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News from the Superintendent



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Coming Soon @ Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools

- **School Board Meeting**
Tuesday, February 2, 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 **NOW!**
- **An Evening with Walter Gretzky - Notre Dame Fundraiser**
March 13, 2010
Holiday Inn on 67 Street
See newsletter for more info.
- **ACSTA Catholic Conference**
March 12 -13, 2010
Mayfield Inn, Edmonton

Students Celebrate Completion of Home Construction

Early Tuesday morning, students, parents, trade partners and Division staff gathered to celebrate the completion of this year's Building Opportunities Program.

Fifteen students were involved in the construction of the home at 99 Long Close in Lancaster. Instructor Mike Vanlanduyt recognized students with several awards.

Special thanks to Laebon Homes for its invaluable partnership in this initiative and all the trade partners who worked with our students and supported the award ceremony.

Congratulations to Mike Vanlanduyt for another successful year taking our students through the Building Opportunities Program.



Nathan Stearns, Grade 11,
wins "Best Hire" Award

An Evening with Walter Gretzky



École Secondaire Notre Dame High School Drama students have been invited to Scotland's World Wide Fringe Festival in August 2010. Students need to raise \$100,000 for the event. On March 13, Walter Gretzky will be the keynote speaker at a gala banquet fundraiser at the Holiday Inn on 67th Street.

You won't want to miss this event. Ticket will be available at the high school soon. Mark your calendar!

PR / Media Relations Workshop



Carolyn Martindale, City Editor with the Red Deer Advocate shared her thoughts with school principals about print media and how schools can increase their media presence. Some ideas included submitting action shots of students with brief summaries of the event, tip sheets about upcoming events, and understanding the web news trends.

Suzanne Lundrigan, ASBA Communications Director, shared her thoughts on PR and the critical role that staff plays in the promoting a school. Suzanne shared great hints on how to improve school newsletters. Her PowerPoint presentation can be found at [division shared/communications/communications resources](#). ***Special thanks to Jeanne Davis for organizing the workshop. Participants left with lots of new ideas for their school!***



Dare to Care at St. Patrick's Community School



On Tuesday, all students at St. Pat's participated in the Dare to Care program. They learned about how to deal with bullying and challenges within school communities. Teachers and parents also participated in the activities.

Students learned of the many positive and negative consequences attached to the choices they make each day.

They learned how they can create a safe school environment for all students. Facilitators offered clear messages about the potential harm and consequences of substance abuse and acts of violence. Students were challenged to "Be the change you want to see in the world!"

Bravo St. Pat's staff and parents for making your school a safe and loving learning environment!



Alberta Student Leadership Conference



Red Deer Public Schools District has won the bid to host the Alberta Student Leadership Conference (ASLC) in May 2011. Lindsay Thurber High School and

Hunting Hills High School will be the hosting schools. They have invited Notre Dame High School to be a co-host with them.

The conference is held annually with approximately 500 students and 150 advisors from across the province attending the three-day conference. It brings in a number of motivational speakers and offers small group workshops for the students and similar sessions for advisors. It will be held at the Memorial Centre and Hunting Hills High School.

Good luck to all as you prepare this important leadership event!

Career SMORG 2010

Career SMORD 2010 will be a great PD Opportunity. It will take place on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at Red Deer College. Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 10.

For more information, contact Career Prep at 403-342-3797.



Olympic Spirit lives at Mother Teresa

On Thursday afternoon, Mayor Susan Samson visited École Mother Teresa School to judge the best decorated classrooms in the "Paint the Town Red" competition. The best decorated classroom wins a pool party. The Mayor and her entourage were so impressed by the efforts that they declared a tie - two classes won pool parties! ***Congratulations to all students at École Mother Teresa School for showing such Olympic Spirit!***



We honour our children when we find the right balance of compassion and sternness.

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