

# Board of Trustees

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## Division News

### Honouring Remembrance Day Across Our Schools

Schools across Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools came together to observe Remembrance Day through meaningful ceremonies and activities. Students and staff participated in reflections, prayers, and acts of remembrance to honour the sacrifices of those who served and continue to serve. Each school found unique ways to mark the occasion, from heartfelt assemblies and the recitation of "In Flanders Fields" to moments of silence and the creation of thoughtful displays.

### Provincial Recognition for Trish Lema and Maureen Offenberger

The Board of Trustees proudly celebrates Trish Lema and Maureen Offenberger, who were among five recipients of the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association Appreciation Awards. Presented at the annual banquet over the weekend, this prestigious honour recognizes their outstanding commitment and contributions to Catholic education. Congratulations to Trish and Maureen on this well-deserved recognition!

## School News

### ESC Panthers Celebrated Métis Week

École Sacré Coeur Panthers celebrated Métis Week with a focus on the culture, history, and contributions of the Métis people. Students explored displays of artifacts and participated in activities that enhanced their learning throughout the week. Thank you to the ESC staff for organizing such meaningful experiences to commemorate this important week.

### Special Visit from MLA Dale Nally

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy welcomed a special visit from MLA Dale Nally during Constituency Week. MLA Nally spent time with the Grade 4 and 5 classes, engaging students with a captivating story and answering their questions. This visit provided students with a meaningful opportunity to connect with their local representative and learn more about leadership and public service.

### City Champions on and off the Court at SACHS

It has been an incredible season for École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School volleyball teams! Back-to-Back Champs: Congratulations to the Junior Girls Volleyball Team for their thrilling Division 2 City Championship win. In an intense five-set battle, they defeated SPA to bring home the gold for the second year in a row, securing their place as back-to-back city champions.



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Senior Girls: The Senior Girls Volleyball Team also had a stellar performance, dominating their Division 2 City Championship match with a straight-sets victory over Bellerose. This win not only brings home another banner but also secures their spot as Edmonton's representative at the 3A Provincials in two weeks.

Special recognition goes to the Skyhawks' fans who packed the stands, creating an electric atmosphere and cheering the teams to victory. Congratulations to the players and coaches for their outstanding achievements, and best of luck to the Senior Girls at Provincials!

### **A Heartwarming Moment at St. Gabriel Education Centre**

Parent-teacher interviews at St. Gabriel Education Centre took on a special meaning when Jeff, a mature student and former military serviceman, brought his children and his mom to meet his teacher, Mrs. Ketsa. Jeff is upgrading his education to pursue a career change, and he wanted his family to have the opportunity to ask about his progress firsthand. This touching moment highlights the supportive and family-centred environment that makes our schools truly unique. Thank you, Jeff, for inspiring others with your dedication and determination!

### **Bertha Kennedy Catholic School Playground Officially Opened**

Last week, Bertha Kennedy Catholic School celebrated the official opening of its new playground—a vibrant space created through community spirit and the support of dedicated partners. This milestone was made possible thanks to the Friends of Bertha Kennedy Society, local representatives, Trustees, parents, staff, and everyone who contributed to this project.

The playground is now ready to inspire joy and foster new friendships for years to come, marking a proud moment for the entire school community. Thank you to all who helped bring this vision to life!

### **Celebrating Achievements at Sister Alphonse Academy**

Sister Alphonse Academy has had an exciting and successful few weeks filled with achievements both on and off the court! The SAA Senior Girls Volleyball Team finished as the runners-up in the Tier 2 finals, an impressive accomplishment for a small junior high with only 80 students. Their determination and teamwork were truly commendable.

The Grade 6 classes are gaining valuable hands-on experience with the School at the Legislature program. Grade 6A participated the week before fall break, and Grade 6B is currently engaging in the program this week, learning about government and civic responsibility.

A big shoutout to the Grade 5/6 volleyball players for their outstanding season of skill development and teamwork. They represented SAA with pride in games against **Holy Family**

**Catholic School** in late October and capped off their season by playing each other in an exciting gold medal match.

### **J.J. Nearing Catholic School Awarded Cohesive Communities Grant**

J.J. Nearing Catholic School is proud to be a recipient of the Cohesive Communities Grant this year, supporting their ongoing commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. The grant will enable the school to collaborate with community partners, deepen its work in reconciliation, and develop meaningful resources to further education and understanding. This is an exciting opportunity to strengthen connections and foster learning within the school community.

### **Consent and Action Items:**

- Board Policy Review of Policy 12: Role of the Superintendent
- 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements
- 2023-2024 Annual Education Results Report
- Electoral Ward Bylaw

### **Report from the Superintendent:**

- Diploma Exams and Provincial Achievement Test Results
- Educational/Interagency Partnerships

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** The next Regular Board Meeting will take place on December 16, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Division Services Centre, in St. Albert.