



# Connections



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## Board Chair's Christmas message

Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, we lose sight of the real meaning of the Christmas season. As we prepare for Advent, let us take a moment to ask, "What is it all about?" Christmas is all about God's love for us. His love is so great that He gave us one of the most precious gifts; His son, Jesus Christ. May this example of God's love encourage each of us to love one another just as God loves us. [Click here](#) to read the full message.

## Chief Superintendent's Christmas message

Christmas is a beautiful time of the year. Family, friends and neighbours come together and anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ—the reason we celebrate Christmas. Although the season can be hectic, it's important to step away from the business and reflect on the meaning of Advent. Encompassing the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to Christmas, it's a time when we prepare our hearts and our minds for Jesus' birth. [Click here](#) to read the full message.

## CCSD Calgary Flames Fundraiser

Calgary Catholic and the Calgary Flames are excited to offer students, staff, and families discounted tickets to Flames games in December and January, while also fundraising for their school. Last year we raised more than \$7,000 for our schools and the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation. For every ticket sold, the Calgary Flames will donate \$10 back to your school. Tickets can be purchased at [ccsdinfo.ca/FlamesFundraiser](http://ccsdinfo.ca/FlamesFundraiser).

## District Day 2020

Join Calgary Catholic on Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 at 7 p.m. and cheer on the Hitmen as they face off against the Prince Albert Raiders. Enjoy free light-up foam sticks and face painting in Section 214 and watch CCSD students sing the national anthem and perform an on-ice hockey demonstration. Tickets are only \$12 and \$2 from every ticket, along with a portion of the 50/50 sales, go to schools through the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation. Visit [ccsdinfo.ca/DistrictDay2020](http://ccsdinfo.ca/DistrictDay2020) to buy tickets. Use the code DISTRICT.

## Diploma Preparation Courses

Diploma Preparation courses are being offered at Bishop Grandin, Bishop McNally, Notre Dame and St. Francis high schools in December and January to prepare students for diploma exams. The courses are \$75 for 12 hours of instruction, held over three evenings. For more information, visit [ccsdinfo.ca/DiplomaPreparation](http://ccsdinfo.ca/DiplomaPreparation).

## Mission Mexico Day

For 19 years, the Diocese of Calgary has partnered with Mission Mexico, an outreach program that has funded micro-economic projects, adult literacy, construction of high schools, and student bursaries. This year, Bishop McGrattan has declared Dec. 12 as the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Mission Mexico Day. Every Calgary Catholic school is invited to celebrate Mission Mexico Day and contribute a "loonie" to your schools' collection. For more information, visit [missionmexico.com](http://missionmexico.com).

## Did you know?

December 20 is the last day of classes before Christmas break. We wish everyone a joyful Christmas season!