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Regular Board Meeting Summary

Monday, December 13, 2021

Virtual Meeting

The **Nature Kindergarten Pilot Extension Program** was launched publicly within the Greater St. Albert Catholic School community. The Morinville paper, Online Today, and the St. Albert Gazette have picked up the story.

Many schools are participating in various Advent-related activities and have developed different "raise the roof" fundraising initiatives supporting the **Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools** campaign to help rebuild St. Jean Baptiste Church.

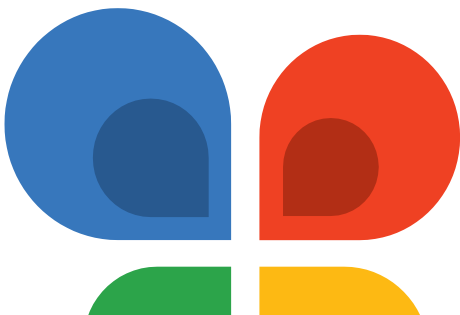
All **Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools** are currently participating in various Christmas theme days, including Dress like the Grinch Day, Fuzzy Sock Day, PJ Day, and of course, lots of visits from Santa have started to take place. The season of Advent is among us, and each day, we see Christ's light grow brighter!

The **Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Education Foundation** is proud to announce the Grant for the Future award recipients. The Education Foundation has been working hard to serve the students of our school division through school grants and scholarships despite not being able to host in-person fundraisers during the pandemic. The following recipients have been awarded the grant for their requests:

- **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School** - \$3,000 (RISE Room Remodel)
- **Holy Family Catholic School** - \$2,500 (Decodable Reading Materials)
- **Kateri Tekakwitha Academy** - \$2,000 (Resources for Literacy Intervention)

School News

Canadian Private Astronaut Mark Pathy has been busy training for the February launch of the first-ever private mission to the ISS, #Ax1, organized by Axiom Space! We're proud to share that Mark will also be hosting a live Q&A from space with students at **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School, École Marie Poburan and École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville.**





Congratulations to the Senior Girls volleyball team from **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School**, who won the Ross Shepherd Volleyball Tournament. A special shout-out to Rory Vandermeer, named tournament All-star, and Piper Dobblestyn, who was named tournament MVP!

St Gabriel Education Centre students will be collecting items to donate to Catholic Social Services to help support the Afghanistan refugees coming to the Edmonton area.

The Healthy BobKat Leadership Team at **Bertha Kennedy Catholic School** is doing a fantastic job promoting healthy eating. Students learned all about root vegetables and enjoyed a fun Bingo game challenge to see which class would eat/try the most root vegetables. Thanks to all the families who sent yummy pictures of our students eating root vegetables for supper! The participation and enthusiasm have been overwhelming! Big CONGRATULATIONS to the Grade 2 class for winning the Bingo challenge!

The students from **École Father Jan** continue to ARISE and GET GOING on their faith journey this year! A group of Grade six boys is leading another Service Project where they are selling Hot Chocolate to raise money to donate to #TEAMSEAS! The project will remove a pound of garbage from the oceans for every dollar raised! They are focusing on the Catholic Social Teaching of Care for Creation.

Every year, in conjunction with St. Emile Men of Service, École Citadelle, and **Legal School**, collect toys and food for hampers for families in Legal and area. On Thursday, Dec. 10th, in the afternoon from 1:30-2:30, junior high students and staff will participate in a town-wide food drive and collect items for the Christmas Hampers Campaign.

Move over "Elf on a Shelf"... The Shepherd's Treasure is the kinders' countdown to Christmas friend **Neil M Ross Catholic School**! Students can check out where their Shepherd takes the kids each day of Advent as they ARISE!

Father Trini and Father Lester visited students at **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy** to celebrate Advent.

APPROVED ITEMS

The following Action items were approved:

- Locally Developed Courses



- 2021-2022 Marketing and Communications Plan

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following update(s) and/or report(s) were provided as information:

- Fall Budget Update
- 2020-2021 Safe and Caring Schools Report

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Meeting of the Board is scheduled to take place on January 24th at 3:30 p.m.