dave Caron, Cathy Proulx. Bottom row (left to right): Noreen Radford (Vice-Chair), Joan Crockett (Chair), Rosaleen McEvoy, Brendan Kaup

### Foundation Signs Bylaws

Founding members of the GSACRD Education Foundation gathered to sign the first official set of bylaws. The Foundation will be working towards registering as a non-profit society so they can begin their work on building better futures for students in Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools. New members are always welcome! Please contact Deb Schlag at [foundation@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:foundation@gsacrd.ab.ca) if you are interested in joining the Foundation.

### 150th Anniversary of Education in St. Albert

A legacy of teaching began in the district when the Sisters of Charity (founded by Ste. Marguerite d'Youville in 1737 and more commonly known as the Grey Nuns) arrived in St. Albert from Lac Ste. Anne in 1863. Construction of a small convent that served as a schoolhouse and hospital when needed, was completed in 1864. The coming school year marks the 150th

anniversary of Catholic Education in the region. Our Board will gather at the Little White School House in September to commemorate this historic event and announce plans for our year long celebrations. Please visit our website for more details and to find out how our schools will be celebrating this milestone in their schools.

### Good News

- District is the recipient of a Healthy Schools Initiative Grant for \$45,000.
- St. Albert Catholic High School will be modernized to provide further opportunities & facilities for students.
- The province gives the District top marks on all areas regarding high school success and community satisfaction. You can view the full report on [www.gsacrd.ab.ca](http://www.gsacrd.ab.ca)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 29 - World Catholic Education Day
- June 27 - Staff Year End Mass
- August 29 - Staff Opening Mass
- September 2 - 2014 - 2015 School Year Begins - First Day of Classes
- September 19 - GSACRD launches 150th anniversary celebrations



Founding members of the GSACRD Education Foundation: Trustee Joan Crockett, Trustee Rosa-leen McEvoy, Kris Akkerman, Joe Becigneul, Carolyn Dagenais, Brock Dagenais, Ed Kohel, Darcie Roach and Deb Schlag.

### Follow Us or Like Us!

This year our District has used social media to provide our community with information on the latest news and events within our schools. Please consider following us on Twitter or on our District Facebook page.

#### Like Us on Facebook



[facebook.com/gsacrd](https://www.facebook.com/gsacrd)

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### Community Conversations - Thank you for your input!

Thank you to the many parents, students, teachers and community members who shared their perspectives at the Community Conversations held recently. It was encouraging to have over 300 people participate in one of these dialogues with our Board and Senior Administration.

We explored some important questions this past year ranging from how to develop student strengths to increase engagement to what will the future of our high school programming look like in our schools.

Whether you took the time to attend in person one of our sessions, submitted your thoughts by email or more recently weighed in on our online forum, your feedback is important to us and we will be taking the time to review all of the



information gathered.

The findings from these sessions will be shared publicly through our website. Our Board is currently reviewing the feedback to understand how they can make decisions that build on the success that our schools are experiencing and what changes are needed to ensure that our students are successful.

Community engagement is a priority of the Board and we look forward to your participation in the coming school year. Thank you for sharing your time and feedback with us.



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