



Sacred Heart School

Education Plan
2023-2027



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MRS. TARA MCBRIDE

We are blessed at Sacred Heart School to provide a Christ-centered and high-quality education focused on the spiritual, academic, emotional, and physical well-being of our students from Wetaskiwin and surrounding areas. By providing diverse programming in academics, athletics, and the arts Sacred Heart staff make it their mission to ensure students with varied interests can achieve success on their journey of faith and learning.

Faith permeates every aspect of our day. We are all children of God, made in His likeness and it is our hope that our students explore their God-given potential within a safe and caring environment, and use their gifts and talents to glorify Him.

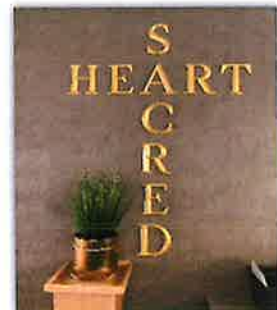
It is important that our families know that this is their school. We value our families and are committed to supporting them in raising their children in the Catholic faith. Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We are truly fortunate to work together to build a faith-filled community where students are encouraged to let their lights shine brightly for all to see.

*'In the same way, let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.'*

Matthew 5:16

Blessings,

Tara McBride



Sacred Heart School Prayer

Loving Jesus,
By the Grace of Your Sacred Heart,
Help us to know You, to love You and to
serve You in this life,
So we may live with You in the next.
Amen



MEET YOUR LOCAL TRUSTEE



Henry Effon

Board Chair and Wetaskiwin Trustee

Henry Effon is originally from Ghana, West Africa, and moved to Canada for new life opportunities. Henry is a social worker and is serving his third term as a trustee. He attended Catholic schools for most of his life prior to moving to Canada. Henry is particularly interested in pragmatic governance and practices that will preserve and support Catholic education for generations to come. One of his many priorities as a trustee is to advocate for children and families in educating the whole person under Canon Law. Henry is married and resides in Wetaskiwin with his family. His three children attended or still attend Sacred Heart School. Henry and his family are members of Sacred Heart Parish, and Henry volunteers in many church and community initiatives.

SCHOOL PROFILE



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Grades Served: ECS-9

Student Population: 565

Number of Teachers: 27

Number of Support Staff: 24

Demographics:

Sacred Heart School's enrollment has consistently remained similar in the last several years. Typically, our population ranges from 560-565. We again have 2 full-day ECS classes, a Monday/Wednesday class and a Tuesday/Thursday class, that run from 8:43 am - 3:15 pm. These classes alternate on Fridays. The remainder of the school population is made up of 2 classes of each grade from 1-9, with 3 classes of grade 2, 4, and 7. English as a Second Language enrollment has remained at approximately 7% and our First Nation, Metis and Inuit enrollment has remained at about 22% of our total enrollment. Of the 22% of our First Nation, Metis and Inuit enrollment, 16% of these students live in Wetaskiwin while 6% come to Sacred Heart from Maskwacis.

Sacred Heart - A Catholic School of the Arts:

Sacred Heart School is known for its focus on well-rounded programming immersed in our Catholic identity. In keeping with our mission to allow students to explore their God given gifts, elective and extracurricular programming at Sacred Heart provides a wide array of visual, performing and practical arts opportunities for all students. This, in concert with a strong athletic program provided in core, elective and extracurricular time, helps foster all students' talents beyond the basic academic (i.e. in-house music lessons, lunch time dance, choir programs, hockey program and art lessons).



DOMAIN 1: GROW & AFFIRM CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Board Priority/Local Goal: Staff are provided with faith formation opportunities.

Outcome: Staff are able to live, articulate and witness the faith and are able to permeate all school curriculum and activities with Gospel values and a love of Jesus Christ.

MEASURES

Surveys:

Students (Elementary & Secondary)

- The adults in my school treat me with respect.
- We pray as a class or as a school every day.

Staff (Teacher & Support Staff)

- Staff at the school uphold the dignity of every student as a child of God.
- I pray regularly with staff and/or students.
- I speak about and demonstrate my faith to my students.
- I have opportunities to strengthen my faith through professional development (e.g. Reflection Day, staff retreat, daily prayer, book studies, EXCEL, etc.)

Parents

- My child's school upholds the dignity of every student as a child of God.
- I am pleased with the opportunities my child has to pray and to grow in his or her faith.

