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Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools



Agenda Item: 10

Division News

Students across the division participated in various activities including making Bannock, carving soapstone, creating art, listening and learning. Our students also attended school liturgies for Truth and Reconciliation with readings focused on turning our apology into action.

Today and every day, we remember all the families whose lives were irrevocably changed through residential schools. We pray for those who survived and those who did not.

October 30th is a day to reflect on the impacts of residential schools and think about how you can understand the truth and eventually work towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Our Division is committed to the ongoing teaching of our shared history, acknowledging the truth, and moving forward together.



All of our schools celebrated **Read In Week** with special guests reading to students across the division. During Read In Week, readers are invited to build and enhance both personal and community relationships through literacy and the love of reading.





This past month we also celebrated **World Teacher's Day!** Teachers become a prominent part of our lives when we join a school. They influence us with their thoughts and mould us, making us courageous enough to face life's unprecedented challenges. To all of our educators, thank you.

Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world

-Malala Yousafzai



Our division celebrated the **Long Service Awards** in person at the St. Albert Curling Club earlier this month. 76 division staff members were recognized for their commitment and dedication to Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools.

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools alumni, Demetrius Kuc, wins a \$5,000 scholarship and is one of only five Canadians in 2022 to receive the AbbVie IBD award. Every year, the AbbVie IBD Scholarship is awarded to students living with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis who

exemplify outstanding leadership in their community and strive to maintain an optimal level of wellness.

School News

Students from **Neil M. Ross and Bertha Kennedy Schools** attended a Ukrainian performance. They loved the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers' Mosquito's Wedding performance! It was a great cultural experience!



Legal School students were excited to have Edmonton Elks Cheer Team Kennedy Knight (former GSACRD student), join the Grade 1-3 students for Read-In-Week! They loved hearing the stories about Thanksgiving and Halloween! Thanks for coming out to Legal School to read to us!



École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School held their first Annual Taste of SACHS and it was a giant hit! It was so nice to be able to share their various cultures with each other! Thanks to everyone that took the time to prepare and hand out food!



École Father Jan Community School completed their first service project collecting more than 800 items for the food bank! The Jaguars also celebrated a Thanksgiving Liturgy at St. Albert Catholic Parish. They say they were blessed to be able to gather as a community with staff, students and families before individual Thanksgiving celebrations. Mme Klemmer's Gr. 4 class was also presented with their bibles.



The **École Marie Poburan** cross-country athletes at the Districts competition did so well! Many came back with ribbons and medals! Bravo les amis! Thank you to Mme Moellenbeck for training them and accompanying them at the competition.



Earlier this month, we gathered together as a school community to celebrate Thanksgiving with a beautiful liturgy led by Father Trini and our grade 3 students! During the celebration, we also distributed a bible to all our grade 4 and 5 students. We are blessed, we are grateful and we are so Thankful at **École Notre Dame Elementary School**.

Congratulations to the Senior Boys' volleyball team at **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School** as they took home first place in the WCC tournament. Great work Skyhawks!

The **Skyhawks Football** team also said goodbye to long-time coach, Sam Johnson. During their last regular season home game, (which they won), a huge turnout of alumni showed up to thank Coach Johnson for his many years of dedication to the football program. It was a special night filled with laughs, smiles, and tears.



Please congratulate the Senior Boys Volleyball team from **Morinville Community High School** on winning Bronze against Bellerose. Well done athletes and coaches!



Morinville Community High School students will have a safer time crossing 100th Avenue this winter now that the town council has moved to add crossing lights to the crosswalk in front of their school. Morinville town council voted on Oct. 11 to spend \$20,000 to install flashing crosswalk beacons on over-sized signs at 100 Ave and the MCHS crosswalk.

CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS

The following Action items were approved:

- 12.1 Board Policies Review: Policy 4: Trustee Code of Conduct, Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair (Revision), Policy 6: Role of the Vice-Chair (Revision) (Moroziuk)
- 13.1. 2022-2023 School Council Liaison Appointments
- 13.2. Family and Community Support Services to Enhance Support for English Language Learners (Giesbrecht)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 15.2.1. Request for Information – Identity of the Vatican's Catholic Schools for Culture of Dialogue Report (Moroziuk)
- 15.2.2. 2022-2023 Enrolment Report (Paulik)
- 15.2.3. 2022 Alberta Education Assurance Measures Report (Giesbrecht)
- 15.2.4. First Nations, Métis and Inuit Report (Giesbrecht)
- 15.2.5. 2021-2022 Safe and Caring Schools Report (Moroziuk)

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled to take place on November 28, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.