

# Board of Trustees

Chair: Lydia Yeomans | Vice-Chair: Greg Schell

Trustees: Joe Becigneul | Cathy Proulx | Noreen Radford | Serena Shaw | René Tremblay

Greater St. Albert  
Catholic Schools



## Agenda Item: 10

### Division News

Our **Catholic schools** were filled with joy and reverence as we celebrated Easter, a cornerstone of our faith. The season was a time of renewal and hope, reminding us of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of new beginnings. Students and staff came together in prayer, reflection, and activities. From Easter liturgies to special assemblies, our schools emphasized the spiritual significance of the holiday while also enjoying traditional Easter festivities like egg hunts and sharing meals with classmates and families. Through these celebrations, we deepened our understanding of the Easter message of love, sacrifice, and redemption, fostering a sense of community and faith that enriched our educational journey.

Earlier this month, **GSACRD staff** wore green in honour of the Logan Boulet Effect. Logan's organ donation saved six lives and inspired almost 150,000 Canadians to register to become organ donors in the days and weeks following the bus crash; "Green Shirt Day was created to honour, remember, and recognize all the victims and families of that fatal crash and to continue Logan's legacy by inspiring Canadians to talk to their families and register as organ donors."

### School News

**Morinville Community High School** students kicked off their 25th year of the Skills Alberta competition with a bang at the Edmonton Regionals held at NAIT and Marvel College last week. Nine talented MCHS students showcased their skills in various trade and technology areas, aiming for a spot at next month's Skills Alberta Provincial Competition. A big round of applause to all of our outstanding competitors! When the dust settled, five of our incredible students ascended the podium:

- Jacob Trenchard clinched a bronze medal in Cabinet Making, building on his silver medal performance from last year.
- Jillian Andrews and Sofiya Chvojka secured the silver, adding to their Skills medal collection.
- Avery Pelletier and Briana Farough stunned with a gold medal, marking MCHS's 15th gold medal victory in Skills competitions over the last 25 years!



A massive shoutout to all our students moving on to the Skills Alberta Provincial Competition on May 8 and 9 at the Edmonton Expo Centre. They join four other MCHS students who have already qualified:

- Jacob Prodaniuk - IT Office Software Applications I
- Teodora Markovic - Junior High Culinary Challenge
- Dakota Himschoot - Junior High Culinary Challenge
- Elizabeth Nelson - Public Speaking

A huge thanks to dedicated coaches, Kyle Coxen, Michelle Receuver, Marc Swerda, and Louise Sansano, for their support and guidance!

Congratulations to all MCHS Skills Alberta competitors! Best of luck at the Provincial Competition!

Congratulations to the **Friends of Bertha Kennedy Fundraising Association**! Minister Nally presented the association with \$125,000.00 (CFEP Grant) for the school's new playground. The students at Bertha Kennedy Catholic School and the surrounding community will enjoy it for years to come!

Students from **Sister Alphonse Academy and École Notre Dame Schools** excelled at the APEGA Science Olympics at the University of Alberta Butterdome. 🏆

**Sister Alphonse Academy** highlights:

Grades 1, 3, and 4 showed fantastic enthusiasm.

Grade 4's H.A.M.M and Grade 3's Fish Boyz won bronze.

Miss Hillier's Little Minions from Grade 3 took home gold.

**École Notre Dame Schools'** achievements:

Three teams from grades 4-6 competed fiercely.

Two teams won bronze in their debut, a notable feat.

The APEGA Science Olympics is a hands-on science competition for grades 1-12, fostering a love for STEM, especially engineering and geoscience, hosted by APEGA.

Congratulations to all participants for your dedication and success! Here's to more victories ahead!

Last Friday, **SACHS** took over the ice for their first-ever G12 student-staff hockey showdown at Performance Arena! In conjunction with Wear Green/Jersey Day for Humboldt, the crowd made sure to honour the occasion, decking out in jerseys and rallying our staff and students for an unforgettable game. And the highlight? Our stellar staff pulling off a thrilling victory!

**Richard S. Fowler and Holy Family Catholic** Schools' production of Wizard of Oz was amazing and the HFCS Spotlight students got to experience a true production!

A few weeks ago, **St. Gabes staff** volunteered at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples and realized that they were in desperate need of some particular clothing items: pants and hoodies and have now started a clothing drive within their school. Let's make a difference together! Donations of grocery gift cards and cash for their hamper and lunch program are also welcome!

Huge congratulations to the **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy Cheer** Team for placing 3rd at Provincials on the weekend! Go Bisons!

Students and staff from **Legal School** walked to St. Émile Parish for the Easter Celebration this earlier this month. They were blessed to gather as a school community and sing the praises of Alleluia; Christ has Risen. Thank you to Father Ambrose for reminding us that we are called to proclaim and be witnesses of Jesus' life. Out of darkness and despair comes light and hope in our Faith, and we should share this with others in how we live our lives daily, sharing our love with others. What a beautiful reminder for us all as we go through the Easter season. They were also blessed to be led in music ministry by Mr. Colin Loiselle, GSACRD Religion Consultant. It was great to have music played with a guitar for mass. It is always great to pray and celebrate together in the community at St. Émile Parish.

**Consent and Action Items:**

- Policy Review: Board Policy 18: Naming of Educational Facilities
- Edwin Parr Nominee
- Board Policy 1: Division Mission Statement, Values and Beliefs, Goals and Objectives
- 2024-2025 School Fees

**Next Regular Board Meeting:**

The next Regular Board Meeting will take place on May 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Legal School, in Legal.