



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

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*Christ-centered
learning communities
where students
are cherished
and achieve
their potential.*

ACTION ITEMS

Meeting with Local MLAs

The Office of the Superintendent is directed to set up meetings with the division's local MLAs.

Edwin Parr Award Banquet

The Board approved the purchase of tickets to attend the ASBA Zone 6 Edwin Parr Nominee Banquet on May 21, 2025.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Administrative Procedures Update

The Board received as information the following revised Administrative Procedures:

- AP 400: Recruitment and Selection of Teachers
 - AP 118: Input into Decision-Making
 - AP 121: Alcohol Consumption on Division Premises
 - AP 122: Political Engineering
 - AP 402: Rotation of School-Based Administrators
- These will be posted to the division website.

Catholic Education Sunday Collection

The Diocese of Calgary has provided \$12,984.24 to Holy Spirit from the Catholic Education Sunday collection held October 19/20, 2024.

Art's Alive and Well in Schools

The "Art's Alive and Well in Schools" is for Grades 9-12. This event will be held from May 10, 2025 to June 14, 2025. The division will again be donating \$100 to fund the Junior / Middle School Award of Merit as per *Policy 17: Awards*.

APEX Youth Awards

The Apex Youth Awards recognize individuals from Taber and area, who unselfishly give of themselves in the service to others.

Transfer of Jurisdiction CUPE

The Board received correspondence from the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) approving the request for the transfer of jurisdiction of Holy Spirit Catholic School Division CUPE 290 to be part of CUPE 1825 effective March 24, 2025.

PRESENTATIONS

Edwin Parr Nominee

Ms. Carly Spoulos, a teacher from St. Francis Junior High School, has been selected as Holy Spirit Catholic School Division nominee for the ASBA's "Edwin Parr Award", which recognizes excellence in first year teaching. The Board formally congratulated Ms. Spoulos on her nomination.

Division Music Task Force

Ms. Coreen Packham, Ms. Jessica Ens, Ms. Erin Richards, and Mr. Chris Hartman, music specialists within Holy Spirit Catholic School Division, presented to the Board of Trustees results of a division wide music audit. The task force identified four main areas that are opportunities for growth: timetabling, budgeting, instrumental music, and program focus.

Southern Alberta Collegiate Institute

Joelle Reynolds, Lethbridge Polytechnic, and Peter Gallager, Southern Alberta Collegiate Institute (SACI), gave an overview of the SACI program to the Board. This career pathway program is focused on Grades 7-9 and provides hands-on experiences and career information to lay the foundation for transitioning to senior high and post-secondary institutions.

POLICY REVIEW

The Board's Policy Development and Review Committee completed a thorough review of the following policies and presented them to the Board for approval:

Policy 19: Conflict of Interest and Nepotism

Policy 21: Public Interest Disclosure

Policy 22: Vaccination Protocol

Policy 23: Extra-Curricular Activity

HOLY SPIRIT STARS

Congratulations to the following students and staff:

Sophia Stratychuk (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Won silver at Provincials in Sparring.

The following students from Catholic Central High School won gold at Provincials with their U19B Ringette team and went undefeated in the tournament:

Kaitlyn Sanders
Mataya White

Phoebe Ruggles
Shayla Walshe

Marlow Snoek (St. Teresa of Calcutta) - Won gold at the Lethbridge Regional Science Fair.

Tyler Monplaisir and Vincent Patton (St. Teresa of Calcutta) - Won silver at the Lethbridge Regional Science Fair.

Gwendolyn Kaufman (St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School) - Earned two bronze medals at Provincials and was named Student of the Month at Champion Taekwon-Do.

Emma Realini (St. Francis Junior High School) - Named top swimmer for the Lethbridge Synchrobelles in a recent competition.

Rylee Cruse (St. Francis Junior High School) - Selected for the Hockey Alberta Challenge Cup and also named Top Forward for the Alberta Female Hockey U15AA league.

Emily De Boer and Denaya Shade (St. Francis Junior High School) - Selected for the Hockey Alberta Challenge Cup.

Jaxon Kraemer (St. Francis Junior High School) - Selected for the Hockey Alberta Prospects Cup and also named to the All-Star team for the U13AA league.

Tucker Tillsley (Father Leonard Van Tighem School) - Selected for the Hockey Alberta Prospects Cup and also named to the All-Star team for the U13AA league.

REPORTS

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- First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education
- Director of Facilities

Strengthening Our Catholic Faith

- We foster a Catholic worldview of reflection, service and sacramentality.
- Our staff and students demonstrate knowledge of faith and commit to faith development.
- We create Communities of Accompaniment in our schools and school division.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Living Truth and Reconciliation

- Our First Nations, Métis and Inuit students will continue to see increasing success rates.
- We foster reconciliation through listening, accompaniment and recognition of the ongoing impacts of the past.
- We will deepen our understanding of our collective responsibilities as Treaty People.

"These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace." (Zechariah 8:16)

Belonging In Our Diverse Community

- We will assist students in navigating various pathways of support.
- We provide programming and support for student and staff well-being.
- We celebrate and respect all cultures and ethnicities in our schools.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Learning through Quality Teaching

- We prepare students for career pathways.
- All students demonstrate growth in literacy and numeracy.
- Schools reflect collaborative teaching and learning environments.

"May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth." (Deuteronomy 32:2)

