



# Telling Our Story

## Catholic Education Sunday Edition

### District Religious Education Update

This weekend parishes across Alberta will be celebrating the gift of Catholic Education. At Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools we are blessed to have been a part of the legacy of Catholic Education in Alberta for more than 150 years. In each of the six bulletins that will be distributed at the parishes of St. Albert (St. Albert), Holy Family (St. Albert), St. Jean Baptiste (Morinville), St. Emile (Legal), and Our Lady of Loretto (Edmonton Garrison) this school year, we will feature how our Catholic faith is being experienced, shared, and put into action within our 16 schools.

Our district's faith theme this year is Living Like Jesus; We Are Servants. It is through loving service that we live out our faith; sanctifying the world through our model and witness of Jesus Christ. We humbly ask your prayers for continued blessings upon our students, staff, and families, and for Catholic Education.

-Colin Loiselle, Religious Education Consultant, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools



Grade 4 students from Bertha Kennedy receive their bibles

### Faith In Action

Bertha Kennedy began the year with a wonderful school Mass celebrating a new school year and distributing bibles to the grade 4 students (pictured left). In addition, staff and students collected over 500 pounds of food for the St. Albert Food Bank!

Morinville Community High School held it's annual Thanksgiving celebration (pictured above) staff and students were pleased to have Father Rene join to deliver prayers of thanks for all God does for us.

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## Faith In Action

Staff from École George H. Primeau lent a helping hand at the second annual Uplift Day of Mercy, an event led by Catholic Social Services. Volunteers helped to sort toiletries, unpack bags of coats and stuff gift bags with a variety of donated items - many of which were donated by staff, students and their families (pictured right).

Staff and students at Legal school have been busy with many activities this fall. The year started with Father Francis presiding over opening mass and then students participated in Orange Shirt Day where students honoured Residential School survivors by wearing orange. During Read-In Week they had several guests visit the school to read to students. Superintendent David Keohane gifted the school with the book, *"Letters to Pope Francis"* (pictured right). Students also gathered donations for the food bank and had a little healthy competition between classes.

Vital Grandin staff and students also celebrated Orange Shirt Day acknowledging that "Every Child Matters," regardless of ancestry, race or ability (picture below). They also started their monthly Youville Reading Buddies visits where they get to share stories and love of reading between generations. In addition, 16 students from VG will be attending WE day where they will serve as our student-led social justice team; finding ways we can "change the world" both locally and internationally.



## Serving in Costa Rica

École Secondaire Marguerite d'Youville Costa Rica group took a team of 16 volunteers to assist with basic renovations and repairs at a PANI shelter (pictured right). All orphanages and daycare facilities in Costa Rica are supervised by PANI, a government institution that supervises childcare in Costa Rica. The orphanages themselves are small not for profit organizations or community groups.

Our team painted eight bedrooms and bathrooms, two living areas and a kitchen. We also painted a musical mural in one of the homes where the girls loved music. Each day after work, we played with the children and created activities for the youth at the center.

This project helped to improve the longevity of the facility and will have a lasting impact for the children who call this centre home.



Grade two students at École Notre Dame collected over 600 lbs of food for the Morinville Food Bank as part of their service project (pictured on front). Grade four students were also presented with their bibles at opening mass through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus.



École Marie Poburan's JC task force is working with all students, staff and parents to complete acts of service including reading to a sibling, setting a table, washing dishes, taking out the garbage, mowing the grass, altar serving at mass and many others! As a larger group, students have collected donations for the food bank as well as welcoming staff from the Mustard Seed to learn how they can help serve the homeless in the surrounding area.

Students at Neil M. Ross Catholic School had a prayerful start to the year learning ways to become a better servant through the many teachings Jesus shares with us. We celebrated with our opening mass, presentation of bibles to our grade 4 students as well as a Thanksgiving celebration we shared with students and parents. Our annual Food Bank drive was also a big success and we collected around 700 pounds of food!



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