Anecdotal list of PD offerings that are specific to faith

STRATEGIES

- Reflection Day: focus on experiencing and recognizing God's goodness in daily life, as well as within the Holy Mass.
- School Based Staff Retreat (focus on virtues, recognizing God's goodness in self and others).
- Support attendance at SPICE (Sharing Purpose in Catholic Education)
- Faith leadership learning sessions at monthly staff meetings
- Religious Education: The Call to Service (Social Justice & Charity)
- Provide monthly or bi-monthly after school faith sessions (i.e. *The Chosen*, *The Search*)

DOMAIN 1: GROW & AFFIRM CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Board Priority/Local Goal: Students understand what it means to live in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Outcome: Students will hear, learn, and model their lives guided by faith and the Church.

MEASURES

Survey Questions

Students (Elementary & Secondary)

- I learn about faith and God at school.
- Teachers and students speak about faith, and I learn how to live the way God wants me to.
- I have the opportunity to participate in religious celebrations and activities.

Staff (Teachers)

- Teachers help students understand how faith can guide the way they live their lives.
- The school provides students an opportunity to pray and grow in their faith.
- I have the opportunity to participate in religious celebrations, activities or functions at the school or parish.

Parents

- My child has the opportunity to participate in religious celebrations and activities.

STRATEGIES

- Ensure students have access to effective and engaging Religious Education using the Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ resource
- Provide opportunities for students to be involved in the liturgical life of the school (e.g. altar servers, lectors, decoration committee, hosts for priest visits, music ministry etc.).
- Provide opportunities for the whole school to learn about the various parts of the Mass and how to fully, actively and consciously participate (i.e. while officiating grade-level masses in the chapel, the priest teaches each section of the mass).
- Continue to develop student faith-leadership teams (i.e. youth ministry, lunch hour faith discussions, student book studies).
- Support grade-level student retreats
- Monthly celebrations and masses
- Rotating weekly classroom visits with Father Roger
- Reconciliation offered twice a year to all staff and students
- Youth Ministry team
- School-wide daily prayer and extension of prayer in classrooms

DOMAIN 1: GROW & AFFIRM CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Board Priority/Local Goal: Staff and students witness the gospel.

Outcome: Staff and students understand Catholic social teaching and witness the Gospel through acts of Social Justice and Charity.

MEASURES

Survey Questions

Students (Elementary & Secondary)

- My school organizes activities to help people who are in need, such as, support a food bank or collect clothes.

Staff (Teachers & Support Staff)

- The school helps those less fortunate through charity, good works, and social justice.

Parents

- The school helps those less fortunate through charity, good works, and social justice.

Anecdotal List of School Social Justice Projects

STRATEGIES

- Opportunities for involvement in social justice and/or charity projects throughout the year as a classroom group, grade level, division level, and school
- Through the iMAD (I Make a Difference) elective, students have the opportunity to see how their faith can influence others as they explore ways to love and serve God: Pink Shirt Day, Pay it Forward, collaboration with NOW (Neighbours Outreach Westaskiwin)
- Blessing Bags—items collected and distributed to teens in need in collaboration with a parish in Kamloops, BC while grade 9 students are on their annual trip to BC

DOMAIN 1: GROW & AFFIRM CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Board Priority/Local Goal: Enhance home, school, and parish relationships.

Outcome: Continue to build relationships and opportunities to collaborate between the parish, school, and home, which strengthens the faith community and the life of the Division.

MEASURES

Survey Questions

Students (Elementary & Secondary)

- I have the opportunity to participate in religious celebrations and activities.

Staff (Teachers & Support Staff)

- I have the opportunity to participate in religious celebrations, activities or functions at the school or parish.

Parents

- My child has the opportunity to participate in religious celebrations and activities.
- Faith is incorporated into school communications.
- I am invited to school faith events.

