



# PAULETTE'S VIEW

*News from the Superintendent*



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## Coming Soon @ Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools:

- **St. Teresa of Avila 25th Anniversary Celebration**  
Tuesday, October 20 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm
- **Catholic Youth Rally 2009**  
October 17  
Archbishop O'Leary School in Edmonton
- **Build a House Presentation**  
Friday, October 23  
7:00 pm  
St. Mary's Church
- **School Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 3 @ 7:30 pm  
Montfort Centre
- **Senior Boys & Girls 2A Provincial Volleyball Tournament**  
Nov. 26, 27 & 28  
St. Dominic High School
- **ACSTA Catholic Conference**  
May 12 -13, 2010  
Mayfield Inn, Edmonton

## Food Bank "Kraze" at St. Thomas Aquinas



On Friday, October 2, it was an early, crazy morning at STA. Kraze 101.3 radio station broadcasted live from the school from 5:30 am to 9:00 am. Activities included face painting, pin the tail on the principal, twister, a dance off, and dodge ball.

Kraze donated an air hockey table to STA for the student gathering area. Tim Horton downtown donated bagels, hot chocolate, juice and coffee for the 250 students and staff. Students and staff filled the back of a truck with food donations for the Red Deer Food Bank.

*Well done STA. You helped those in need in our community and you had a ton of FUN doing it!*



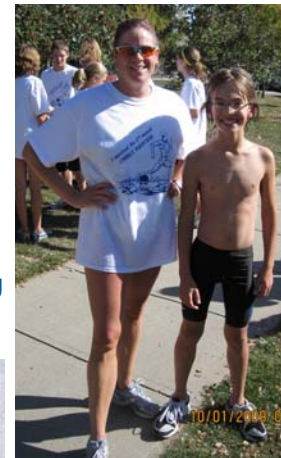
## ND Runs for the Cure

Notre Dame Senior Girls Volleyball team prep for the "Run for the Cure". The girls ran 5 km on Sunday, October 4 to support Breast Cancer research, an event that raised over \$200,000 in Red Deer! Throughout the month of October, the team will continue to raise awareness of the need to support this cause by wearing pink uniforms at their matches.



*Bravo and good luck to each and all of you as you inspire others in this important battle!*

## Aquathon at Camille



Proud teacher Colette Groenen with Lynk Ledene at the Camille J. Lerouge aquathon. Students started training in early September running and swimming at Michener Centre at 7 am. It was a beautiful day for the final event.

*Thank you Colette for all your hard work and dedication!*



## POP Star Winners: Value Our Staff

POP Star awards were given out to two schools last month. Let's focus on one of them this week.

The staff at Holy Family shared with Ryan Ledene why Rick Foret and Ken Meraw were deserving of the award. They said, "Rick and Ken recognize staff who work on school projects with a Thank You card. They write a personal message acknowledging the staff member's special gifts. It's so simple but means so much to us! And they NEVER forget." Staff noted, "They often cover educational assistants' (EA) lunch supervision so they can have more breaks over the week."



About Ken, staff said, "He is always quick to offer subbing services anywhere in the school even in kindergarten! He always does this with a smile! He's an acrobat at accommodating the many meetings and appointments that teachers have throughout the year."

Staff reported that Rick introduced the "Holy Family Pin" award last year. It is passed from one staff member to another to recognize individuals who go the extra mile. They also noted that, "In December, Rick takes groups of students to the music room for an hour of singing. It's supposed to give teachers extra prep time, but it's so enjoyable that many join in the fun. The students LOVE it!" **Sounds like Rick and Ken are very deserving of the POP Star Award. Congratulations!**

## How One House Turned Into Four



Denise Kofin, vice-principal at St. Francis, and her family built two houses in El Salvador last summer with funds raised in our division and parishes. The generosity was overwhelming and the Kofin's want to share the experience at a

presentation at St. Mary's Church on Friday, October 23 at 7 pm. **Come hear how one house turned into four!**

## Seeing Jesus in our Youth

Our Youth Ministry Program is already very active.

Jeannette Manser, Youth Ministry Coordinator, took a few minutes to report on some of the activities happening in Red Deer high schools.



Here's what Jeannette tells us, "A youth team called Notre Dame Super Team has been established - we meet every Tuesday at lunch to discuss upcoming events in school and church. A very gifted group of young people called "EPIC" (Everyday Praising In Christ) have formed a Christian rock band and will perform at today's Thanksgiving Liturgy Celebration."

Jeannette's Random Group is another initiative. The group meets every Friday. Students dance, give-out candy, have spontaneous musicals. There is also a **free guitar and choir classes** on Friday after school. As the students get better at the guitar, Jeannette hopes they will play at masses.

Over 60 youth members have been involved in all these activities and it continues to grow. Jeannette says, "Students come into my office to visit, some to pray because someone has passed away or they are dealing with some tough situations, and some just because it is a comfortable environment. It is a diverse group, and I see more and more students accepting each other for who they are."

Jeannette closes her remarks saying, "I thank God everyday for giving me the opportunity to work with the youth in our schools. God IS present and working here. I ask everyone to continue to pray for our youth everywhere for they are the future of our parishes and communities. Our high school students are talented and gifted. I see Jesus in each and every one of them. Praise God!"

**God bless you, Jeannette!**

**Is Social Media Just a Fad?** Jeanne Davis attended the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education's (CACE) national conference in Montreal this week. Facts she learned about Social Media: if **Facebook** were a country, it would be 4th largest after China, India and the USA; it took 13 years for TV to reach 50 million users, Facebook adds 100 million users in less than 9 months; **Twitter** is following the same trend; 96% of Generation Y have joined a social network; 30% have never used a DVD to watch a movie; 1 in 8 couples married in the USA last year met via internet social networks; e-mail passé? In 2009, Boston College stopped giving email accounts to freshmen; 35% of Amazon book sales are now for the **Kindle**, a wireless reading device; **Youtube**, second most popular search engine, has 100 million videos. (For more info, Google Youtube social media.)

# WE VALUE OUR STAFF