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Division News

On August 26th, we gathered as a faith community at Holy Family Parish to kick off the new school year with our Opening Mass. We were blessed to welcome new staff to our division, who join us in our mission to inspire excellence and lifelong learning throughout our schools.

A special highlight was the recognition of Trish Lema, whose extraordinary career has been filled with faith, kindness, and generosity. Trish, your profound impact on our community is beyond measure, and we are deeply grateful for your tireless dedication. Congratulations on receiving the Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award!

We were also privileged to have guest speaker David Wells share his insights on our 2024/2025 Faith theme: Growing in Mercy, With the Son. Let us move forward together, rooted in faith and community, as we celebrate the start of a new school year!

Many of our schools hosted welcome-back socials this month, creating a warm and welcoming environment for students and families as they returned to school. These events provided a wonderful opportunity for the school community to reconnect, meet new faces, and kick off the school year with excitement and a sense of belonging. We are grateful for the efforts of staff, students, and families in making these gatherings a success, setting the tone for a fantastic year ahead!

School News

Today our **École Sacré Coeur** Panthers had our first school-wide Monday Morning Assembly! We joined together in prayer, sang O'Canada, learned about who we are as Panthers, went over weekly events, school expectations and values (HRTS), and acknowledged this week's Birthdays! Most importantly we explained which House our Grade 1-4 students belong to! We are excited to host this year's Sorting Ceremony for our Kindergarten students!

At **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School**, our junior girls' volleyball team kicked off their season with an impressive victory, earning gold at the SCA tournament! This fantastic achievement showcases their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to the team for such a strong start, and we look forward to many more successes this season!

Day 1 of Welcome Back Spirit Week at **Legal School** was a hit with Twin Day! Our students and staff went all out with creative twin (and triplet!) outfits, bringing loads of fun and energy to



kick off the week. A special shoutout to our “Titan twins” who rocked matching necklaces, showcasing their school spirit! Stay tuned for more fun as Spirit Week continues!

At **ESSMY**, two remarkable students, Calla Pederson and Rylee Haig, showed exceptional kindness and responsibility by helping younger **ESC** students who accidentally got off at the wrong bus stop. Their quick thinking and willingness to assist ensured the safety of their peers. In recognition of their thoughtful actions, the school will be honouring Calla and Rylee, with appreciation from both the Transportation Department and the Division. These acts of service remind us of the strong community spirit within our schools!

Consent and Action Items:

- 2024-2027 Marketing and Communications Strategy
- Property Disposition

Report from the Superintendent:

- 2023-2024 Safe and Caring Schools Report

Next Regular Board Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will take place on October 28, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Division Services Centre, in St. Albert.