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# Connections



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## Catholic Education Sunday

On this day, we recognize and celebrate the wonderful work that is taking place at Catholic schools across the province. Catholic Education Sunday is also an opportunity for us to share our generosity. The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation (CCEF) is a charitable organization dedicated to enhancing educational experiences for CCSD students. The foundation provides grants that support innovative programs and projects, such as Open Minds, that touch the lives of many students. On Nov. 3 and 4, there will be a special collection at each mass, with the majority of funds going to the CCEF. Help support quality Catholic education in our community and ensure that the present and future needs of Catholic education are met. If you prefer, you can also visit [theccef.ca](http://theccef.ca) to donate online.

## CCSD Calgary Flames Fundraiser

Calgary Catholic is happy to partner with the Calgary Flames again this season to offer students, staff, and families a discounted ticket to a Flames game, while also fundraising for their school. Last year we raised over \$10,000 for district schools and the [Calgary Catholic Education Foundation](http://Calgary Catholic Education Foundation). For every ticket sold the Calgary Flames will donate \$10 back to your school. Tickets can be purchased at [calgaryflames.com/CCSD](http://calgaryflames.com/CCSD).

## Calgary Catholic School District Releases Provincial Test Results

The Calgary Catholic School District proudly celebrates its students' academic accomplishments. The release of the 2017–2018 Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Examination results show CCSD students continue to perform well in relation to the province. To view the full results, please visit the CCSD website at [cssd.ab.ca/Parents/ProvincialTesting](http://cssd.ab.ca/Parents/ProvincialTesting).

## Faith Day

All schools and administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 1 as staff come together as a community to celebrate our annual Faith Day—an inspirational, faith-based professional development day. We look forward to having the Most Reverend Bishop McGrattan to preside over Morning Prayer and Father Rob Galea—a Maltese-Australian priest—to give our keynote speech.

## Remembrance Day

Recent changes to the Employment Standards Code have affected the way the district handles general holidays and holiday pay. As a result of these changes, all teachers, support staff and exempt staff will receive a day in lieu for this general holiday on Friday, Nov. 2, 2018. This day was selected as it is identified as a district-wide K–12 PD day and will cause the least disruption to our students, families and school communities. We ask that our students and families take a moment to observe Remembrance Day on Sunday, Nov. 11 and commemorate those who sacrificed their lives in world conflicts.

## Parent & Trustee Forum

All parents are invited to attend the November Parent & Trustee Forums to explore educational issues impacting your child. The forum will take place on Nov. 27 at 7–9 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre (2120 - 16 Ave NE, Calgary). Visit [cssd.ab.ca/Parents/SchoolCouncil](http://cssd.ab.ca/Parents/SchoolCouncil) for more information.

## Did you know?

The Catholic values that built the foundation of our district back in 1885 still guide us today as students live and learn in our Catholic faith.