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THREE NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NAMED

The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) considers the naming of a new school as one of the initial steps to building community among individuals who will learn and work together in the new building. The process involves parents, District employees, trustees and the local parish in selecting a name that is readily identifiable with the Catholic faith or the history of CCSD. At a recent public board meeting, the names of three new Catholic schools scheduled to open in September 2010 were announced:

Cranston (kindergarten to Grade 9):	Christ the King Catholic School
Evergreen (kindergarten to Grade 6):	Our Lady of the Evergreens Catholic School
Saddle Ridge (kindergarten to Grade 9):	Light of Christ Catholic School

The new schools are part of the Government of Alberta's Public-Private Partnership (P3) school consolidation pilot project. Education services for students will remain the responsibility of CCSD and use and access to the new schools will be managed like existing schools. All schools will be built to provincial standards and to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification.

For more information, please refer to the School Updates section of our website www.ccssd.ab.ca.

SENIOR HIGH OPEN HOUSE AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) has a diverse student population and recognizes that each student has individual learning needs, interests and talents. The values of our Catholic faith permeate all programs offered within our schools. In the next few months, our high schools will be hosting information nights and/or open houses to provide parents and students with the opportunity to learn more about what each school offers. The following is a list of meeting dates:

Northeast

Bishop McNally (5700 Falconridge Blvd NE)

- Open house: February 25th from 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Father Lacombe (3615 Radcliffe Drive NE)

- International Baccalaureate Programme open house: February 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
- Open house: February 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Notre Dame (11900 Country Village Link NE)

- Open house: February 1st from 6:00–8:30 p.m.

Northwest

St. Francis (877 Northmount Drive NW)

- Extended French Program information session: February 3rd from 6:30–7:00 p.m.
- Open house: February 3rd from 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Southeast

Bishop O'Byrne (#500, 333 Shawville Blvd SE)

- Open house: February 17th from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Southwest

Bishop Carroll (4624 Richard Road SW)

- Open house: February 25th from 9:30 a.m.–3:15 p.m. & 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Bishop Grandin (111 Haddon Road SW)

- General information session: January 27th and February 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
- Open house: February 18th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's (111 – 18 Avenue SW)

- Open house: February 9th from 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Airdrie

St. Martin de Porres (410 Yankee Valley Blvd SW)

- Open house: February 18th from 7:00–8:00 p.m.
- Grade 10 information evening: March 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Chestermere

St. Gabriel the Archangel (197 Invermere Drive)

- High school introduction evening: February 3rd from 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Cochrane

St. Timothy (501 Sunset Drive)

- Open house: February 24th from 7:00–8:30 p.m.

CALGARY ONLINE SAFETY WEEK

The week of March 1–6, 2010 is “Calgary Online Safety Week.” Studies have shown that Internet access for families in Calgary is among the highest in North America. This indicates that the Internet is highly valued by Calgarians as a source of information and entertainment. In addition, many engaging and meaningful learning opportunities are available to our children through the Internet.

The Internet is an environment that is shaped by those who use it. We must gather as a community to ensure that the Internet evolves as a positive influence in the lives of all Calgarians and is used appropriately as a valuable educational tool by our children.

In an effort to mobilize our community, a number of organizations in our city have come together to educate parents and children around the following three concepts:

- Protection of personal information
- Appropriate use of chat rooms, e-mail and instant messaging
- Safe surfing for families

The Calgary Catholic School District supports Calgary Online Safety Week and is working with staff to raise the profile of appropriate Internet use with our students. At the beginning of each school year, the District requires all students and their legal guardians to review and sign a policy for acceptable Internet use when accessing the Internet from the District's network. In addition, our staff reviews Internet safety tips with students on an ongoing basis throughout the school year.

For more information visit www.cssd.ab.ca where you will find a variety of educational resources aimed at keeping students safe while online.

Calgary Online Safety Week is an initiative developed by the Calgary Educational Partnership Foundation with the support of YouthLink Calgary - Calgary Police Service Interpretive Centre, CCSD and a number of community partners.