List of School Masses/Celebrations and Connections to Outside Organizations

Summary of Involvement Between Home, School, Parish, and Parish Priests



DOMAIN 1: GROW & AFFIRM CATHOLIC IDENTITY STRATEGIES

School Masses/Celebrations

- Opening school mass at the church, Thanksgiving mass, Remembrance Day service, Catholic Education Sunday mass at the church, Advent Wreath Blessing mass, Ash Wednesday mass, Lenten mass, Stations of the Cross, Friendship Celebration, Easter mass, Living Rosary, Farewell mass at the church, Sacred Heart Feast Day mass at the church, Year End mass at the church

Connections to Outside Organizations

- Catholic Social Services: yearly collection of toques, mittens, socks, toiletries, and school supplies for St. Zita Ministry
- Development and Peace: annual Share Lent project
- Collection for local food bank before Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter

Involvement Between Home, School, Parish, and Parish Priests

- Regular meetings with Father Roger to plan and review masses
- Regular invitations to Father Roger and Deacon Leo to join in various school activities (sports games, Christmas concert, pep rallies, open house, staff meals, Catholic Education Week, Faith Fair, etc.).
- Rotating weekly classroom visits with Father Roger and/or Deacon Leo
- Intentionally share faith events through social media platforms.
- Share parish information and events with families through the weekly newsletter
- Provide a space for Father Roger to write a message to our families in our weekly newsletter
- Encourage staff and family participation in sacramental preparation and other youth activities in the local parish.
- Create a staff choir to participate in music ministry at the church
- Invite parishioners to share areas of expertise and faith witness with students and/or staff

DOMAIN 2: STUDENT GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT

The ministry develops and implements curriculum that enables all students to achieve provincial student learning outcomes and monitors student progress through administering provincial assessments. Student growth and achievement refers to many different aspects including educational programs, academic achievement, student well-being and citizenship to name a few. To help ensure the success of all students, student growth and achievement are measured in the following areas:

PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) allow students, parents, and teachers to clearly identify areas of strength and areas in need of additional support. PAT exams are measured by the students who achieved the acceptable standard and the percentage of students who achieved the standard of excellence on the exams.

STRATEGIES

- Explicit teaching of test taking strategies and self-regulation.
- School Leadership Team uses data from the provincial assessments to drive instructional practices.
- Identify required accommodations for students needing extra support such as English as an Additional Language Learners.
- Assist teachers in identifying students who need intervention, including enrichment
- Dedicated collaboration time with grade partners, subject area partners, and division partners to support diagnostic assessments, programming, and interventions, as well as create formative and summative assessments which utilize higher level thinking skills.
- School wide focus on literacy and numeracy using Acadience, Levelled Literacy Intervention, and Mathology; renewed emphasis in elementary grades on Daily 5, Empowering Writers, Fountas & Pinnell (Benchmark Assessment System), RRST (Reading Readiness Screening Tool), and DRT (Diagnostic Reading Tool) to inform targeted literacy skills groupings
- Reading Recovery and Precision Reading programs to boost student success
- Junior high teachers continue to focus on collaborative analysis of test questions to allow for peer teaching of test taking and test reading skills
- Dedicated Homework Room with teacher support during junior high electives time to assist students who are struggling in core curriculum
- Consistent intervention periods in division levels to support collaborative, flexible, and multi-level groupings

DOMAIN 2: STUDENT GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT

PROVINCIAL GOAL: EARLY YEARS LITERACY & NUMERACY ASSESSMENTS

Literacy and numeracy play a vital role in living, learning and working in today's society. Alberta students need strong literacy and numeracy skills to navigate and make meaning in an increasingly complex and technology-driven world.

Outcome: Students who use literacy and numeracy in all subjects develop breadth and depth in their literacy and numeracy skills and gain a deeper understanding of the subjects themselves.

MEASURES

Summary of the school's literacy and numeracy results for students in grades one to three .

- A list of the Alberta Education approved screening assessments used at each grade level
- The total number of students assessed at the beginning of the school year at each grade level
- The total number of students identified as being at risk at the beginning of the school year at each grade level
- The total number of students identified as being at risk at the end of the school year at each grade level
- The average number of months behind grade level after the administration of the initial assessments for at risk students



DOMAIN 2: STUDENT GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT

PROVINCIAL GOAL: EARLY YEARS LITERACY & NUMERACY ASSESSMENTS

STRATEGIES

- Analyze diagnostic assessment data to identify and address trends at the school and division levels
- Assessment data will identify students in need of targeted and intensive supports, including gifted students
- Increase proficiency and understanding of intervention tools
- Utilize the Specialized Learning Support Team (i.e. Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapis) to provide tiered supports.
- Levelled Literacy intervention for sprint intervals
- Precision Reading and Reading Recovery intervention to increase reading fluency and comprehension
- Guided Reading groups following Daily 5 framework
- Mathology intervention in class
- Math centers to target deficiencies and enrichment



DOMAIN 2: STUDENT GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT

PROVINCIAL GOAL: CITIZENSHIP

Active citizenship produces motivated and responsible learners and enables students to make a positive contribution to society. This is measured by the percentage of teachers, parents, and students who are satisfied that students model the characteristics of active citizenship.

