

Regina Catholic School Division Director's Communiqué

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"Let Your Light Shine"

A Message from Director of Education, Domenic Scuglia



Springtime Rhapsody
My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:10-12

April brought us a nice break from classes, and I pray a wonderful time with family to reflect on the loving sacrifice Christ Jesus made for us all. The last three weeks of the month were filled with learning, playing, and praying in each of our schools.

Thank you to those who have found beautiful ways to show God's grace and mercy during the Easter season. April began with the announcement of the terrible tragedy that befell the Humboldt Broncos. It was overwhelming to be witness to the response from the entire province. At Regina Catholic, we appreciate the prayers, and funds raised for that community.

Praying for lives ended and changed forever, collaborating with other school divisions to fill the Conexus Arts Centre with the beautiful sound of recorders playing with the Regina Symphony Orchestra. Working with local celebrities to paint ceramic plates and raise funds for the food bank to nourish those who need food over the summer holiday, listening to a Holocaust survivor at Resurrection Parish are just some of the examples of the ways we go the extra mile. As a school division, we are shaping the way our students will treat others, and we have a lot to look forward to in their futures.

Springtime Rhapsody speaks to the ending of a long, cold and harsh winter and the beginning of seeing life renew. During this season of Easter, we have witnessed a typically Saskatchewan weather menu, and yet, through the dust, puddles and months of litter, we see the buds on the trees and grass beginning to green. Bike racks are in use once again, and many classes have taken on the challenge of cleaning up their schoolyards to welcome spring.

Spring also brings the start to the end of the school year. This is perhaps the busiest time for any school community, as we look toward the 2018-2019 school year while still deep in the throes of the 2017-2018 year. It is a busy juggle to keep everything going simultaneously, while remaining focused on the business of educating our students. I pray for God to bless each of you will renew strength this spring while we move toward the end of the school year.

God Bless,
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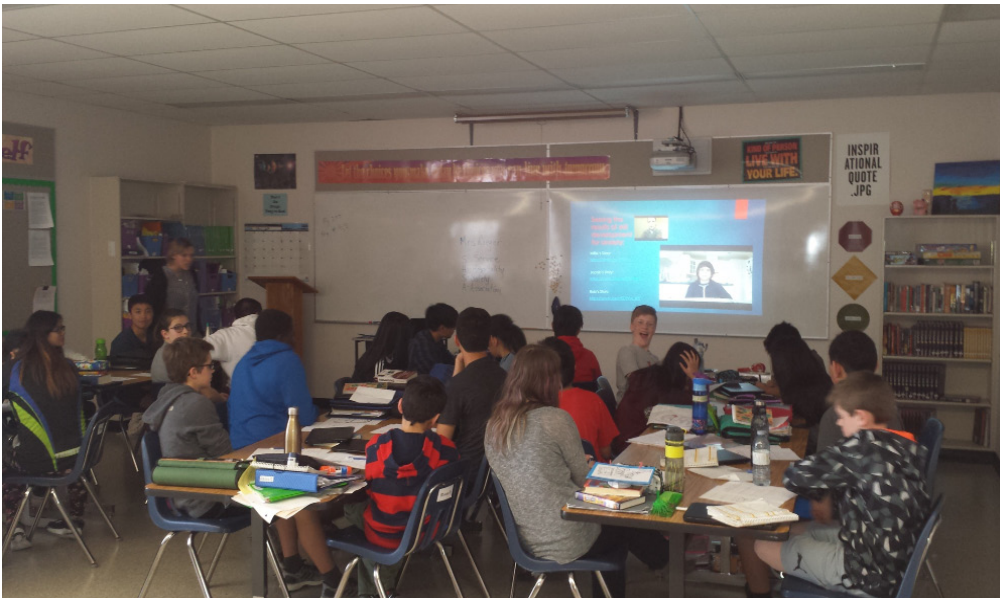
Entrepreneurship

On April 26, Amy Bladyko from Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School brought her Entrepreneurship 30 class to a day-long seminar organized by the Regina District Industry Education Council, and featuring a number of prominent local business people and entrepreneurs. Amy is shown here with several of her students beside her, along with students from Regina Public and Prairie Valley School Divisions, listening to Jeph Maystruck, Owner/ Co-Founder, Strategy Lab Marketing. The day proved to be an invaluable learning opportunity for some future LeBoldus entrepreneurs!



