

# Board of Trustees

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## Division News

### Celebrating Community, Culture, and Faith Across GSACRD

March was a month full of joy, spirit, and meaningful moments across Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools! From St. Patrick's Day celebrations and lively Spirit Weeks to *Carnaval* festivities and March Madness fun, our school communities came together to celebrate culture, creativity, and connection.

At the heart of it all, the Lenten season offered students and staff the opportunity to reflect, pray, and give back—living out our shared faith in thoughtful and inspiring ways.

### Celebrating St. Albert's King Charles Coronation Medal Recipients

On March 1, 2025, twenty exceptional individuals from the St. Albert community were awarded the King Charles Coronation Medal in recognition of their outstanding contributions to our city, province, and country.

We extend heartfelt congratulations to all recipients and are especially proud to celebrate our own Board Trustee, Joe Becigneul, on receiving this prestigious honour. His commitment to public service and community leadership continues to inspire. Thank you to all the awardees for making St. Albert such a remarkable place to call home!

## School News

### SACHS Raises \$45,000+ for Care-a-Van

Ecole Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School students went the distance—literally—for a great cause during their overnight bikeathon on February 13–14, 2025. More than 350 students pedaled with purpose to support Catholic Social Services' Care-a-Van initiative, surpassing their ambitious \$40,000 fundraising goal by nearly \$5,000! Congratulations to all involved on this incredible achievement, and thank you for your generous support.

### Double the Glory: VJM Senior Basketball Teams are Back-to-Back City Champions!

The Vincent J. Maloney Marauder Senior Girls and Boys Basketball teams have once again brought home the gold, winning both City Championships for the second year in a row!

A huge thank you to the outstanding coaches—Ms. LaBuick, Mr. Brandon Era, Mr. Pidhaichuk, and Mr. Woyewitka—for their leadership and dedication, and to all the families, friends, and



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supporters who cheered our athletes on throughout the season. Congratulations, Marauders, on your well-earned *two-peat*!

### **Grade 5 Students Spread Joy at Sister Alphonse Academy Community Visit**

Laughter, smiles, and connection filled the room as Grade 5 students from Sister Alphonse Academy spent a heartwarming afternoon with local seniors. The visit was filled with friendly games a talent show and meaningful moments that brought joy to both students and residents alike. Thank you to our students for sharing your time and spirit—you truly made a difference in the lives of those you visited!

### **SKTA Cheer Team Shines at Scholastic Cheer Competition**

Congratulations to the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy Cheer Team on their outstanding performance at the Scholastic Cheer Competition, earning an impressive 4th place finish! Your energy, teamwork, and school spirit were on full display—way to go, Bisons!

### **SAA Knights Dominate at Running Room Games**

Congratulations to our incredible athletes from Sister Alphonse Academy for their standout performances at the Running Room Games! Our girls' 200m relay team ran with heart and determination, improving their time by nearly 8 seconds! A special shoutout to Luke Shopland, who raced to gold in the individual boys' 800m event. Way to go, Knights!

### **MCHS Grade 9 Boys Bring Home the Zones Banner!**

A huge congratulations to the Grade 9 Boys Basketball Team from Morinville Community High School for capturing the Zones Championship! The boys capped off their season with an incredible weekend of basketball, showcasing skill, resilience, and teamwork.

We're so proud of their hard work and determination. Special thanks to Rebecca and Shane Grams for coaching the boys at Zones, and to Ms. Sansano and Mrs. Rousseau for your dedication and support throughout the season.

### **Double Banner Win for the Skyhawks Cheer Team!**

It was an unforgettable weekend for the Skyhawks Cheer Team, who soared to success by bringing home *two* Metro Championship banners—one in Median Routine and one in Game Day! Their winning streak continued at the ACA Scholastic Classic, where they earned 1st place in Routine and 3rd place in Game Day, showcasing their incredible spirit, skill, and dedication. Congratulations, Skyhawks!

### **Ezzfest 2025 Rocks the Stage at ESSMY!**

École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville was alive with music, energy, and school spirit during *Ezzfest 2025*! The annual airband competition featured creative and high-energy performances from every homeroom, with a packed gym full of students cheering each other on.

A heartfelt thank you to the ESSMY staff for the many hours of preparation that went into making this unforgettable event possible.

### **ESSMY Drama Students Shine in French Production of *Beauty and the Beast***

Bravo to the talented Drama Option students at École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville for bringing the beloved story of *Beauty and the Beast* to life—en français! With creativity, dedication, and heart, students delivered a magical performance that captivated the audience.

Félicitations to all involved on a truly fantastic performance!

### **ESSMY Skip-A-Thon Raises \$4,730 for Care-A-Van Project**

Congratulations to the students and staff of École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville on the incredible success of this year's Skip-A-Thon! With 78 participants, the school came together in support of the Care-A-Van Project, raising an impressive \$4,730 to help those experiencing homelessness.

Throughout the day, teams took turns skipping, enjoyed lively music, and competed in fun-filled Minute-to-Win-It challenges—all while making a meaningful impact.

This event was proudly organized by ESSMY's student-led group, H.U.M.B.L.E., whose commitment to service and compassion continues to inspire. Way to go, ESSMY!

### **Carnaval Celebrations at École Sacré-Coeur**

École Sacré-Coeur was filled with joy and tradition as students celebrated *Carnaval*—a highlight of the school year that honours French Canadian heritage and culture. Blessed with beautiful weather, our Panthers enjoyed a fun-filled day of games, music, and cultural activities.

The celebration was made even more special by the presence of our Big Buddies from École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville, who joined us for the festivities.

Un grand merci to Josée from ACFA régionale d'Edmonton for serving delicious *tire d'érable*, and to l'ACFA for bringing their iconic sugar shack to our school.

Merci à tous, et vive le Carnaval!

### **Carnaval Fun at École Notre Dame**

On Monday, students from École Notre Dame welcomed guests from Morinville Community High School and Georges H. Primeau for a joyful and energetic traditional *Carnaval* celebration! Students enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities including snow sculpture building, ball hockey, snowshoeing, and classic Carnaval treats like *tire d'érable* (maple syrup on snow) and hot chocolate.

Thank you to all staff and students who made this cultural celebration so memorable!

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

- Board Policy Review: Policy 1: Division Mission Statement, Values and Beliefs, Goals and Objectives, Policy 17: Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection), Policy 22: Surplus Lands & Buildings.
- 2026-2029 Capital Plan
- 2025-2026 Transportation Fees
- 2025-2026 School Fees
- Appointment of an External Auditor
- Board Meeting Date Revision
- Flags at Division Services Centre – Papal (Vatican) flag and Métis flags
- École Secondaire Ste. Marguerite d'Youville - Name Revision
- Surplus Property

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

- Board Student Engagement
- 2025-2026 Provincial Budget Announcement
- 2025-2026 School Facilities Utilization Report

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** The next Regular Board Meeting will take place on April 28, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Division Services Centre, in St. Albert.