STRATEGIES

- Focus on the foundational conditions of The Third Path, which are safety and belonging in schools
- Positive communication and connections are created and maintained between the school staff, the student, and their family
- Focus on building strong and meaningful connections between students and at least one adult in their school
- Ensure student access to mentorship programs and family-school liaison workers in order for students to find the support they need to succeed.
- Monitor attendance
- English as an Additional Language Learner strategies are utilized to focus on developing Cultural Awareness
- iLead and iMAD (I Make a Difference) electives in junior high to promote citizenship and service throughout the school and into the community
- Mentorship component in the iLead elective in junior high to promote cross-grade buddies for literacy and numeracy support
- Monthly elementary and junior high assemblies with a focus on traits of a good citizen



DOMAIN 2: STUDENT GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT

PROVINCIAL GOAL: STUDENT LEARNING ENGAGEMENT

The ministry develops and implements curriculum that enables all students to achieve provincial student learning outcomes and monitors student progress through administering provincial assessments.

Outcome: Learning improves when students find course content interesting and useful in their everyday lives

MEASURES

- The percentage of teachers, parents and students who agree that students are engaged in their learning at school.
- Graph of Overall Authority Results

STRATEGIES

- Increased use of formative assessment strategies including peer and self-assessment
- Continued use of screeners and interventions in elementary grades, to target specific areas of growth
- Differentiation—as curriculum is implemented, teachers will strive to provide opportunities for student “voice & choice” in their learning when planning units
- Teachers use a variety of teaching methods to reach all learners
- Teachers incorporate regular movement breaks within their lessons, i.e. Go Noodle
- Stand-up desks and flexible seating options available for some students
- Scaffolding of larger tasks to ensure students are well-supported and have a good understanding of what needs to be done next
- Teachers are encouraged to connect learning to the real world, i.e. use anecdotes, case studies, and real-life examples from outside the classroom to root teaching in “the real world”
- Teachers are encouraged to engage with their students’ interests and build it into the learning process
- Use in-class games, quizzes, or gamified learning programs to engage students with friendly competition.
- Provide opportunities for cross-grade pairings for leadership, mentoring, connection, role-modeling
- Provide opportunities for monthly school-wide community building activities (i.e. faith based project/inquiry based activities)

DOMAIN 2: STUDENT GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT

Board Priority/Local Goal: A focus on mental health and well-being.

Outcome: When we support student mental health, we support student success. Students in a state of emotional, behavioural, and social well-being, are able to learn, build resilience, and thrive.

MEASURES

Surveys:

Students (Elementary)

- At my school there is at least one adult who listens and cares about me
- My school is a place where I feel I belong
- I know how to get help if I am struggling with my mental health
- I have a trusted adult in my school who I can ask for help
- I learn how to manage my emotions in stressful situations
- I have opportunities to be involved in and connected to my school
- I feel safe at school
- I have a friend at school

Students (Secondary)

- I have a positive and healthy relationship with at least one adult in my school
- My school is a place where I feel I belong
- I know how to get help if I am struggling with my mental health
- I have a trusted adult in my school who I can ask for help
- I learn how to manage my emotions in stressful situations
- I have opportunities to be involved in and connected to my school
- I feel safe at school
- I have a friend at school

Staff (Teachers & Support Staff)

- I am able to develop trusting relationships with the students in my care
- I am able to support the social and emotional well-being of the student(s) I work with
- I am able to effectively support student regulation
- Our school has internal supports and structures to assist students with their social and emotional well-being
- The Third Path provides a framework that assists me in supporting students

DOMAIN 2: STUDENT GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT STRATEGIES