Service & Hospitality

On Wednesday, April 25, Keri Rieger from the Service & Hospitality Safety Association presented to the Grade 7s and 8s in both Jeff Rambow's room and Mitch Bresciani's room at St. Matthew School. Keri is presenting to all our schools this year on mental health, and strategies to deal with anxiety and depression – very topical in today's world! The students get prizes and the teachers get resources – a win-win for everyone!



Wood Wonders

On Friday, April 20 at St. Josaphat School, Graham Hayes reluctantly but kindly gave up his gymnasium so the Grade 7/8's from Ms. Shannon LeCouffe's and Mr. Arkin Kauf's classes could work on some wood projects. The picture shows quite a variety of PAA products, but doesn't show the mountain of sawdust that was created!



Congratulations to everyone involved in elementary school sports this season. Sacred Heart Community School hosted the basketball finals and their boys' team won in their brand new gym! The Leader-Post covered the championship win. You can see the coverage [here](#) and [here](#)!



Stations of the Cross

St. Nicholas School held a beautiful reflection of the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday. Each station recieved an artistic treatment, be it voice, dance, action, shadow, or song. Students even rapped in the meaningful production. Teachers Michelle Richter and Danielle Ryhorchuk led their grade 7/8s through the project. [*The video of the day is now available.*](#)

Emergency Services

Murray Wright's class at Michael A. Riffel Catholic High School visited the crews at Fire Hall #6. Students got to catch a hydrant and flow water. The captain pulled out the ladder truck, put students into harnesses, gave them a safety brief, placed a firefighter behind them, and allowed them to climb to the top of the ladder!



Ladder Safety

Two Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School students won third place in WorkSafe Saskatchewan's 2018 Youth Video Contest. "[*Ladder Safety*](#)" by Zachary Koroluk and Kaiden Godlien (teacher Michael Wolf), won \$500 for the students, and \$750 for the school. Way to go!



Congratulations Miller!

Congratulations to Miller's Senior Improv Team who earned the title of Regional Champions at the Saskatchewan Improv Games in February. This was the third time in three years this team has earned the title and with it, the opportunity to attend the Canadian Improv Games in Ottawa. They finished 5th overall in Ottawa - marking the first time in 17 years that a team from Saskatchewan has earned a spot in the CIG finals. A special thank you to the dedicated teacher advisors and parents who supported our students on this adventure. We are very proud of our Improv Team and their achievement of putting both Miller and RCSD on the National Improv map.



St. Catherine 50th Anniversary

St. Catherine Community School celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year. To mark the anniversary, join in for a liturgy and school blessing on Saturday, June 9 at 1:00, followed by a carnival until 4:00.

Earth Day

Just before Earth Day, Mrs. Kalynchuk's Grade 5 class at St. Matthew School was learning about resources; renewable, non-renewable, how resources are used, and how to change how we think about resources. One discussion was about how we have not traditionally thought about eating insects here, but that in much of the world, many people do. They learned about a cricket farm in Ontario and how much nutrition can be produced with little space and lot less water than traditional agriculture. Then came the challenge: who would like to try some dried grasshoppers. Almost half the class tried the hoppers. Wyatt and Ms. Pitzel were surprised to discover how much they liked the hopper snack. They posed for this picture, hoppers on tongues, before crunching down on one of the number of grasshoppers they enjoyed! We hear there is cricket powder at Superstore....





