



PAULETTE'S VIEW

News from the Superintendent



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Coming Soon @ Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools:

- **Senior Boys & Girls 2A Provincial Volleyball Tournament**
Nov. 26, 27 & 28
St. Dominic Catholic High School in Rocky Mountain House
- **School Board Meeting**
Monday, November 30 @ 7:30 pm
Montfort Centre
- **Student Report Cards**
Middle Schools on December 7
and
Elementary Schools on December 9
- **ACSTA Catholic Conference**
May 12 -13, 2010
Mayfield Inn, Edmonton

Council of School Administrators Distinguished Leadership Awards

On Thursday November 19 at the Leading and Learning Conference, two of our school administrators received the CSA Distinguished Leadership Award. **Donna Leontowicz** from École Secondaire Notre Dame High School and **Cathy Cameron** from St. Patrick's Community School were recognized for their exemplary leadership as school administrators.

Principals Kathleen Finnigan and Patricia MacRae-Pasula nominated the two recipients and were honoured to present each of them their awards.



The Conference was very well attended. Two of the conference presenters were from our Division, **Rob Coumont** from St. Pat's, and **Dave Khatib** from St. Thomas Aquinas.

Congratulations to Donna and Cathy. Exceptional leaders make for exceptional schools for our students!

Good Partnerships are Essential

The **Building Opportunities** program at École Notre Dame High School is a very unique and powerful learning opportunity. Students are actively part of the construction of a house, from digging the foundation to the last details of the finished product. It is a very big undertaking involving many partners.

One of our partners is the Parkland Regional Sub-Committee of the Alberta Construction Safety Association (ACSA). Since the program inception, it has played an essential role in the formation of our students by providing speakers, work site visits, hazard awareness training and other important consultative services. This year, the Committee sponsored the purchase of four work positioning harnesses for 30-level students.

Last week ACSA members came to the job site to deliver a hazard awareness training session and to observe, instruct and aid students. Instructor Mike VanLanduyt says, "The support, coaching and expertise that ACSA brings to the program is critical. And the "Coach the Coach" component is certainly very valuable to me as an instructor."

A big thank you to Parkland Regional Sub-Committee for all the support, and bravo to Mike for fostering the relationships!



POP Star Awards

This month, Ryan Ledene, our faith coordinator, focused on the Principle of Practice "We practice servant-leadership". As we noted in last week's newsletter, the servant-leader is often seen as the humble steward of the organization who gives priority to the needs of colleagues. They serve others as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.



It's been said that you will recognize a servant leader by looking at those they lead. "Are they being called to grow? Do they become healthier, wiser, freer, and more likely to be servants themselves?"

Notre Dame's dynamic Administrative Team is an example of how servant-leadership works. It is by serving each other that we experience growth.

Margaretrose Willms, Principal at St. Elizabeth Seton, was also a POP Star Award recipient. As a new Principal at her school, Margaretrose certainly has her work cut out this year, yet she joined this year's Mentorship Program Committee. Her servant-leadership is witnessed in the five mentors from her school serving the 1st year program.



Congratulations to all our administrators who day-in and day-out are models of servant-leadership.

International Students Win Awards



Last week we celebrated International Education Week. We missed the opportunity to highlight two of Notre Dame's international students who recently received the 2008

Cultural Diversity Award. Associate Superintendent Dr. Paul Stewart presented the award to **Karina Martins** from Brazil, and **Sun Young Kim** from South Korea. Each received a \$250 grant.

Congratulations to you and to all the international students who achieved honour role!

Senior Boys & Girls 2A Provincial Volleyball Tournament



St. Dominic Catholic High School in Rocky Mountain House is hosting the Senior Boys & Girls 2A Provincial Volleyball Tournament. Twenty-four boys and girls teams from across the province will be competing.



One hundred and fifty staff, students, parents and community members are volunteering.

The banquet took place yesterday evening and tonight, there is a college match. RDC is playing Briercrest as a feature match. One thousand spectators are expected for the game!

To keep up-to-date on the tournament, visit the host website at www.provincials.asaa.ca/page.cfm?s=62

Many thanks to St. Dominic for representing the Division at this important tournament, and good luck to all the athletes!

CTS Resource Centre Update

Earlier this year, our Division won a provincial competition to work with AB Ed, Red Deer College and other stakeholders in CTS education to identify effective CTS teaching and student resources



for use by Alberta teachers. The second component of the program is to develop and provide quality teacher PD on CTS programs. Associate Superintendent Dr. Lynne Paradis and CTS Project Director Paul Couillard were pleased to accept a \$268,000 cheque from Alberta Education representatives Shirley Joly and Corrinna Burdek.

This money will go toward the development and operation of the provincial CTS Resource Review Centre housed at Red Deer College.

In truly serving others, we are also served. In giving we receive.

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