



There have been many exciting faith events happening in Holy Trinity Catholic School Division in Moose Jaw. We continued with the theme *“Be Joyful in Hope, Patient in Affliction, Faithful in Prayer”* (Romans 12:12).

This fall we had Michael Chiasson come to Vanier Collegiate to talk with students in grades 7-12 he had a powerful message for students and parents. The message Michael shared with students was that God is always there for you. He reminded students the power of their words and that you can devastate somebody’s tomorrow by what you say today. He challenged students to go home and tell someone how amazing they are. His message to the parents was to always remember that they are the greatest impact on their child’s life.

We also had Harley Packer do a faith retreat with staff and students at Phoenix academy. His talk was along our division theme. Harley’s message to students was there is always hope. By sharing his faith journey, he showed staff and students that even in the darkest of times God is there for you.

The elementary schools each held a day retreat with Face2Face ministries. The students and staff danced, sang and prayed. We learned that GPS helps us get to where we want to go with God, Prayer and Sacraments!

We started 2019 by celebrating Epiphany with Deacon Lamont chalking each of our elementary schools and high schools. Thank you to Deacon Lamont for all his dedication in leading these blessings and engaging the students at each school. This was such an exciting way to involve students and staff in an old Catholic tradition.

The staff in Moose Jaw set up church tours led by Father George at St Joseph’s parish, Father Jake at Church of Our Lady and Father Vasyl at the Ukrainian Catholic parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This was an exciting opportunity for staff to visit the churches and learn more about the meaning of different icons and symbols in the church.

“The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.” (Psalm 145.9) Vanier Collegiate staff continue to work together as a team of 17 teachers, the Chaplin, administration, Religious consultant, Priests and Deacons to support the students in grades 9-12 with the New Catholic Studies Curriculum. We have such a unique opportunity at Vanier Collegiate having teams of teachers at each grade level supporting each other with this new curriculum. The students have come up with a variety of Christian Action Projects. Such as, a grade 10 classroom created Swag Bags for men, women and children with essential items such as a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap and shampoo to underwear and mitts and granola bars. We also have two grade 12 classrooms who have buddied up with a senior citizen home in Moose Jaw. The students have been going to the senior home once a week to just talk, play games or help decorate. The employees at the senior home were in awe of the response from the seniors saying they had some seniors who never came out of their room starting to come out and socialize more. We are so blessed to have these opportunities in our school to share God’s love with those in the community.

We have had an amazing 5 months in the 2018-19 school year as we grow in our faith as staff and as a school division we see God in all that we do. We are looking forward to preparing for Lent and the Easter season with all staff and students in Holy Trinity Catholic School division.