Moving in Faith

The 9th Annual Moving in Faith is Sunday, May 27. We will have all the staples from years past: Dino Bouncers, face painting, balloon animals, a free hot dog and drink for every participant, live music, a liturgy and a 2K or 5K walk/run/jog/stroller/wheelchair. Some fun additions for 2018 include Artisan Taekwondo and Rookie Rugby on the infield, a photo booth, and instead of t-shirts, some brand new Moving in Faith buffs. We start with the family fun at 12:30, and begin our liturgy at 1:45, with "On your marks, get set, go!" at 2:00. This year's event will support Catholic Education Matters to protect and promote Catholic education in Saskatchewan. Register now at www.rcsd.ca/MovinginFaith.

Moving in Faith

Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 12:30 pm



REGISTRATION

ONLINE at:
www.rcsd.ca/movinginfaith

or DROP OFF:
at your LOCAL SCHOOL or the
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE
(Forms available at all schools)

REGISTRATION CLOSES
MAY 26, 2018



CANADA GAMES ATHLETIC PARK

2 km WALK/JOG/WHEELCHAIR
5 km WALK/RUN

DONATIONS SUPPORT

CATHOLIC EDUCATION
MATTERS

Family Fun 12:30 pm
Liturgy 1:45 pm
2K or 5K 2:00 pm



Link Up

On Friday, April 13, 2018, approximately 2,800 grades 3-5 students from Regina Catholic, Regina Public, Prairie Valley and Prairie South school divisions took part in a concert with the Regina Symphony Orchestra. About 750 RCSD students were part of the Link Up music program, learning to play the recorder and sing classical music. Two artists visited our schools and worked with the students prior to the concert. This was a wonderful and exciting experience linking our schools with our professional Arts community.



Autism Spectrum Disorder

Speech-language pathologists can help.

Each child with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is unique, with their own challenges and needs. For this reason, collaborative care is key to helping children with ASD reach their individual goals.

As professionals who offer specialized expertise in all aspects of verbal and nonverbal communication and social interaction, speech-language pathologists (S-LPs) are essential to ASD care.



S-LPs HELP CHILDREN ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM:

PROVIDE IN-DEPTH SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION ASSESSMENTS.

These assessments determine the nature of a child's communication strengths and challenges.



PROVIDE EVIDENCE-INFORMED INTERVENTIONS.

There is no single effective treatment approach for all people with ASD. S-LPs use a variety of techniques and approaches to customize their treatment plans based on individual needs and preferences.



COACH AND EDUCATE CAREGIVERS.

S-LPs work with caregivers to help them better understand the nature of their child's communication challenges.



WORK COLLABORATIVELY.

S-LPs work with other professionals, recognizing that collaborative care teams, with diverse knowledge and expertise, offer the best support system for children and their families.



Make sure an S-LP is part of your care team.



Skills Canada

Fourteen of our elementary schools (Deshaye, Holy Rosary, St. Bernadette, St. Catherine, St. Dominic, St. Francis, St. Gregory, St. Josaphat, St. Luke, St. Mary, St. Marguerite, St. Michael, St. Peter and St. Theresa) went to Evraz Place for the provincial Skills Canada competition. The competition featured "Try A Trade," which allowed students to explore different trades and careers. These explorations connect to Grade 7 and 8 Career Education outcomes. Pictured are St. Peter School's Jessi McCulloch on the left with some of her students, and Superintendent Brian Lach on the right.



Regina, Saskatchewan

2nd Prize Winner

School: Archbishop M.C. O'Neill C.S.S, Regina C.S.D
Grades: Math Science **Teacher:** Dean Vendramin



We are honoured and humbled to be recognized and are extremely grateful for the learning tools awarded by MindShare Learning and contest sponsor Dell EMC.

Click here to watch this award winning video



Classroom of the Future

Congratulations to Archbishop M. C. O'Neill Catholic High School for winning the MindShare Learning Classroom of the Future Challenge. Second place earned them 10 Latitude 3189 2-in-1 Notebooks, a Dell 55 Touch Interactive Monitor, a set of Microbits, which includes a session of teacher training, plus 3 curricular activities from Stem Learning Lab, a Bosch Dremel 3D Printer, 2-hour Microsoft Teacher Professional Development, a School Set & PD Webinar, a Robotics and Coding Prize Pack, and a LiftFit Desk.

