



PAULETTE'S VIEW

News from the Superintendent



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Coming Soon @ Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools

- **School Board Meeting**
Tuesday, January 12, 2010
Montfort Centre
- **Telling Wilde Tales**
St. Martin de Porres School
Production
February 10 & 11, 2010
Memorial Centre
- **Faith Day**
March 1, 2010
Mass with Archbishop
Smith at St. Mary's Church
Speaker Immaculée
Ilibagiza at École
Secondaire Notre Dame
High School
- **Education Foundation First Annual Fundraiser**
March 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm
Westerner Park, Marquis
Room
Left to Tell by Immaculée Ilibagiza
Tickets \$25 - available
from Black Knight Inn
Ticket Centre starting
January 11, 2010
- **ACSTA Catholic Conference**
March 12 -13, 2010
Mayfield Inn, Edmonton

"The grace of God our Saviour has appeared to all." (Tit 2:11)



Let us go! Let us make haste, like the shepherds on that Bethlehem night. God has come to meet us; he has shown us his face, full of grace and mercy! May his coming to us not be in vain! Let us seek Jesus, let us be drawn to his light which dispels sadness and fear from every human heart. Let us draw near to him with confidence, and bow down in humility to adore him. " Pope Benedict XVI.

Wishing you the peace of the Lord, to treasure and share, this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas to you and all your loved ones!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



Students help other children in Red Deer at St. Elizabeth Seton School



We're going Christmas carolling

For five years now, students at St. Elizabeth Seton School have partnered with Catholic Social Services (CSS) to give a present to a child who likely would not receive a Christmas gift. This year's Christmas Giving Tree had 150 gift tags for students to choose from. The tags indicated the age, gender and a suggested gift. All 150 tags were scooped up and 150 wrapped presents were delivered to CSS officials. *The magic of Christmas lives at St. Elizabeth Seton School. Bravo!*



Canada's Outstanding Principals™

Mrs. Kathleen Finnigan, principal at St. Patrick's Community School, has been nominated as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals, a prestigious award from The Learning Partnership.



This award recognizes the unique and crucial contributions of principals in publicly funded schools. It is presented annually in February to 30 Canadian principals. Winners are treated to a four-day Executive Leadership Training program at the Rotman School of Management at University of Toronto, a Gala Celebration Banquet and Awards Presentation, recognition in the Globe and Mail, and an on-line program managed by the Learning Partnership.

Kathleen says, "I have been fortunate to have had great leaders in my lifetime who have truly inspired me along the way. I also have and continue to have co-workers who truly model servant leadership to me."

Congratulations Kathleen! Well deserved recognition for all you do for your school.

Advent at St. Francis of Assisi School



Gifts for Christmas Bureau

Students and staff at St. Francis of Assisi School celebrated Advent with others in mind. They donated 703 pairs of socks and \$346.65 to Safe Harbour Society!

The student leadership groups organized the sponsorship of six families through the Christmas Bureau. Many presents were collected and \$1800 in gift certificates... wow! These students also organized some Advent spirit in the school library by inviting each TAG class to decorate a gingerbread house donated by Costco.



Servant leadership is truly alive and well at your school. Congratulations and Merry Christmas to all!

St. Nicholas at Our Lady of The Rosary School

St. Nicholas, the Real Santa was the theme of the Advent Concert at Our Lady of the Rosary School. St. Nicholas gave secretly to the poor and did not seek attention for himself. Students shared poems and songs about the tradition of giving in countries around the world. The gymnasium was packed with proud parents and community members who saw St. Nicholas as an Advent saint that we can all model even in today's world.



Bravo to all the staff and students for an enchanting Advent celebration!

Mary's Yes To God Celebrated and Lived at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

This Advent, students, staff, parents and friends at École St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School took matters seriously when Carin, mother of Taran, a fellow student, decided to donate a kidney to her son. Over \$5000 was collected for the family!



To culminate the Advent season, the school held its annual concert and play "Mary's Yes". Trustees, parents and teachers attended the delightful performances. The students were totally enthralled in their roles!

Congratulations to all for a great Advent celebration!



Like Advent, much of Catholic servant-leadership is about moving people from darkness into the light.

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