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CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS AND UPDATES

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ROSARY SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADE 7-9 RETREAT



Rosary School Students from Grades 7-9 have a morning Retreat with Ken Yasinski on April 13th and Grades 5 & 6 come for afternoon sessions held at St. James Catholic Church, Manning. Jennifer Collins, Rosary School Religion Coordinator and a group of parent volunteers organized a wonderful lunch for both groups. Students participated in group activities and listened to Ken's messages about Finding Purpose in Life. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus who helped make this day possible for 95 students.

GLENMARY GRADUATES RETREAT 2011

Sixty Six (66) Students and their teachers came to the Catholic Conference Center on April 14th for part of their annual Grad Retreat with speaker Ken Yasinski from Face2Face Ministries, Saskatoon, SK.



In a Conference setting, students participated in group activities and listened to Ken's messages about God's unconditional love, Finding Joy in Life, Forgiveness and Gratitude. After a full day of

activities, they continued their retreat at Glenmary School with parents joining them for supper and evening activities. Principal John Kuran and Religion 35 Teachers, Kaitlin Gillett and Patrick Martin made this day possible for students beginning the day with a Pancake Breakfast. Superintendent, Betty Turpin and Fr. Joseph from Our Lady of Peace Parish, joined the grads for Ken's sessions during the day. In preparation for the upcoming Grad Mass, on May 13th, Archbishop Gerry Pettipas joined us for the closing Session of the day.

*Chris Doll
Faith Formation Coordinator*

BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, June 14 10:00 a.m. at Central Office Peace River. OPEN to the public.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Honoring All Peoples

16th Annual Aboriginal Gathering and 8th Annual Pow Wow

Agricultural Grounds, East of Peace River **June 11 & 12, 2011**

Fiddling

Hand Drums

Graduation Ceremony

Jigging

Children's Activities

Host Drum: **Cree Confederation**

Category	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Golden (50+)	\$600	\$400	\$300	
Adult	\$600	\$400	\$300	
Teen	\$300	\$200	\$100	
Junior	\$150	\$100	\$75	
Hand Drum	\$300	\$200	\$100	
Drum Contest	\$3000	\$2500	\$1500	\$500

The Aboriginal Interagency Committee is **NOT** responsible for any theft, accidents, injury or travel assistance
NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL PERMITTED

The Peace River Agricultural Society is located in the Peace River hills, 7kms south of Peace River. Turn East onto Highway 688 (towards Cadotte Lake) and North onto the Old Highway 2 (Fairgrounds Road & Coop Cardlock gas station.) The Fairgrounds are located at the end of the road, on the left hand side.

Free onsite camping

www.peacrivera.ca

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The First Nation Metis and Inuit graduation ceremony will take place at the Aboriginal Gathering and Powwow on Sunday June 12th at 3:00 p.m. at the Agricultural Grounds (East of Peace River).

If your child is graduating from Glenmary, you can contact Sherry Rhodes at 780-624-5656 or via email at sherry.rhodes@hfcrd.ab.ca, or from Peace 10 School division, contact Syd Courtepatte at 780-624-3178, or from Northern Lakes College, contact Karen Laboucan at 780-624-5176 extension 3704.

Vanessa Lennie, FNMI Coordinator



“SHINE!” Update

April 2011

The final event of the year, the **Grade 6 “SHINE!” Retreat**, will be taking place on **Saturday, May 28**, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Good Shepherd School in Peace River.

Advance registration is required – and students from all schools/parishes in our division are invited to attend! The Retreat Coordinator will be handing out registration forms at all schools during the first two weeks of May, but you can also contact her directly to register your child.

If you have any questions about the “SHINE!” Program, or if you would like to register your child for the Grade 6 “SHINE!” Retreat, please contact Michelle Lacombe at michelle.lacombe@hfcrd.ab.ca or (780) 625-7645.



School Act Key Messages for Catholic Community

HISTORY

Catholic schools have been a part of Alberta's education system for over 100 years.

- Today, there are over 360 Catholic schools in Alberta.
- Alberta's Catholic schools reserve more than 141,000 students in the province.

COMMUNITY

Catholic Schools are an integral part of the Catholic community.

- Catholic schools are a fundamental part of the Catholic triad of home, parish, and school in educating children.
- Catholic schools continue to build and celebrate our Alberta Catholic community.

UNIQUENESS

Catholic schools are different.

- Catholic schools educate the whole student based on Gospel values and sacramental life, with a focus on the life of Jesus Christ.
- Catholic Schools ensure that the Catholic faith is part of every aspect of the school from the school environment to all school subjects.
- Catholic schools are more than just a religion class.

EXCELLENCE

Catholic schools have been recognized for their excellence provincially and nationally.

- Catholic schools have been recognized for their progressive and innovative programming that meets the need of all learners.
- Catholic schools boards are annually the recipients of the Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Awards.
- Catholic school boards have received provincially awards from the Alberta School Boards Association.
- Alberta's Catholic Schools have been recognized by external organizations, such as Today's aren't magazine, as top schools in Canada.

CHOICE

Catholic schools are part of the publicly-funded education system.

- Catholic schools are a part of the publicly-funded education choice that Alberta's students can make.
- Parents can choose to send their children to Catholic Schools, public schools, Francophone schools, Private schools and Charter and Home schools.
- Having this choice allows Alberta students to be educated in the system that best fits their particular education needs.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

BUILDING EDUCATION IN ALBERTA

EXISTING FOR OVER 100 YEARS IN ALBERTA AND SUPPORTED BY GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION, ALBERTA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATE OVER 141,000 STUDENTS IN OVER 360 SCHOOLS.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDE AN EDUCATION THAT BRINGS TOGETHER THE ALBERTA CURRICULUM WITH A FOCUS ON THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST;

AN EDUCATION THAT IS ENLIVENED BY FAITH, GOSPEL VALUES AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN YOUR COMMUNITY ARE:

- ▶ FOCUSED ON WHOLE STUDENT EDUCATION (ACADEMIC, PHYSICAL, AND SPIRITUAL)
- ▶ OFFERING EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAMMING AND EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS
- ▶ FILLED WITH DIVERSE & INCLUSIVE CLASSROOMS
- ▶ EDUCATING RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS
- ▶ BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY GROUPS
- ▶ WINNING PROVINCIAL & NATIONAL AWARDS