3rd Prize Winner Stuffies for Children

Mr. Wright's Emergency Services class, in conjunction with Saskatchewan Health Authority EMS, is collecting small stuffed animals that EMS and hospital personnel will use with children who are in need of comfort because they or a family member are sick and receiving medical attention. Any donations of new small stuffed animals can be brought to the Riffel main office.



Safety Patrol

Education Minister Gordon Wyant joined the safety patrol at St. Peter School. It was a temporary position for him, but he donned a safety vest and joined patrollers to mark CAA Safety Patrol Week. Thank you to all our safety patrollers who help keep our neighbourhoods safe.



Food for Families

École St. Elizabeth held the 3rd Annual Food for Families in April. Celebrities paired with students in Mme. Ling's class to paint ceramic plates which will be auctioned off to raise funds for the Regina & District Food Bank. It was another huge success. Auction details are coming soon!



Remembering

Remembering those we've lost over the school year, all school based administrators were part of a prayer service prior to an SBA meeting in April. Prayer is where we turn for healing. Each candle was lit to remember a life lost within our school division, and the lives forever changed by the crash of the Humboldt Broncos' bus.





Concours d'art oratoire

2018 Concours d'art oratoire Divisional Final was held at École St. Elizabeth. All competitors did extremely well, and that did not happen without a lot of support from teachers and parents! Students who placed in 1st or 2nd continued on to the Provincial competition in Saskatoon. Un gros merci to the judges who came out to assist: Mme Diane Lacasse, Mme Lucie Anderson, Mme Micheline Bénard, Mme Meagan Cruickshank, Mme Céline Gauthier, Mme Kelly Weber, M. Mark Wernikowski, Mme Amélie Rodrigue, Mme Aissatou Niang, and Mme Jaco Christopherson. Finally thank you to everyone at École St. Elizabeth.

Game Changer

The Regina Catholic School Division United Way Committee was nominated for a fundraising award from United Way Regina. While the committee did not win this award, the members were present as Superintendent of Education Services Sean Chase was given the Game Changer Award for his efforts to champion the causes of the United Way in our schools. We are very proud of Sean's hard work and grateful for our connection with United Way Regina. Please watch for details this fall about how we will again help the United Way raise funds to continue to play a large role in our schools and the success of children in Regina.



Tweets from Pope Francis @Pontifex

"Our faith is born on Easter morning: Jesus is alive! This experience is at the heart of the Christian message."

"Love is the only invincible weapon, because it has the power to disarm the forces of evil."

"The Word of God is a light in the darkness: it helps us face our difficulties without fear."

"Today God is still searching for hearts like Mary's, hearts that are ready to trust in Him completely."

"God asks us little and gives us a lot. He asks us to open our hearts and to welcome Him and the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters."

"When we are full of self-importance, we leave no space for God. So let us ask the Lord for a conversion of heart."

