



PAULETTE'S VIEW

News from the Superintendent



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Regional Schools

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Coming Soon @ Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools:

- **Division PD Day**
Friday, September 25
- **Grade 4 Good News Celebration**
October 1 at 10:30 am
Sacred Heart Church
- **School Board Meeting**
Tuesday, October 6 @ 7:30 pm
- **St. Teresa of Avila 25th Anniversary Celebration**
Tuesday, October 25 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
- **Senior Boys & Girls 2A Provincial Volleyball Tournament**
Nov. 26, 27 & 28
St. Dominic High School

2650 Students Participate in Annual Run



It was a beautiful day for Red Deer students' annual 3K run. The event was a complete success. Twelve of our schools participated with 2650 students running!

Many thanks to **St. Patrick's Community School** for partnering with G.H. Dawe School to make this event happen for the 27th time! And thanks to all those in transportation who organized and bussed the students to the race!



École Camille J. Lerouge School Kicks - Off United Way



Evelyn Leger - a very proud teacher!

On Thursday, September 24, Mayor Flewelling and United Way Chair, Darcy Mykytyshyn, visited École Camille J. Lerouge School to kick-off the United Way Penny Parade pilot project that introduces students to the United Way and the agencies it helps. Kudos to Camille for accepting to participate in this initiative. Principal Diane Kulczycki spoke about United Way and how it

relates to our division theme "To Love in Truth and Action". Many thanks to Evelyn Leger who accepted the challenge to work with her grade 8 - 9 students. They will work on art projects to be displayed at RDC and they will visit other classrooms to speak about United Way.



St. Dominic to Host "2A" Boys & Girls Volleyball

Hosting this tournament is a great honour for our division. All are welcome to attend. Opening Ceremonies for the Provincial Senior Volleyball Tournament at St. Dominic Catholic High School in Rocky Mountain House are on Thursday, November 26 at 9 am and the banquet that evening at 7:30 pm. Confirm your attendance by **Monday, October 12** by calling the high school at 403-845-5313 or by e-mail. Note that on November 27, there will be an ACAC College Match between RDC and Briercrest. Tickets are \$2 unless you have a pass. *More details to follow!*

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

What is CFL? Well, it does involve a football and teams and engagement and high achievement! There are four CFL Cohorts made up of school administrators, each led by a senior administrator: Lynne Paradis - Elementary, Paulette Hanna - Middle Schools, Paul Mason - High School and Paul Stewart - K to 9. Cohorts will meet monthly to identify instructional coaching strategies that focus on high yield student engagement. School administrators will in turn coach school CFL teams on how to optimize student engagement. *Stay tuned for the official kick-off in your school.*



All Powered Up!

On September 1st, our schools took a giant leap in efficiency when PowerSchool replaced WinSchool, our previous Student Information System (SIS). The process, initiated 18 months earlier, saw the formation of the SIS Selection Committee. The committee researched various programs and PowerSchool was eventually chosen. Implementation began in November 2008 with Notre Dame going 'live' in February 2009. Conversion of the remaining schools (except St. Gabe's) occurred in Spring 2009 in preparation for the 2009-10 school year.

The successful transition to PowerSchool is a result of the support provided by our vendor, Pearson Systems, Division Office, and the co-operation of administrators, teachers and support staff throughout the division.

The response from staff suggests that PowerSchool will greatly assist staff in their day to day operations. It will also be beneficial to our families by providing immediate academic information on their children.

As we continue to familiarize ourselves with the operation of PowerSchool, you can be sure that divisional support will continue.

Many thanks to the Implementation and Training Committee: **Paul Mason, Joseph DeAlmeida, Virginia Kozlowski, Glenn Blanco, Lucille Hawkins and Ryszard Kozlowski** for ensuring a smooth transition. *Job well done!*



School Admin. Assistant PowerSchool Training - September PD Day

Someone told me, "I use a Principle of Practice as my password. I am gradually learning each one by heart and it helps me reflect on it every time I log onto my computer."

Trustee Chairs ASBA Zone 4



Some of you may not know that Trustee Lloyd Baumgarten chairs Zone 4 of the Alberta School Board Association (ASBA). Zone 4 is made up of eight jurisdictions and "we are the only Catholic one", says Lloyd, "and I enjoy presenting the Catholic perspective on issues and topics that come forward." His main responsibilities are setting up and chairing meetings including

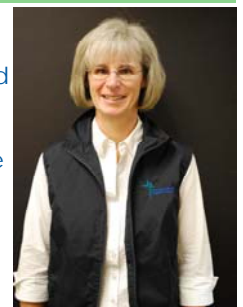
finding PD speakers and initiating discussions around government policy. He says "I really try to engage trustees in their communities and at a provincial level." Lloyd was first elected in 2006. He is currently serving year two of his second term as chair.

Lloyd is in his third term as trustee. Previous to this, many will remember him as our superintendent for three years, deputy superintendent for 16 years, and before that, he was principal at St. Martin de Porres (he opened it) and at Montfort School and St. Thomas Aquinas. *We are blessed to have Lloyd as a mentor in our division.*

Upgrade Your Division Wardrobe

Place your order for division high quality and professional looking clothing! The selection of items includes past items and a new striped dress shirt. New colours were added. I encourage you to **wear division attire on casual Friday**. It's a nice way to celebrate the division and Catholic education. The catalogue is available on Division Shared - Communications.

We are thinking of offering a "special item" in the spring. One suggestion is a track suit. Your thoughts ?



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