



PAULETTE'S VIEW

News from the Superintendent



Red Deer Catholic
Regional Schools

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Coming Soon @ Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools

- **ATA Children's Christmas Party**
Swimming at Collicut Centre 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Pizza at École Secondaire Notre Dame High School from 1:00 - 3:00 PM
RSVP
- **Student Report Cards**
Middle Schools on December 7
and
Elementary Schools on December 9
- **ATA Division Christmas Party**
Friday, December 11
Cocktails at 6:30 PM
Dinner at 7:00 PM
Westerner Park - Frontier Room
- **School Board Meeting**
Tuesday, January 12, 2010
Montfort Centre
- **Faith Day**
March 1, 2010
Mass with Archbishop Smith at St. Mary's Church
Speaker at École Secondaire Notre Dame High School
- **ACSTA Catholic Conference**
March 12 -13, 2010
Mayfield Inn, Edmonton

MELRA Awards Recognize Excellence at RDCRS

The Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Awards (MELRA) recognized Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools in eleven categories for the 2008/2009 school year.

MELRA celebrates significant improvement and/or very high achievement at the district or jurisdiction level. These awards recognize school boards who make a difference in the lives of students every day.

Our Division placed first in our Zone and tied for seventh place with Calgary Catholic Schools amongst fifty-eight school jurisdictions in Alberta.

We were recognized in 12 ways: for **Very High Achievement** in Safe and Caring, Program of Studies, Education Quality, Drop Out Rate, PAT:Excellence, Citizenship, School Improvement, and for **Significant Improvement** in Safe and Caring, PAT: Excellence, Citizenship, School Improvement, and other Non-Diploma.



It was an honour to accept these awards on behalf of the Division. Everyone at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools is to be congratulated for all you do in making our schools "learning communities of excellence"!

Rainbow Awards at Holy Family

On Monday, Holy Family School held its 2nd Rainbow Award Ceremony. Students recently baptized and who received First Reconciliation were recognized.

Ella in Grade 1 was the winner of this year's school T-Shirt design. Associate Superintendent Dr. Paul Stewart read one of his favourite books, **The Scarecrow's Dance** by Jane Yolen.



Three students were brave enough to perform in front of the entire school: Ethan on the piano, Dylan danced and Zoe sang opera.



Rainbow Awards were presented to students who exemplify Christian values and leadership.

Congratulations to all the students at Holy Family School. Keep sharing your gifts and celebrating your accomplishments!

Notre Dame Cougars – Central Alberta League Champions

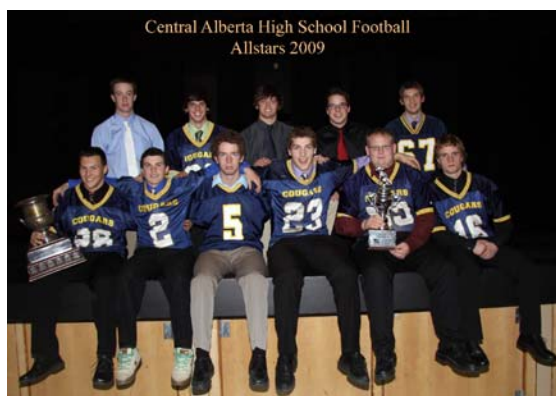


The Cougars finished first in the League play beating defending champions Sylvan Lake Lakers (34-29).

The ND Cougars won the Central Alberta Football League Zone final against the Lacombe Rams (29-14). Cougars represented the Central Zone in the Tier II provincial quarter-finals on November 7 and played a strong game against the Edmonton McNally Tigers. The Cougars lost in double overtime by a score of 17-16.

Notre Dame Cougars' outstanding running back Dale MacDonald was named the Central Alberta High School Football League most valuable player. He was honoured at the League's annual all-star banquet held in Rocky Mountain House on November 25. Notre Dame Cougars' lineman Logan Morrical received Lineman of the Year Award.

Notre Dame also had twelve all-stars: Nathan Stearns, Kyle Devine, Conner Borle, Jordan Willms, Tyler LaGrange, Connor McLachlan, Parker Aubin, Dale MacDonald, Braden Fordyce, Logan Morrical, Logan Sabourin, Glen Ritchie.



Congratulations to Notre Dame Cougars, coaches and families for an outstanding season... you rock!

Senior Boys & Girls 2A Provincial Volleyball Tournament

Congratulations to St. Dominic Catholic High School in Rocky Mountain House who hosted the 2A provincial volleyball tournament. Coaches and ASAA representatives from across Alberta praised the organization team on the warm hospitality and the efficiency of the tournament.

It was a *big* undertaking for a *little* school. The rural spirit prevailed as over 150 people volunteered to share their time and talent to make it a big success!



Many thanks to the staff at St. Dominic for taking up the challenge!

RDCRS Wants "A Healthy You"

Last year, the Division embraced a Health and Wellness initiative based on the concept that healthy people make for healthy schools. The Division believes that healthy spirits, minds and bodies are not just important for learning and teaching, but also are key in our call to be a Light to the world!

Alicia Bell has been working with our schools providing wellness education. She reports that each school is now part of the Champions for Active Schools program. Champions are developing individual health action plans that will see the introduction and/or enhancement of Health and Wellness initiatives in their schools.



Many thanks to all you Champions for taking on this leadership role in your school!

*The key characteristic of servant leadership is humility.
"God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble" (Peter 5:5)*

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