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Division News

Advent Celebrations Across Our Schools

Schools across our division came together in faith and community to celebrate the season of Advent. Through beautiful liturgies, thoughtful reflections, and acts of kindness, students and staff embraced the spirit of hope, peace, joy, and love as they prepared their hearts for the coming of Christ. These moments of shared prayer and celebration highlighted the true meaning of the season and the strength of our Catholic community.

Schools Unite for Advent Campaign to Support the Unhoused

Throughout this Advent season, schools across our division came together in faith and service to support those experiencing homelessness through Catholic Social Services.

Students, staff, and families generously contributed to this campaign, providing essential items and heartfelt acts of kindness to help meet the urgent needs of our community's most vulnerable. These collective efforts reflected the true spirit of Advent—sharing hope, compassion, and love with those in need.

Thank you to everyone who participated in making this campaign a success. Together, we are living out our faith and bringing light to others during this holy season.

School News

Advent Celebration at Holy Family Catholic School

Holy Family Catholic School hosted a beautiful Advent Liturgy, with the Grade 2 students helping to lead the service. The celebration was made even more special by a visit from the Division Chaplain, Doug.

MCHS Students Embrace Faith Through Community Service

Morinville Community High School's faith goal is to expand students' awareness of the needs of those around them by connecting the teachings of Jesus to their daily lives. On Monday, December 2, Student Council members, Mrs. Ricioppo's Grade 9 Leadership class, and Mrs. Wagner's CALM class visited Aspen House to assist with setting up Christmas decorations and playing board games with the residents. The MCHS students proudly engaged in community service that reflected the Catholic Social Teaching of "The Common Good." Through their selfless and caring actions, they brought smiles to the faces of many residents at Aspen House.





GHP Students Shine in Bike-a-Thon Fundraising

Students at Georges H. Primeau School demonstrated their dedication and generosity through their hard work in raising an incredible \$18,500 during the Bike-a-Thon! The funds were donated to Catholic Social Services, the St. Jean Baptiste rebuild, Jessie's House, and the Friends of Primeau. Way to go, Primeau! Charitable service continues to be at the heart of our mission.

Lieutenant Governor Visits Sister Alphonse Academy

Grade 6 students from Sister Alphonse Academy were honoured to welcome Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, during their participation in the School at the Legislature program.

This remarkable program brought Alberta's system of governance to life, offering students an interactive and engaging learning experience through first-hand observation and discovery.

Her Honour spent a full hour with the students, sharing captivating stories and thoughtfully answering their questions. The visit provided meaningful, real-world connections that will leave a lasting impact on the students for years to come.

JJ Nearing Grade 6 Team Supports Movember

A huge shoutout to the Grade 6 team at J.J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School for their incredible efforts in supporting #Movember and involving the entire school community! Their dedication to raising funds and awareness for men's health was truly inspiring. Every dollar raised and every mustache grown made a meaningful difference!

Richard S. Fowler Students Serve as Snow Angels

A huge shoutout to Ms. Dugan and her 9-4 Snow Angels for their incredible service to the community! Their hard work and dedication to helping others showcased the true spirit of generosity and kindness. Awesome job, Snow Angels!

SACHS Skyhawks Shine in First Tournament

Starting the season strong, the Junior Girls team at École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School soared to GOLD, while the Junior Boys fought hard to earn SILVER at their first tournament of the season over the weekend! Congratulations to our talented Skyhawks for bringing home some impressive hardware and making us proud!

SACHS Art Students Spread Holiday Cheer

Spreading holiday cheer in a meaningful way! The talented art students at École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School created over 100 beautiful stockings for families in the NICU at Sturgeon Community Hospital. Their creativity and compassion brought joy and Skyhawk spirit to the tiniest new members of our community. Well done, Skyhawks!

Skyhawk Sadie Signs with Briercrest College

A huge congratulations to our very own Skyhawk, Sadie, on signing with the Briercrest College women's basketball team! Her hard work, dedication, and determination have led to this incredible achievement, and we couldn't be prouder. We can't wait to see what Sadie accomplishes this year as she enters her senior season with the Skyhawks. Way to go, Sadie!

Junior High STEM Skills Day at Legal School

Legal School's Junior High students showcased their incredible talents during the 2024 Skills Alberta Exploration Days! In preparation, they underwent training, learned how to use various tools, applied design thinking, and carefully planned their prototypes for the day.

The results were nothing short of amazing, with students creating impressive projects that demonstrated their creativity and problem-solving skills. A huge thank you to our dedicated Junior High teachers for their hard work and effort in making this day a successful and engaging experience for our students!

Legal School Religion Class Demonstrates Acts of Mercy

A heartfelt thank you to the Junior High Religion class at Legal School for their thoughtful contribution of sandwiches to help feed those experiencing homelessness in Edmonton. The sandwiches were delivered to Fr. Sausi of Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, who expressed deep appreciation for this compassionate gesture.

The sandwiches were distributed through the Care-A-Van, part of Catholic Social Services' Welcome Home program, which provides essential items such as food, water, and clothing to underserved outer-city areas. This beautiful act of mercy reflects the teachings of Jesus to care for those in need.

As Matthew 25:40 reminds us:

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Well done, Legal School, for living out your faith in action!

École Notre Dame Celebrates Husky Hooray Awards

Our Huskies celebrated their very first Husky Hooray Awards during the morning assembly, recognizing the incredible achievements of our students!

Awards were presented in several categories, including a French Award, an Academic Award, a Sportsmanship Award, an Artistic Award, and a Faith Award.

Congratulations to all the recipients for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments. We are so proud of our students for exemplifying excellence and embodying the Husky spirit!

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Grade 1s Shine at Rogers Place

Last weekend, the Grade 1 students from St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy had an unforgettable Saturday night as they proudly sang the National Anthem at the Oil Kings game at Rogers Place!

Their enthusiasm and voices filled the arena, creating a memorable moment for everyone in attendance. Way to go, Grade 1s, for representing our school with such pride and talent.

Consent and Action Items:

- Electoral Ward Bylaw 3rd Reading
- Policy 20: Trustee Determination and Distribution for Elections
- 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 Instructional Calendars
- 2025 General Election
- Revision of 2024-2025 Board Meeting Schedule
- Commitment to Indigenous Education and Reconciliation

Report from the Superintendent:

- 2024-2025 Fall Budget Update
- Field Trip Activity Report 1

Next Regular Board Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will take place on January 27, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Division Services Centre, in St. Albert.