

# Regina Catholic School Division Director's Communiqué

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## A Message from Director of Education Rob Currie

**“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.” – Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Each edition of the Director's Communiqué features numerous examples of our students and staff members reaching out within our local, national and international communities in an effort to put into action our Division's theme - Go, Make a Difference; Love the Lord with all your mind. Making a difference reflects our Division's building foundations for student success.

This month I wish to highlight two significant events within our Division.



The first event is hosted by St. Jerome School. Principal Kimberly Marshall, and her outstanding staff members, are planning a school retreat for Grades 1-8 on January 28, 2016. The retreat will reflect our Catholic distinctiveness as well as demonstrate a community's collective commitment to the Catholic faith. The school retreat's theme is: *“The body heals with play, the mind heals with laughter and the spirit heals with joy”* – Proverb. The retreat will be held at Holy Family Parish and Michael A. Riffel Catholic High School. The students will spend the day rotating through sessions that focus on developing them as a whole person, body, mind and spirit. The day will begin with prayer, have all students gather together for a lunch and then end with a mass. The session presenters will include the Myriam Sisters, youth leaders from Holy Family Parish and Michelle Braden, from the Archdiocese of Regina.



The second event, entitled *Schools and Church as Partners in a Faith Community*, will be held on January 28, 2016. This workshop is hosted by our Board of Trustees and will include: Clergy, Pastoral Assistants, Archdiocese personnel, Principals and Vice-Principals, Coordinators and Senior Administration. The workshop will focus on the Catholic faith community working together to maintain the Catholic identity of our schools. Fr. James Mulligan, author of *A Pastor's Journal – Catholic Parishes and Schools Working Together*, will be the keynote speaker for this workshop.

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As we begin 2016, the year promises to be exciting with new discoveries and positive affirmations. From a Division's perspective, in addition to the events referenced above, January's celebrations and activities have and will include:

- Christmas Day – January 7 (Byzantine Rite Catholics)
- Kindergarten and Prekindergarten registrations begin
- High school course finalization days
- Outstanding Arts Ed programs featuring our multi-talented students
- Engaging extracurricular activities for both elementary and high school students
- Development of a school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year
- Catholic Connections Linkage meeting – School Division and Catholic Community Agencies

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Senior Administration, I thank you for your many significant contributions in 2015. Collectively, our staff members and students have made a difference in the lives of others within our schools, our local and global communities. In 2016, I invite and encourage us all to continue to focus on making a difference in our world through the gift of our Catholic education.

Khrystos Rozhdaetsya! Slavimo Yoho!  
*Christ is Born! Let us worship Him!*

God bless,

*Rob*

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## Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School

Students have foundations for success

Ukrainian elementary students received a visit for St. Nicholas at Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School.



## Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School - Junior Achievement

Students have foundations for success

Junior Achievement has been a wonderful partner for Regina Catholic for many years. This year, students from Entrepreneurship 30 classes at all four RCS high schools participated in the JA meeting, sale and luncheon at the Delta Hotel on December 10. Pictured from left to right are Enid Huang, Julia Symchych and Ingrid Kot are students from Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School, selling their unique designs for t-shirts.



## Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council #14520 -Coats for Kids

The community understands and supports the value of Catholic education

Holy Family Knights of Columbus provided donations of recently collected, dry cleaned and bought winter coats, including toques/mitts and scarves for a few of our schools in Regina Catholic. This involved St. Augustine, Deshayes, St. Gregory and St. Michael.



Thank you for your generosity.



# Archbishop M. C. O'Neill Catholic High School

Students have foundations for success

Congratulations to Archbishop M.C. O'Neill Catholic High School on a fabulous new digital sign! Thank you for spreading the Good News by embracing technology. It looks great.



## St. Dominic Savio School - Lights Across Canada

The community understands and supports the value of Catholic education

The Grade 5 & 6 Class were blessed to be given the opportunity to sing at Lights Across Canada at the Legislative Building on December 3rd. It was a beautiful evening filled with Christmas Spirit, family activities, and the lighting of the big Christmas tree. Our students did a fantastic job and demonstrated a great deal of class that evening. Thank you very much to Mr. Tom Sax for his help rehearsing the pieces as well as to all parents for transporting their children that evening. It was a perfect way to kick off the Christmas season.





## St. Bernadette School - Cookies for Tyler

Students demonstrate commitment to the Catholic Faith

Students raised \$1,149.45 through Hat & Gum Day and the *Cookies for Tyler* fundraiser. The following students' names were drawn for a Children's Wish Foundation toque: Elyse C., Logan G., Nicholas S., Sophie E., Ariana D., Hanna S., Brady F., Andrew S., Marysa S., Kayden C., and Janai L. The Children's Wish Foundation's Roary the Lion even made it to their assembly.

*Thank you to everyone for your support of the Children's Wish Foundation.*



## St. Bernadette School - Santa's Anonymous

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On Thursday, December 10th, Mrs. McMillan's Grade 8 students and Mr. Woytowich's Grade 7 & Grade 8 students donated their time to help sort presents for Santa's Anonymous at the Regina Food Bank. There were over 2000 presents that were sorted.

The students really enjoyed the experience and found it very rewarding for the holiday season. We also had several students and their families assist in wrapping the presents on December 12th.



**Thank you for all those who participated!**

You made the Christmas season brighter  
for the community.



# Regina Catholic Schools Positive Progress

Improving students learning outcomes

Our three joint-use schools are now under construction! Webcams have been set up on each site so that everyone can see the ongoing construction. To view the construction please go [here](#).

## Sacred Heart Community School



Michael A. Riffel Catholic High School



Archbishop M.C. O'Neill Catholic High School

## St. Kateri Tekakwitha School *Harbour Landing*



École St. Elizabeth  
*Greens on Gardiner*



St. Nicholas School  
*Rosewood Park*