- Continued focus on The Third Path framework, modeling and practicing the essential conditions
- Active Living during lunchtime recess for elementary students
- Youth Ministry activities during lunchtime recess for junior high students
- PWB (Personal Well Being) class for junior high students
- Support groups for elementary students provided by Family School Liaison Worker
- Tier 1 elementary programming provided by Family School Liaison Worker, i.e. Worry Woos, Mind Up, Zones of Regulation; Kimochis (Social Emotional Learning tool kit)
- Music in the hallways in the mornings before announcements
- "Chill block" offered to junior high students during SALT (Student Academic Learning Time) by Family School Liaison Worker to allow for regulation
- Collaborate with the Division Wellness Worker on a consultative basis to support students
- Provide teachers with Evidence based test taking strategies and self regulation professional development to support students in their learning



DOMAIN 3: TEACHING & LEADING

PROVINCIAL GOAL: EDUCATION QUALITY

Outcome: Teachers and leaders apply appropriate knowledge and abilities to make decisions that demonstrate professional practice standards, which result in quality teaching, leading, and optimum learning for all students.

MEASURES

Graph of Overall School Results

A visual demonstration of the overall satisfaction of the school community with quality of education.

Graph of Detailed School Results

A visual demonstration of the detailed satisfaction of teachers, parents, and students with quality of education.

STRATEGIES

- Increased use of formative assessment strategies including peer and self-assessment to increase engagement
- Continued use of screeners and interventions in elementary grades, to target specific areas of growth
- Differentiation—as curriculum is implemented, teachers will strive to include voice and choice when planning units
- Wide assortment of electives offered to junior high students to support diversity in learners
- Consistent literacy and numeracy programming across the divisions; structured intervention periods in each division to facilitate collaboration and multi grade intervention
- Encourage the use of Daily 5 and/or Daily 3 framework in elementary for literacy and numeracy instruction

DOMAIN 3: TEACHING & LEADING

Board Priority/Local Goal: Continue to build and develop staff capacity.

Outcome: Staff enhances their expertise through opportunities to build their capacity, at all stages in their career, through mentorship and meaningful professional development opportunities.

Star Catholic School Division recognizes that excellence in education for students largely determined by qualified and committed staff. You can find our Administrative Procedure on [Teacher Growth, Supervision and Evaluation \(AP 411\)](#) on our website: www.starcatholic.ab.ca

MEASURES

Surveys:

Staff (Teachers)

- I have opportunities for meaningful Professional Development.
- I have opportunities to access division and school supports (i.e. Coaches, Directors, Mentors, Family School Liaison Worker, and Learning Support Facilitators for Professional Development).

Staff (Support Staff)

- I have opportunities for meaningful Professional Development related to my role.
- I have opportunities to access division and school supports (i.e. Coaches, Directors, Mentors, Family School Liaison Worker, and Learning Support Facilitators for Professional Development).

List of Professional Development Sessions During the School Year

STRATEGIES

- Provide teacher choice in professional development (i.e. Choose Your Own Adventure)
- Encourage peer observation
- Increase staff awareness of evidence-based practices that enhance the quality of supports, teaching, learning and leading
- Deepen understanding of universal screeners and intervention supports for literacy and numeracy.
- Support scaffolded introduction and/or implementation of new curriculum ; support collaboration time to create unit plans.
- Mentorship for new teachers
- Continue to encourage use of universal tools, such as: Read and Write Google
- Include Educational Assistants in school-based professional development opportunities
- Support attendance of Administrative Assistants at virtual meetings focused on job-contextual needs
- Align professional development days with divisional priorities and goals

DOMAIN 3: TEACHING & LEADING

Board Priority/Local Goal: Foster a culture of collaboration and leadership development.

Outcome: Staff are provided with structured opportunities to collaborate and be involved in leadership.

MEASURES

Surveys:

Staff (Teachers)

- I have the opportunity to participate in school leadership at my school. (e.g. School Leadership Team, Acting Admin, School Intervention Team, Extra-curricular, facilitating PD, etc.)
- I have the opportunity to collaborate in a professional learning community (PLC).
- Teachers in our school value professional learning communities (PLC).

