

# Catholic Education Sunday

## Quick facts about Catholic education



### DID YOU KNOW?



Catholic and public boards work together to find efficiencies to support all students!

## 6 PARISHES IN OUR COMMUNITIES

- Sacred Heart Parish, Wetaskiwin
- St. Anthony Parish, Drayton Valley
- St. Augustine Parish, Ponoka
- St. Michael Parish, Leduc
- St. Stephan Parish, Lacombe
- St. Vital Parish, Beaumont



## 2 FOUNDING PRIESTS

Father Albert Lacombe  
Father Hippolyte Leduc

Operating since the  
**1840s**,  
there are  
**450**  
Catholic Schools  
in Alberta,  
NWT,  
& Yukon

## GRATEFUL ADVOCATES FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Publicly-funded Catholic education is a blessing. The mission of GrACE is to invigorate the spirit of Catholic education in order to educate and communicate with one voice on its behalf.

Anyone can be an advocate! You are invited to be witnesses for our schools' success and future. Get involved with your local GrACE team, follow GrACE on social media, and keep spreading the good news of Catholic schools!

#IBelieveInCatholicEd

**1,531**  
STUDENTS  
WERE WITH  
STAR  
CATHOLIC IN  
1995

**4,367**  
ATTEND  
TODAY

MORE  
THAN  
**183,500**

ATTEND  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS  
ACROSS  
ALBERTA,  
NWT, AND  
YUKON

## 12

STAR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
IN 6 COMMUNITIES

### BEAUMONT

Académie Saint-André Academy  
École Mother d'Youville School

### DRAYTON VALLEY

Holy Trinity Academy  
St. Anthony School

### LACOMBE

Father Lacombe Catholic School

### LEDUC

Christ the King School  
École Notre Dame School  
Father Leduc Catholic School  
St. Benedict School  
STAR Catholic Outreach

### PONOKA


St. Augustine School

### WETASKIWIN

Sacred Heart School

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# Superintendent's Message



This year, our Division enters into the second year of our Three-Year Faith Plan: "Disciples of the Word." The theme of this year is "Disciples Through Witness".

Throughout the year, we will focus on our calling to share the Word of God with others and to give witness through the sharing of our own faith experiences. Together, we will explore how God calls upon us to use our talents and gifts to live the life He intended for us. We will also focus on growing together and intentionally building community within our schools, parishes, and families.

Publicly-funded Catholic education is a gift. In our province, we are truly blessed with the option to send our children to Catholic schools where they will learn, grow, and thrive surrounded by the love and warmth of Christ. Our staff take pride in nurturing the growth of the whole person — not only intellectually and physically, but also spiritually, mentally, and socially.

We are honoured to provide opportunities for our students to flourish and grow in their faith and all other aspects of our lives, and we are grateful for our many supporters and partners who help make our excellent schools so successful.

We encourage you to join us as we continue to share the good news of Catholic education with those we encounter in our lives and communities. As Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education, we work to ensure our children can continue to enjoy the gift of publicly-funded Catholic Education for generations to come.

## God Bless!

Charlie Bouchard  
Superintendent

## STAR Catholic Schools Division Profile

**Vision:** Souls seeking Christ on a journey of faith, learning and love

**Mission:** Rejoicing in the way of Christ, we nurture a love of learning in faith-filled Catholic schools!

- **12 schools** and more than **465 staff** serving **6 communities:** Beaumont, Drayton Valley, Lacombe, Leduc, Ponoka, and Wetaskiwin.
- **3 Board Priorities:** Grow and Affirm Catholic Identity; Provide High Quality Learning and Working Environments; Support Students in Their Journey, Ensuring All are Successful Learners.
- **7 Board Trustees:** Jolyne De Marco, *Leduc*; Dawn Miller, *Leduc*; Henry Effen, *Wetaskiwin*; Liz Taylor-Sirois, *Beaumont*; Michael Linner, *Drayton Valley*; Donna Tugwood, *Lacombe*; and Marilyn Burke, *Ponoka*.