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Division News

Celebrating Black History Month Across Our Schools

Throughout February, schools across Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools came together to celebrate Black History Month, embracing the richness of Black culture, history, and achievements. Students engaged in meaningful learning experiences, including guest speakers, music and dance performances, classroom discussions, and interactive activities that highlighted the contributions of Black leaders past and present. Thank you to all the staff, students, and special guests who helped make Black History Month a meaningful and inspiring experience across our division!

GSACRD Sports Academy Hockey Program Expanding to MCHS

The GSACRD Sports Academy Hockey Program is set to expand to Morinville Community High School (MCHS) in the 2025-26 school year. Student-athletes will have ice time during the first semester on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, providing a valuable opportunity to develop their hockey skills while maintaining academic excellence. This expansion marks an exciting milestone for the program and for aspiring hockey players at MCHS.

Spreading Kindness Across Our Schools

Throughout our division, students and staff have been embracing the power of kindness, making a difference through **random acts of kindness, anti-bullying initiatives, and creating ripples of positivity** in their schools and communities. From simple gestures like handwritten notes of encouragement and buddy bench activities to school-wide kindness challenges and fundraising efforts, our schools have shown that even the smallest act can create a lasting impact.

Thank you to all our students, staff, and families for being part of this kindness movement. Together, we are making a difference!

School News

Inspiring Young Minds in STEM

Several Grade 6 girls from Sister Alphonse Academy had the opportunity to participate in the WISEST (Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science & Technology) Conference at the University of Alberta. The event provided an introduction to STEM fields through engaging demonstrations, hands-on activities led by inspiring role models, and a collaborative design challenge. It was an enriching experience that encouraged curiosity and innovation among the students.

Holy Family Catholic School Embarks on a Kindness Mission

Holy Family Catholic School took meaningful steps toward becoming a Certified Kindness



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School. Through acts of kindness, compassion, and empathy, students worked to create a positive impact within their school community. Their efforts aligned perfectly with Pink Shirt Day, reinforcing the importance of fostering a culture of respect and inclusion.

Skyhawk Basketball Teams Shine in Tournament Play

It was another successful weekend for Skyhawk basketball. The Senior Boys fought hard and secured a victory in the consolation final, while the Senior Girls earned bronze in the championship bracket. Both teams demonstrated incredible hustle and heart, making their school community proud.

MCHS Curling Team Brings Home Medals from Zones

On February 14 and 15, the MCHS curling team traveled to Slave Lake to compete in the curling zones bonspiel. After an exhausting weekend filled with intense matches, the team finished strong, bringing home multiple medals.

Katelyn and Jordan Klassen earned bronze in the inaugural mixed doubles competition, marking an impressive achievement. The girls' team played an incredible seven games over two days, finishing in a commendable fourth place. The boys' team showed determination and grit, securing a bronze medal. Meanwhile, the mixed team battled tirelessly, earning silver and just narrowly missing out on provincials. Congratulations to all the athletes on their hard work and outstanding performances—way to go, Wolves!

SACHS Welcomes the Lieutenant Governor for an Unforgettable Black History Month Celebration

SACHS had the distinct honour of welcoming Her Honour, The Honourable Salma Lakhani, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, for a special Black History Month celebration. She shared her inspiring journey and vision for a future built on inclusion and unity, leaving a lasting impression on students and staff.

The celebration continued with the energy of Ivan Touko, who brought the rhythm and culture of Afrobeats to life, creating an engaging and vibrant atmosphere. A heartfelt thank you to both of our distinguished guests for making this event a truly memorable experience!

Mrs. Liske Honoured as Rotary Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Mrs. Liske on receiving the Rotary Teacher of the Month award! This well-deserved recognition celebrates her dedication, passion, and commitment to her students and the Bertha Kennedy community. Her hard work continues to make a lasting impact on those around her.

Milestones Diagnostics Makes a Major Impact with Playground Donation

JJ Nearing Elementary School is beyond grateful for the incredible generosity of Milestones

Diagnostics, the **Diamond Wave of Generosity Donor**, for their outstanding \$20,000 donation—dedicated entirely to their playground rebuild! This donation brings the school one step closer to making the playground dream a reality for students and the wider community. Playgrounds are vital spaces that support both the mental and physical well-being of children, and we are incredibly thankful for the support of local businesses like Milestones Diagnostics.

A heartfelt thank you to Marc and Kentia for their generosity and belief in the importance of play and community.

Consent and Action Items:

- Policy 22: Surplus Lands and Buildings
- 2025 Edwin Parr Nominees
- Building Futures Program
- Transportation Letter

Report from the Superintendent:

- CCSSA Excellence in Catholic Education Award

Next Regular Board Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will take place on March 31st, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Division Services Centre, in St. Albert.