STRATEGIES

Collaborative Structures:

- Embedded collaborative time for elementary teachers: once every 6-day cycle
- Scheduled collaborative time for junior high teachers on a rotational basis during SALT (Student Academic Learning Time), once every 6-day cycle
- Support Educational Assistant participation in collaborative time
- Scheduled School Leadership Team (SLT) meetings monthly with representation from each division
- Scheduled School Intervention Team (SIT) meetings weekly
- Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, and Learning Support Facilitator collaborative meetings

Leadership Development:

- Opportunity for all teachers to be part of the School Leadership Team
- Support for teachers to be Mentor teachers for student teachers
- Opportunities for teachers to be Designate Principal when administration is away from the school
- Literacy Lead and Numeracy Lead teachers within the school
- Experienced teachers are paired with new or new to the school teachers for mentorship

DOMAIN 3: TEACHING & LEADING

Board Priority/Local Goal: Staff are supported in their wellness

Outcome: When staff experience positive social, emotional, and physical wellbeing, they are better able to fulfill their role in supporting students.

MEASURES

Surveys

Staff (Teachers & Support Staff)

- I am aware of available resources to support my wellness.
- I utilize the resources and information that are provided to support my wellness
- I understand the different dimensions of wellness into my own life (ie. Physical, social, and emotional)
- We learn about and incorporate wellness in my workplace

STRATEGIES

Build an awareness amongst staff of the Dimensions of Wellness, specifically focusing on:

Social: Develop a sense of connection, belonging, and a well developed support system.

- Create structures that facilitate open and respectful communication, i.e. Week at a Glance
- Communication following School Leadership Team and School Intervention Team meetings to ensure continuity between staff and administration
- Ongoing development of staff understanding and utilization of division initiatives that support both student and staff wellness (i.e. Mental Health Literacy, Third Path Framework, Supporting Individuals Through Valued Attachment, Traumatic Events Systems)

Emotional: Coping effectively with life and creating satisfying relationships.

- Facilitate connection opportunities to build relationships: model and provide opportunities for wellness activities with staff, i.e. Wellness Wednesdays
- Make staff aware of confidential supports through the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (Ink Blot etc.) by resharing information from bulletins
- Broadcast music in the hallways every morning before announcements

Physical: Recognizing the need for physical activity, diet, sleep and nutrition.

- Increase awareness of Health and Wellness account
- Sharing best practices in Week at a Glance emails and staff meetings.
- Provide opportunities for wellness activities with staff, i.e. Activate evenings

DOMAIN 4: LEARNING SUPPORTS

PROVINCIAL GOAL: WELCOMING, CARING, RESPECTFUL, AND SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment: This is measured provincially by the percentage of teachers, parents, and students agreement that learning environments are welcoming, caring, respectful and safe.

Outcome: Using resources to create optimal learning environment where diversity is embraced, a sense of belonging is emphasized and all students are welcomed, cared for, respected and safe.

STRATEGIES

- Social Emotional Learning programs in the classrooms facilitated through Family School Liaison Worker
- Continued emphasis on The Third Path conditions
- Continue to use social media accounts to share safe & caring events in the school
- Continue to support the training and recertification of staff in SIVA (Supporting Individuals through Valued Attachments)
- First Nation, Metis, and Inuit culture is celebrated and promoted through visuals and practice (i.e. tipi in the Way, Cree syllabics on office glass, Oskayak room, Restorative Justice and Talking Circles for discipline and support)
- “door greeter teams” at each of the outer doors in the morning to welcome students
- Beautiful and inspirational bulletin boards and displays throughout the hallways
- Stained glass cross at the end of the center hallway, The Way, to proclaim our faith
- Plants and other greenery in The Way
- Continue to raise awareness and educate students about bullying and its harmful effects; reinforce anti bullying expectations with swift action including reconciliation strategies, restorative practices and mediation
- Continue to educate students about their responsibilities in the classrooms, hallways, and alternative learning areas
- Flipped lunchtime recess for division 2 to facilitate supervision

DOMAIN 4: LEARNING SUPPORTS

PROVINCIAL GOAL: ACCESS TO SUPPORT & SERVICES

Access to Supports & Services: This is measured provincially by the percentage of teachers, parents and students who agree that students have access to the appropriate supports and services at school.

Outcome: Using resources to create optimal learning environments where diversity is embraced, a sense of belonging is emphasized and all students are welcomed, cared for, respected and safe.

