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CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTHLY NEWS

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CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS NOMINATED FOR PROVINCIAL AWARDS

The Calgary Catholic School District is proud to acknowledge our 24 teachers who were nominated for an Excellence in Teaching Award.

Since 1989, Alberta Education's Excellence in Teaching Awards Program has recognized creative and innovative teachers for their exceptional work in Alberta's kindergarten to Grade 12 classrooms. Nominations for these awards are made by parents, teacher-colleagues, principals, superintendents and all Albertans who want to show their appreciation to an outstanding teacher or principal.

This year, there were a total of 338 nominees. From the nominees, the province selected 136 teachers as semifinalists. CCSD had 24 teachers nominated for this recognition and five were chosen as semifinalists. The 24 nominees are:

Mary-Ann Bereznicki	St. Cyril School
Lynette Bueckert	Mother Mary Greene School
Kimberly Cameron	St. Cyril School
Becky Campbell-Grzela	Our Lady of the Assumption School
Marlene Clennan	St. Boniface School
Eric Dugas	Bishop Carroll School
Lori Filipuzzi	St. Peter School
Derek Fink	Bishop McNally School
Deborah Fitzgerald	Our Lady of Fatima School
Carrie Forster	St. Clare School
Denise Henry	St. Clare School
Sharon Le Breton	École St. Gerard School
Teresa Martin	St. Elizabeth-Seton School
Ian O'Neill	St. Vincent de Paul School
Murray Sapieha	St. Cyril School
Krista Schnick	Mother Mary Greene School
Ross Travis	Our Lady of Fatima School
Brandi Vansteelandt	St. Peter School
Anna Wade	Our Lady of Peace School

Semifinalists:

Catherine Dalton	Our Lady of the Assumption School
Laura Drezzick	Bishop McNally School
Susan Siry	Good Shepherd School
Dominic Tran	Monsignor J. S. Smith School
Kirk Villanueva	Our Lady of the Assumption School

The program honours teachers across the province and encourages them to further develop their skills by providing funding for their professional development. From the 136 semifinalists, 23 award recipients will be selected and honoured in Calgary on May 29, 2010 at a special dinner and awards ceremony. Congratulations to all our nominees!



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MY FIRST RIDE PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

Registrations are now being accepted for My First Ride, a free orientation program designed to educate parents and kindergarten children about riding the school bus safely. Kindergarten families are invited to attend either orientation, depending on which location is more convenient.

South Calgary

Saturday, May 29, 2010
St. Cecilia School
610 Agate Crescent S.E., Calgary

North Calgary

Sunday, May 30, 2010
Mount View School
2004 – 4 St. N.E., Calgary

Sessions are approximately one hour and the program consists of a presentation on bus safety followed by a first ride on a bus. Families receive safety handouts, snacks and school district bus-ing information.

Pre-registration is essential to attend this program, and is on a first come, first served basis. To pre-register call: 403-640-8867.

ALBERTA EDUCATION WEEK (APRIL 25–MAY 1)

Sunday, April 25 marks the beginning of Education Week in Alberta. This year's theme is *Education: the Heart of our Communities*. In recognition of Education Week, the Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) celebrates public education and the important role that schools play in our communities. The District thanks all of its teachers who are committed to creating an inspired future for every child throughout the district. With a focus on faith-based teaching and learning at all of its schools, the CCSD is proud of its staff and the leadership role they play in educating our students.

CCSD also celebrates Catholic Education Sunday in November and Catholic Education Week from May 2–7.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL SINGLE GENDER PROGRAM

Registrations are being accepted at Sacred Heart School, which will offer single gender classrooms beginning in September 2010. Sacred Heart is a kindergarten to Grade 6 elementary school located in the community of Sunalta. The new program will allow both boys and girls to attend school in the same building, but divided into different classrooms for the majority of the school day. This model will also allow students to come together for certain school activities and learning opportunities.

Sacred Heart School features uniforms for students, a full-day kindergarten program, a focus on technology to support classroom instruction, and a strong daily physical education program. The school has the capacity to accept additional registrations for the upcoming school year.

For more information or to register, please contact Sacred Heart School (1312-15th Street S.W.) at 403-500-2004.

DRAFT HOMEWORK REGULATION INTERNET SURVEY

The district's homework committee has developed a draft homework regulation for the 2010–2011 school year from stakeholder feedback. Before the regulation is finalized, the committee would like your input. Please read the draft regulation and complete the online survey by May 20, 2010. It can be accessed at www.cssd.ab.ca. Thank you for your participation.

