



PAULETTE'S VIEW

News from the Superintendent



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Coming Soon @ Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools:

- **Penny Parade United Way Education Project**
Thursday, September 24
Mayor Flewwelling meets students at Camille J. Lerouge
- **Grade 4 Good News Celebration**
October 1 at 10:30 am
Sacred Heart Church
- **School Board Meeting**
Tuesday, October 6 @ 7:30 pm
- **Dawe / St. Pat 28th Annual Run**
Tuesday, September 22
Alternate date:
Tuesday, September 29
- **Division PD Day**
Friday, September 25
- **Senior Boys & Girls 2A Provincial Volleyball Tournament**
Nov. 26, 27 & 28
St. Dominic High School

Newsletter Launch

Welcome to the first issue of my weekly newsletter. I am always so proud of all the wonderful things happening in our division. This newsletter will be an opportunity to highlight what's happening in the division, to share with you a provincial perspective on matters that impact us; to celebrate with the entire division how teachers and support staff are making Christ known to our students while aspiring to excellence.

The newsletter will be posted to Division News every Friday at 11 o'clock. I encourage you to send me your comments and any good news story to [Paulette's View](#) so we can truly celebrate together our successes. Submit your photos too!

2009-2010 In-Year Revenue Claw-Backs

In late August, Alberta Education announced claw-backs to the 2009/10 school year.

Funding was affected in four areas: (1) RCPA (Relative Cost of Purchasing Goods and Services Addjustment goods and services Adjustment), funding to assist with higher cost of purchasing local goods and services, was clawed back \$27,000; (2) SES (Socio-Economic Status) funding for socially or economically disadvantaged students was clawed back \$83,184; (3) Fuel Price Contingency funding that provides for higher school bus fuel costs was clawed back \$150,000; and finally, (4) AOS funding

(Accumulated Operating Surplus) that allows a division to save for future projects or rainy days was clawed back \$276,113. In total, our division lost \$536,297 in funding.



A re-worked budget is to be submitted to the government no later than November 30. Our division is fortunate to still have AOS funds even after the claw-back. These funds will likely be used to cover shortfalls.

Be assured that the claw-back will not directly impact our classrooms this year.

Welcome, Dorice Swensrude



Dorice Swensrude, our new principal at Our Lady of the Rosary, says " OLR has wonderful staff and families. I am very blessed!" Dorice replaces Margaretrose Wilms now principal at St. Elizabeth Seton School.

A Franco-Albertan, Dorice hails from Legal. She and her husband Neil have two children: Quinn (9 yrs) and McKenna (7 yrs). She has a B. Ed and B. Social Sciences from U of Ottawa, and a M. of Science from U of Oregon. Dorice was a French Immersion curriculum leader at Red Deer Public Schools. Her 11 years as Vice-Principal at École Mountview School and École Oriole Park School will serve her well at Our Lady of the Rosary. ***Welcome aboard Dorice, we wish you well!***

Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AISi) Cycle 4 – Coaching for Learning (CFL)



Learning coaches held a CFL kick-off on September 9th! Lynne Paradis commended those who journeyed over the last three years " *moving the division towards more critical reflection*" and

praised the coaches for accepting to be agents of change in their schools.

The focus for the next three-year cycle will be on Coaching For Learning (CFL). Learning coaches from each school will work with teachers on strategies that engage students in the learning process.

Senior Administrators, learning coaches, and other teacher leaders, will all be involved in the "Coaching for Learning" project.

Senior Administrators are very committed to CFL. We know that past AISi initiatives have been very successful as we saw our achievement results grow from year to year. *I look forward to journeying with you!*

Division Office Goes Fishy!



Lynne Paradis brought The Fish! Philosophy to Division Office staff. Based on the experience of employees at the fish market in Seattle, we learned how to apply it in our life, at home, and at work. Be

there for someone that needs an ear; play to lighten up the day; make their day by doing something special for someone; and choose your attitude, don't let your attitude control you!

United Way of Central Alberta Penny Parade: *Building Future Community Leaders*

United Way's pilot project, Penny Parade, will see students at three Red Deer middle schools, including Camille J. Lerouge, learn how *every penny counts*.



Mayor Flewwelling will visit each school on September 24. Camille teachers are planning art and poetry projects. Other activities will include visits to local agencies on October 13 and meeting with Red Deer's prominent community leaders, Jack and Joan Donald. It is a great opportunity for our students to be witnesses of their faith in the broader community.

Special thanks to the Notre Dame leadership team who helped with the launch of Penny Parade and this year's United Way campaign kick-off. The students were really inspired by philanthropist and Dragon Den TV personality, Brett Wilson, who spoke about *giving as an opportunity not an obligation*.

Christine Moore for ACSTA VP Position

Board Chair Christine Moore has announced her intention to run for the VP position at this year's Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association (ACSTA) AGM. Christine has a lot to offer Catholic Education and it is truly an honour for our division to support her in her campaign.

Good luck, Christine!



Notre Dame Students to Build House # 6



Sixteen Notre Dame students pledged to work their hardest, with honesty and with integrity as they take part in this year's Building Opportunities project. This will be the 6th house that ND students have built in partnership with Laebon Homes and Camdon Construction. RDC presented a brand new scholarship (\$500) for CTS carpentry students to former ND student Anthony LeBlanc. The construction site is located at 99 Long Close in Red Deer. *Good luck to students and teacher Mike Vanlanduyt!*

Welcome Graduating Class 2012

Welcome day for Grade 10 students at Notre Dame. Principal Greg Hall says, "Every year it gets better! With the participation of the leadership students, Grade 10 is really getting a feel for their new school." The school band "Climb the Wall" performed for the 2012 graduating class. It was loud, it was crazy, it was fun!



Trustees and Senior Administrators cooked up a storm.