STRATEGIES

School and Division supports:

- Division Student Learning Support Team (Speech Language Therapist/ Occupational Therapist/ Wellness Coordinator)
- Learning Support Facilitators
- Family School Liaison Worker
- Division Crisis Response Teams
- External Consultants (Psychologists, Stollery Mobile Crisis Team, Center for Trauma Informed Practices, etc.)
- Early Intervention Programming
- Connections to Community Supports (Family Community Support Services, Family Resource Network, Alberta Health Services Mental Health Supports, Victim Services, etc.); Success in Schools Program for children and youth in provincial government care

DOMAIN 4: LEARNING SUPPORTS

Board Priority/Local Goal: First Nation, Métis and Inuit students are successful.

Outcome: More First Nation, Métis and Inuit students meet or exceed identified measures.

MEASURES

Surveys

Students (self-identified only):

- Building trust with the Indigenous community: students, caregivers, staff
 - ◇ My school is a place where I feel I belong
 - ◇ I feel safe at school
 - ◇ I have a friend at school
 - ◇ (Elementary) At my school there is at least one adult who listens and cares about me
 - ◇ (Secondary) I have a positive and healthy relationship with at least one adult in my school

Students (Elementary)

- I learn about First Nations, Métis, and Inuit history, culture, and traditions

Students (Secondary)

- Our school provides opportunities to learn more about First Nations, Métis, and Inuit history, culture, and traditions

Staff (Teachers)

- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Elders/knowledge keepers, cultural advisors or community members are invited into our school.
- Our school enhances understanding of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit worldviews, cultural beliefs, languages, and values.
- I support the learning experiences of my students by using resources that accurately reflect and demonstrate the strength and diversity of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.
- I am building capacity in my understanding of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Culture.

Staff (Support Staff)

- Our school enhances understanding of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit worldviews, cultural beliefs, languages, and values.

Accountability Pillar & PAT/DIP results specific to First Nations, Metis and Inuit students

DOMAIN 4: LEARNING SUPPORTS

STRATEGIES

Consulting First Nations, Metis and Inuit stakeholders to create a strong foundation and relationships to build the school's future planning.

- Support Professional Development for Indigenous Education Lead who will share their learning with staff at staff meetings and Professional Development Days throughout the year
- Create and/or support opportunities for First Nation, Metis, and Inuit focused professional development
- Enhance understanding of how to be culturally aware and sensitive
- Access the contact list of Elder(s) and Knowledge Keepers for our community
- Collaboration with stakeholders, elders, caregivers, students and families to build trust
- Continue to facilitate, design and create Indigenous spaces and prominent visuals within the school (i.e. Oskayak room, Indigenous Artist in Residence painted murals)
- Continue to access Jordan's Principal funding to support our First Nation, Metis, and Inuit students (i.e. Educational Assistants, First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Support Worker)
- Infusion of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit cultural knowledge and understanding in all curricular areas.
- Indigenous Student Leadership Team to support cultural activities within the school



DOMAIN 4: LEARNING SUPPORTS

Board Priority/Local Goal: Recognize and support the diverse learning needs of ALL students through the Response to Intervention Model.

Outcome 1: Quality core instruction is foundational to success for all and is grounded in solid assessment practice.

Outcome 2: Quality assessment practice will assist in the provision of targeted support for both academically gifted and struggling students.

Outcome 3: Quality assessment practice will assist in the provision of intensive support for both academically gifted

MEASURES

Surveys:

Students (Elementary)

- In my classroom, I am encouraged to learn in different ways (e.g. technology, group work, on my own).
- At school, adults help me when I ask
- I get feedback from my teacher on assignments
- I know what is expected on assignments (outlines, rubrics)
- I have opportunities to practice and improve my learning before a test

Students (Secondary)

- I understand how I learn best and am able to communicate this with my teacher
- Adults help me when I ask.
- I get feedback from my teacher on assignments
- I know what is expected on assignments (i.e. outlines, criteria, rubrics)
- Teachers provide exam outlines, so I know what to study
- I have opportunities to practice and develop my understanding before a test

Staff (Teachers)

- Please rate your understanding of the Alberta Assessment Consortium visual, "Assessing Student Learning in the Classroom".
- I use data to establish intervention targets for students who have not mastered core concepts
- I use data to establish intervention targets for students who have mastered core concepts and would benefit from enrichment
- I am comfortable with utilizing available intervention strategies, tools and supports
- I provide criteria for assignments to students (i.e. outlines, rubrics)

