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Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools



Agenda Item: 10

Division News

Over the past two years, our school division has witnessed a slow and steady increase in enrollment, showcasing a positive trend. This development is a testament to our commitment to providing quality education and fostering an inclusive learning environment. As we move forward, we are dedicated to sustaining this momentum and accelerating efforts in key areas. This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff and the trust our community places within our division.

On October 5th, we celebrated World Teacher's Day across our division. To all the teachers who inspire, empower and make a difference in the lives of students everywhere, thank you.

On October 4th, GSACRD hosted the **Long Service Awards** celebrating staff members who received their awards. Thank you for your continued dedication to providing excellence in Catholic education.

Schools across our division celebrated **READ in week** with trustees, dignitaries, community members, parents, Elks football members and more visiting schools to read to students. Read-in-week is an annual event aimed at promoting literacy awareness and fostering a love of reading across all age groups.

On September 29th, GSACRD Staff and students honoured and recognized all the children who never returned home from residential schools and survivors, their families, and communities. Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School shared comfort packages with our schools, our trustees and lead team, and throughout the community today. Thank you to all of our staff and students for taking the time to continue to learn more and give back. Every Child Matters.

School News

Please congratulate the JV boys' volleyball team from **MCHS**. After a rough start on Friday the team rebounded Saturday. Their play improved significantly over the course of the day and won an exciting semi-final against Hilltop from Whitecourt in 3 sets. We then came up a little short against Barrhead in the final but gave them a much tougher match than we did in round robin. Well done, Wolves!



Earlier this month, the **ESC PANTHERS**, along with the **ESMMY LEOPARDS**, celebrated Thanksgiving Mass at Holy Family Parish. The school communities were blessed to be able to gather with staff, students and families before they started their individual Thanksgiving celebrations. Thank you to Father Antony, all the students and staff who helped out with the mass.

Students from **Holy Family Catholic School** collected food bank donations for the food bank and grade 3 won a pizza party for collecting 230 items! Students were blessed to have Fr. Antony lead their Thanksgiving liturgy with the grade 4s receiving their bibles.

Congratulations to the **SACHS** senior boys who defended their WCC Title, going undefeated again in this year's tournament! And major props to our girls for their incredible performance, finishing second with heads held high!

Please congratulate our Cross-Country athletes who competed at the Zone meet at Capilano Park today. **GHP's** very own, Gavin, placed 2nd in Cross Country Zones today! We would also like to highlight Parker Huot from **MCHS** who placed 1st in the intermediate girl's category!

Congrats to all of our runners who participated in districts and zones this year!

Legal School has started a new tradition at their school called the "Principal Positive Call of the Day," where staff nominate students, they want to recognize for being positive and responsible around the school. Each day a student is chosen and the school Principal or Vice-Principal calls the student's parent to share the news. This small act of kindness is making a lasting impact within the school and community.

CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS

The following Consent and Action items were approved:

- Board Policy Review: Policy 4: Trustee Code of Conduct
- 13.1. 2023-2024 School Council Liaison Appointments
- 13.2. New Policy 22 - Surplus Lands and Buildings (Readings 1, 2 & 3)
- 13.3. ATA Memorandum of Agreement

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 2023-2024 Enrolment Report (Paulik)
- First Nations, Métis and Inuit Report (Giesbrecht)
- Safe and Caring Schools Report (Moroziuk)

- Diploma Examination Results (DIPs), Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) Report (Giesbrecht) – deferred to the next regular board meeting due to current embargo.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Board Organization meeting is scheduled to take place on November 27, 2023, at 2:00 pm