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## Division News

### Year-End Mass Brings Division Together in Prayer and Reflection

Earlier this week, our division gathered for the annual Year-End Mass—a meaningful time of prayer, music, and reflection with staff from across Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools. This event serves as a beautiful culmination of the school year and a moment to give thanks for the blessings shared throughout our division.

A special acknowledgment goes to those who are retiring or moving on. We thank you for your many years of faith-filled service and the deep, lasting impact you've had on students, colleagues, and the wider school community.

We are also grateful to Father Antony, Father Trini, Father Ambrose, and Bishop Franken for their presence and ongoing spiritual leadership. Their guidance continues to be a gift to our division throughout the school year.

### Schools Celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus Throughout June

Throughout the month of June, schools across Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools have been celebrating the Sacred Heart of Jesus—a powerful symbol of Christ's love, mercy, and compassion. In classrooms, chapels, and school-wide activities, students and staff have reflected on how they are called to serve others with humility, lead with kindness, and share God's love in their daily lives.

From prayer services and special liturgies to classroom discussions and acts of service, our schools have embraced this devotion as an opportunity to deepen their faith and strengthen their sense of community. May the Sacred Heart continue to inspire our students and staff to grow in faith, hope, and love.

### Building Futures Program Launches in Riverside

We are excited to share that GSACRD has been awarded a Building Futures site in the Riverside community. This innovative educational program allows students to engage in hands-on learning through the design and construction of a home.

As of now, 26 students are registered to participate, with space available for up to 30. This initiative offers students a unique opportunity to explore potential career pathways while gaining valuable real-world experience. We look forward to seeing the meaningful learning and growth that will come from this new venture.



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## **School News**

### **Holy Family Students Celebrate Arbor Day**

Grade 1 students from Holy Family Catholic School participated in St. Albert's annual Arbor Day celebration—an event that promotes environmental stewardship through tree planting and care. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about the importance of trees in our community while enjoying a day of outdoor education and celebration.

### **J.J. Nearing Student Honoured with Lieutenant Governor's Award**

We are proud to recognize Lauren Krembil, a student at J. J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School, who was recently presented with the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award. This honour, granted in partnership with the Alberta School Boards Association and the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, recognizes students who demonstrate outstanding personal character and academic excellence.

Board Chair Lydia Yeomans attended the ceremony on behalf of Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools to support Lauren and the other eight recipients. Each honouree received a certificate, a congratulatory letter, and a medal from Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani. Congratulations to Lauren and to all 2025 award recipients—you are an inspiration to our school community.

### **Former MCHS Student Inspires the Next Generation**

Morinville Community High School was honoured to welcome back alumnus and current MLA Brooks Arcand-Paul. During his visit, he spoke with students about his journey from MCHS to the Alberta Legislature, offering powerful encouragement to dream big, work hard, and remain grounded in community values. His story resonated deeply with students and staff alike.

### **First Communion Celebration at Bertha Kennedy**

Congratulations to the students of Bertha Kennedy Catholic School who received their first communion this past Sunday. We are especially grateful to Mrs. Van Hoof and St. Albert Parish for guiding and preparing the students for this important milestone in their faith journey.

### **École Sacré Coeur Cereal Box Domino Supports Local Families**

Thanks to the generosity of the École Sacré Coeur community, the school collected 283 boxes of cereal for the St. Albert Food Bank. The initiative concluded with a successful and fun-filled cereal box domino event—a memorable example of how small acts of kindness can make a big impact.

### **Legal School Drumming Workshop Celebrates Indigenous Culture**

Students at Legal School participated in an engaging and educational drumming presentation led by Marcus Cruz. The workshop offered students a deeper understanding of Indigenous culture, focusing on the significance of the drum as the heartbeat of Mother Earth. Students were also able to try out the school's newly purchased drums. Special thanks to Marcus and Tamika for sharing their knowledge, stories, and passion.

### **Legal School Hosts Bike Safety Clinic**

Legal School hosted its annual Kids Bike Safety Clinic with support from the Town of Legal, Sturgeon County Bylaw, Morinville RCMP, and Alberta Health Services. When poor air quality required a shift indoors, our partners adapted quickly to ensure the event's success. Students learned essential safety tips, and older students attended a focused session on helmet safety. A reminder to all: always wear your helmet, Titans!

### **MCHS Dramallamas Shine at Youth Theatre Awards**

The Morinville Community High School Dramallamas were recognized at the 3rd Annual Alberta Youth Theatre Collective (AYTC) Gala Awards Ceremony for their outstanding production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*. The team received nominations in multiple categories including set and prop design, marketing, hair and make-up, and vocal performance.

Benji Allain was awarded Outstanding Achievement as Featured Performer, and the Hair & Make-Up Team also took top honours. In addition to performing, MCHS's own reviewer team attended 11 high school productions and were published eight times on the AYTC website and in the Edmonton Journal. Congratulations to the entire Dramallamas team on this remarkable accomplishment.

### **École Georges H. Primeau Teacher Recognized for Excellence**

Congratulations to Amber Gratton from École Georges H. Primeau Middle School in Morinville, who has been named Teacher of the Month (May). This recognition celebrates her outstanding contributions to student learning and school community life.

### **Holy Family Celebrates Community, Culture, and Compassion**

This month, Holy Family students demonstrated their commitment to service by collecting nearly 150 pairs of socks for the Care-a Van Project, offering support to those in need.

On June 16th, students also welcomed Curt Young, who shared his Treaty 4 heritage through music, storytelling, and hands-on activities. The day offered powerful lessons on reconciliation, culture, and the joy of building relationships.

### **Athletic Success at St. Albert Catholic High School**

The Senior Girls Outdoor Soccer team captured the Metro Athletics Division 3 Banner with a 1-0 victory over Ardrossen in penalty kicks. Congratulations to the players and coaches on this championship win. In track and field, Olivier Savinkoff earned a silver medal in shot put and a bronze medal in discus at the provincial championships held in Calgary. A tremendous accomplishment and a proud moment for our athletics program

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

- Alberta School Boards Association Award Nominations
- Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association Awards Nominations
- Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award Nomination
- Safe and Caring Schools Codes of Conduct Yearly Review
- Locally Developed Courses
- Joint Ministry Advocacy
- Memorandum of Agreement – CUPE 2550

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

- Faith and Spiritual Initiatives Report
- Quarter 3 Financial Report
- Field Trip Activity Report
- Donation of Relic

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