Parents

- My child receives the support he/she needs to be successful in school

DOMAIN 4: LEARNING SUPPORTS

STRATEGIES

- Analyze and utilize assessment data to identify student needs and guide instruction
- Continue to increase teacher proficiency and understanding of Levelled Literacy Intervention and Mathology
- Access the Specialized Learning Support Team (i.e. Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist) to provide tiered supports
- Differentiated instruction and assisted technology to support students
- Learning Commons access for junior high students at lunch and during electives
- Access to breakout rooms for students and Educational Assistants (Seuss room, Clubhouse, Oskayak room, sensory room)
- SALT (Student Academic Learning Time) embedded into timetable to support interventions and enrichment
- Additional literacy and numeracy support programs (Levelled Literacy Intervention, Mathology, Reading Recovery, Precision Reading)
- Response to Intervention (RtI) tier 1 refresher to support access for all students
- Homework Room during period 6 electives to support students who are struggling and/or need to catch-up on classwork
- Consistent intervention time embedded into elementary schedules to facilitate division wide interventions



DOMAIN 5: GOVERNANCE

PROVINCIAL GOAL: PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parental involvement and engagement leads to student success, and are high priorities for STAR Catholic.

Research clearly demonstrates that parents who understand the school philosophy, know the school staff and participate in school activities are more likely to be satisfied with the education that their children are receiving. Parents need meaningful opportunities to participate in all facets of their child's schooling. They often want to be part of the decision-making process, and have access to information and ideas on a continuous, as-needed basis. (Building the Learning Team, AB Education, 2006)

Provincially, this is measured by teacher and parent satisfaction with parental involvement in decisions about their child's education.

STRATEGIES

- Weekly newsletter with important dates and information for parents; "blog" entries on school website as well as an updated calendar with events of note
- Parent/Teacher Interview evenings in the fall and spring
- Live reporting on PowerSchool
- Parent Engagement evenings focused on Indigenous culture and language
- Monthly school council meetings
- Use of agendas in ECS—grade 5
- Open invitations for parents to join masses, celebrations, and other school events
- Night of the Titans Awards Night in the fall
- Use of social media to advertise and promote school events and happenings
- Open house Meet the Teacher & BBQ in August
- PowerSchool and SchoolCash parent tutorials offered in August, and at each interview evening

DOMAIN 5:

GOVERNANCE

SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

School Budget 2023-2024

Budget Summary

St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Schools
2023-2024 Play Budget (May)

Sacred Heart

Revenue and Allocations to Budget Center

	2023-2024 Play Budget (May)		2022-2023 Spring Budget	
Base Allocations	\$3,019,551	73.4%	\$2,752,158	77.8%
Specialized Learning Support (SLS) Allocations	\$467,974	11.4%	\$274,475	7.8%
Pre-K PUF	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Faith Development Allocations	\$26,686	0.6%	\$25,470	0.7%
ELL Allocations	\$26,400	0.6%	\$33,600	0.9%
FNMI Allocations	\$152,776	3.7%	\$109,800	3.1%
Federal Government	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Other Program Allocations	\$28,320	0.7%	\$24,563	0.7%
One-Time Allocations	\$0	0.0%	\$93,932	2.7%
Facility Services Allocations	\$224,713	5.5%	\$0	0.0%
Local Revenues & Fees	\$39,365	1.0%	\$37,131	1.0%
Transfers between Schools, Departments & SGF	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Previous Year Unspent and Surplus Allocations	\$129,860	3.2%	\$188,150	5.3%
Total Revenue and Allocations to Budget Center:	\$4,115,645	100%	\$3,539,279	100%

Expenditures

	2023-2024 Play Budget (May)		2022-2023 Spring Budget	
Ungrouped Object Codes	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Certificated Staff	\$2,961,713	72.0%	\$2,608,815	73.7%
Uncertificated Staff	\$938,053	22.8%	\$685,436	19.4%
Services Contracts and Supplies	\$206,867	5.0%	\$236,015	6.7%
Amortization (Depreciation)	\$9,013	0.2%	\$9,013	0.3%
Held in Reserve	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Total Expenditures:	\$4,115,645	100%	\$3,539,279	100%

Summary

	2023-2024 Play Budget (May)	2022-2023 Spring Budget
Total Revenue and Allocations to Budget	\$4,115,645	\$3,539,279
Total Expenditures	\$4,115,645	\$3,539,279
Variance	\$0	\$0