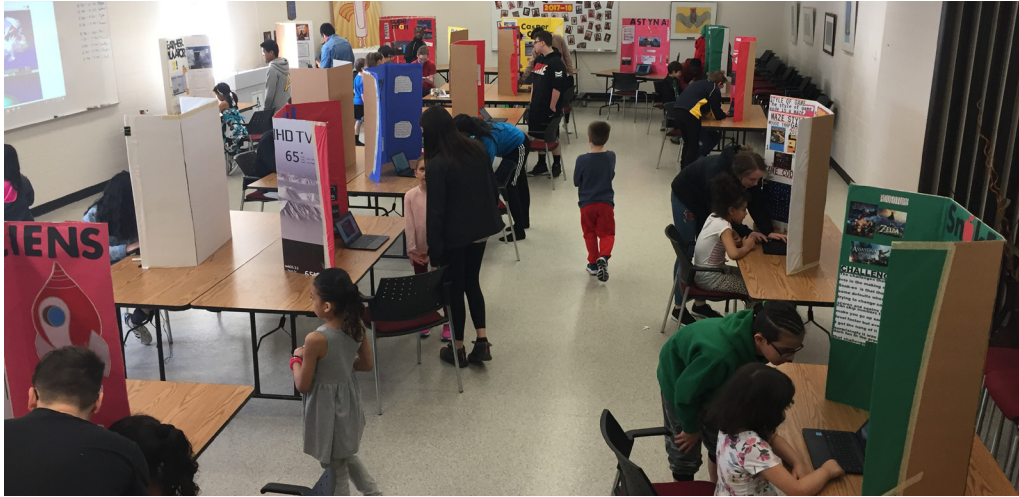
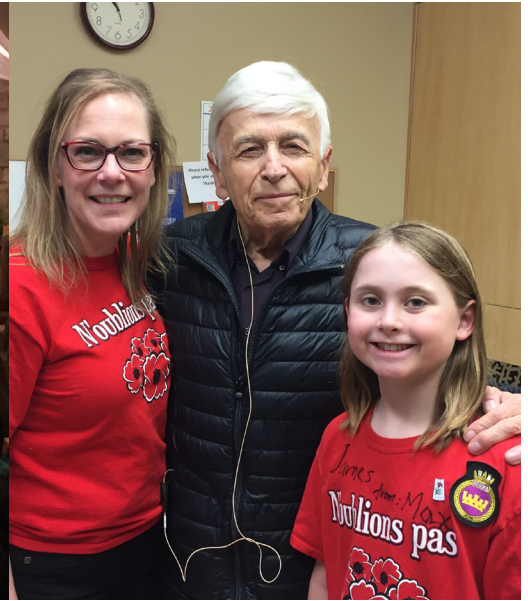
"The Word of God is the lamp with which we look to the future: its light allows us to read the signs of the times."

"Do we really want peace? Then let's ban all weapons so we don't have to live in fear of war."



Holocaust Survivor

On Thursday, April 26, we hosted author and Holocaust survivor, Max Eisen at Resurrection Parish. We invited students from Regina Public Schools and Prairie Valley Schools to hear his message of hope, courage, and strength of character. There were over 1200 staff and students in attendance, and everyone was listening so intently, the only thing you could hear beyond Max's voice was the sprinklers going outside.



Coding Fair

Holy Rosary Community School put a twist on the traditional Science Fair, and Simon Firnesz's class worked hard to present a Coding Fair. Each student coded a video game to share. The games were either completely new creations, or variations on existing games. Each student successfully coded something independently, and the results were amazing!

Month at a Glance - May 2018

Saturday, May 5 - National Day of Awareness of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women

May 6-12 - Catholic Education Week

Monday, May 7 - Public Board Meeting 5:00
- National Child & Youth Mental Health Day

Wednesday, May 9 - Employee Recognition Evening

Thursday, May 10 - Ascension of Jesus
- RCA Superannuation Celebration

Sunday, May 13 - Ascension Sunday
- Mother's Day

Friday, May 18 - TPD/PLC, No School for Students

Sunday, May 20 - Pentecost Sunday

Monday, May 21 - Statutory Holiday

Sunday, May 27 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
- Moving in Faith

Wednesday, May 30 - Feast Day of St. Joan of Arc

Thursday, May 31 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)



Humboldt Strong



Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire
Humboldt Community—God Bless

Handwritten signatures and names:
Kali Ann...
P...
Toni Moffatt
JADRIANNE
Faith
Andrew Shanner
Love and prayers from
Jasper Family
Nolan Pankra
Eve Bottch
Cecilia
Johanna
Ryan Perpelak
Emily Bluscher
Taylor
Shayla Nguyen
Mikenna
Dorcas
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