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Board of Trustees' Christmas Message

"Though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:6-8) This writing speaks to our district faith theme this year: "Walk Humbly with God." The idea of walking humbly with God brings a mindfulness to our lives, especially during the hectic pace of the Christmas season. Read more: <http://bit.ly/1PMqJvQ>

Chief Superintendent's Christmas Message

"Less of me; more of you." This is an idea that we keep returning to this year, as we explore our district faith theme, "Walk Humbly with God." It means putting others first, as a reflection of our love for them and for God—an idea which is truly humbling. Read more: <http://bit.ly/1ji9QdV>

Celebrating Faith Day 2015

More than 5,000 district staff members came together as a community at the TELUS Convention Centre on November 2 to celebrate Faith Day. The day explored the third part of the district's three-year faith theme: "Walk Humbly with God." Learn more: <http://bit.ly/1Nch9Mh>

CCSD Shepherd Leadership Award Winners 2015

Faith Day is also an opportunity to recognize employees in the district who model the qualities of a shepherd leader. Since 2008, the Shepherd Leadership Recognition has been awarded annually to 25 employees who are working hard to make a difference for children, families and staff. Congratulations to this year's recipients! See the full list: <http://bit.ly/1PAKjcM>

Annual Advent and Christmas High School Choral Festival - December 1, 2015

The tradition continues at the Calgary Catholic School District and all are invited! The Advent and Christmas High School Choral Festival features choirs from Bishop Carroll, Bishop Grandin, Bishop O'Byrne and St. Mary's. With close to 600 students participating—this is a holiday event not to miss! **Mark your calendars for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1 at St. Mary's Cathedral (219 - 18 Ave. SW).** For more information, please contact Holly Schile at 403-500-2844.

Christmas Holiday Hours - December 18, 2015–January 4, 2016

Calgary Catholic schools and administrative offices will be closed beginning at noon on Friday, December 18, 2015 and will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016. We wish everyone a blessed and joyous Christmas season!

January 2016 Diploma Preparation Courses

The Calgary Catholic School District will be offering opportunities for students and the general public interested in taking Diploma Preparation Courses in January 2016. Each course is four hours long and runs over three evenings for a total of 12 hours of instruction. Learn more: <http://bit.ly/1w5Du5k>

Calgary Catholic Education Foundation Raffle

The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation's second "Chance 2 Enhance" raffle is selling tickets from now until February 17, 2016. The grand prize is a 2016 Volvo S60. Other prizes include Westjet round-trip flights, hotel packages, cash prizes and Flames and Stampeder tickets. Don't miss the opportunity to win amazing prizes, while supporting the education of over 53,000 students in the Calgary Catholic School District. Learn more: <http://bit.ly/1j8oYKJ>

Did you know?

The district's annual Advent and Christmas High School Choral Festival started in 1992 – 23 years ago!