

# Board of Trustees

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## Agenda Item: 10

### Division News

Earlier this month, we celebrated the **unveiling and commemorating of three significant spaces within our French Immersion campus**. These events were truly memorable from the newly named Father Jan Chapel to the renaming of our library to the Marie Poburan Library and the beautiful garden named after St. Francis of Assisi. Principal Evan Holstein shared, "Today is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community. Our students, parents, and staff have all played a crucial role in shaping an amazing French Immersion campus."

Earlier this month, we had the immense pleasure of celebrating the remarkable achievements of our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students at the **Honouring Spirit Awards**. These awards recognize students who model strength and commitment in their educational journeys, embracing their unique gifts and cultural heritage. Their perseverance, leadership, and dedication inspire peers, teachers, and community members alike. Congratulations to all our award recipients!

On May 7th, over 150 people from the 10 Catholic school districts gathered at the Archdiocesan pastoral offices to build community and glorify God through the gifts of student artists. Congratulations to students from **Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools** for their beautiful contributions to Witness Through Art, a recent event hosted at the Archdiocesan pastoral center to build and celebrate authentic Catholic culture and to glorify God through the gifts of young artists from our Catholic schools.

Congratulations to all the students who recently celebrated their **First Communion!** This special milestone marks an important step in your faith journey. We are proud of your dedication and commitment. Blessings to you and your families!

As we gathered to celebrate our **Year-End Mass**, we reflected on the many blessings of the past year and honoured the dedicated retirees who had served our community. This special occasion allowed us to express our gratitude for their invaluable contributions and to celebrate the achievements and growth of our students and staff. We came together in faith and unity, cherishing those moments of reflection and appreciation.

### School News

Congratulations to the 2024 graduates of **St. Gabriel Education Centre!** Earlier this month, students, staff, and trustees gathered to celebrate a memorable graduation ceremony. We extend



our heartfelt congratulations to all the scholarship winners from St. Gabriel Education Centre. Well done!

Congratulations to **École Georges H. Primeau Middle School** Principal Nicole Baker for being recognized with the Navy League of Canada's - National President's Award.

Congratulations to Michelle Fraser from **Legal School**, who has been honoured as this month's Rotary Teacher of the Month! Her dedication and excellence in teaching have made a significant impact on her students and the school community.

Students from **Albert Lacombe** are thrilled to be "hanging out" on their new climbing wall! A big thank you to the School Council and all the donors for making this exciting addition possible.

What an incredible day of fun, teamwork, and fierce competition for **École Sacré Coeur** and the House Challenge! Our four houses—Angelus, Taurus, Aquila, and Leo—battled it out in a variety of thrilling challenges to earn points for their teams. Angelus soared high with their remarkable teamwork, Taurus demonstrated their strength and determination, Aquila showcased sharp minds and swift feet, and Leo roared to victory, winning the most points. The day was filled with laughter, cheers, and unforgettable memories. Huge congratulations to all the houses for their amazing efforts and sportsmanship!

The Abraham Lake Singers and Dancers taught students at **Holy Family Catholic School** about drumming, songs, and dances. We were so blessed to participate in an intertribal dance to honour reconciliation. A mix of Stony and Cree and hailing from Treaty 7 territory, the Abraham Lake Singers travel all over to participate in Pow Wow and other ceremonies. Kinanâskomitin

Grade 4-5 students from **J.J. Nearing Catholic Elementary** School participated in an exciting Handball House League tournament. Four boys' teams and four girls' teams competed against each other during lunch recess, all vying for the prestigious JN Championship. It was a fantastic display of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship!

Grade 1 students at **Neil M. Ross Catholic School** have been enthusiastically exploring the world of plants and how they grow! A heartfelt thank you to the City of St. Albert for providing a wonderful Arbor Day experience. The students also had a blast creating their very own Chia Pets and giving them "haircuts"!

At **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy**, students recently participated in the Student Faith Retreat, featuring the first-ever Adoration led by Father Trini in our building. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved for making this event a success. The students had a fabulous day!

Last Thursday, Grades 4 and 5 from École Notre Dame gathered together for a fun, eventful, and athletic day at **Morinville Community High School** for the Morinville GSACRD 4-6 Track and Field Day! In the cold and rain, our students were incredible ambassadors to the school and competed with grace, speed, and strength! So proud of all of our athletes! Thank you to all the amazing volunteer students from MCHS, the parents and teacher volunteers, and all athletes from **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy** and **École Georges H. Primeau Middle School**!

**Consent and Action Items:**

- Locally Developed Courses
- Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award
- Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association Awards
- Safe and Caring School Codes of Conduct
- Superintendent's Evaluation Report
- 2023-2026 Board Strategic Plan Update
- Ad hoc Student Engagement Committee Terms of Reference
- ESSACHS Maximum Basketball Tournament Maximum Activity Fee

**Report from the Superintendent:**

- Faith & Spiritual Initiatives Final Report
- Spring 2024 Alberta Education Assurance Measures Report
- Quarter 3 Financial Statements
- Field Trip Activity Report 2
- Government Update on Mobile Devices
- St. Albert Boundary Adjustment

**Next Regular Board Meeting:**

The next Regular Board Meeting will take place on August 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Division Services Centre, in St. Albert.