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INTRODUCING THE “CATHOLIC COGITO ACADEMY”

[January 11, 2023 - St. Albert, AB] Starting in September, students will have the opportunity to enroll in a new Division program, the Catholic Cogito Academy, which will initially be housed at Albert Lacombe Catholic Elementary School and offered to Kindergarten and grade 1 students. The program will grow to include all grades from Kindergarten to Grade 6 in future years.

“Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools is responding to what we have heard from our community by introducing this new Division program,” remarked Superintendent Dr. Clint Moroziuk. “We are confident that the Catholic Cogito Academy will meet the needs for a segment of families interested in having their children experience Cogito in a faith-filled environment.”

“We see value in offering choice to a variety of different learners within our division,” says Cathy Giesbrecht, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services with Greater Albert Catholic School Division. “This program could very well be the match that some of our Catholic families are looking for.”

Cogito is a program that offers traditional teaching strategies to achieve the Alberta Education program of studies. The programming is designed for students willing to work to achieve high academic excellence in an environment that emphasizes structure and order. This program appeals to dedicated students who value consistency and structure.

“We are excited to be able to offer this program at Albert Lacombe Catholic Elementary school to provide current and prospective families further choice,” said Principal Allan Menduk. “Cogito, Sports Academy and community students will all be part of the greater student body, creating an even stronger community within our Catholic school.”

Students experience direct instruction and participate in daily homework. There is an emphasis on memorization and automaticity of skills as a precursor to mastery and application. There is no academic entrance requirement for this program, all families who feel this is a good fit for their child(ren) are welcome to register on January 19th, 2023.



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Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools serves 6,000 students in the communities of Legal, Morinville, St. Albert and areas of Sturgeon County. A range of programming is available including: Full and half-day kindergarten, French Immersion (K-12), International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Sports Academy, and integrated learning for students with diverse needs.