



Connections



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTHLY NEWS

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Canada's Outstanding Principals – Deana Helton and Kevin Deforge

Congratulations to two Calgary Catholic School District principals – Deana Helton at Bishop McNally High School and Kevin Deforge at St. Dominic School, who were recognized as part of “Canada’s Outstanding Principals” for 2016! They were two of only four principals from Alberta who were selected as part of a group of 40 exceptional educators from every province and territory in Canada. They are being celebrated for demonstrating innovation, entrepreneurial spirit and truly remarkable initiatives in public education. Read more on our website under [News & Events/Awards & Accolades](#).



Deana Helton



Kevin Deforge

District Day with the Calgary Hitmen 2016

Our annual District Day with the Calgary Hitmen was a huge success again this year, thanks to our fantastic community! Held on February 12, the pre-game events included student face-painters, school mascots and CCSD staff handing out light sticks and greeting students and their families. With \$2 from every district ticket sold, as well as 50/50 sales, the [Calgary Catholic Education Foundation](#) will receive close to \$10,000 for enhanced opportunities, equipment and experiences for our students. Thank you for supporting District Day! Read more on our website under [News & Events](#).

Summer School 2016

Calgary Catholic School District offers high school courses during the summer to any student born after September 1, 1995, including students completing Grade 9 in June 2016. Students can take up to eight credits in Summer School that can include one direct-instruction course and/or a combination of online courses. Five-credit courses run from July 4 – July 29, 2016 and three-credit courses run from July 4 – July 19, 2016. For more information and to register, please visit our website under [Students/Academic Support/Summer School](#).

CAREERFair: RAP and Skilled Trades 2016

Students and parents are invited to one of the annual CAREERFairs to connect with employers and industry. Ask questions about the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and Skilled Trades. Over 50 booths from a variety of industries will be setup and a brief presentation will be given to show opportunities in the Skilled Trades. For more information on dates and times, visit our [News & Events](#) page.

CCSD named as one of Alberta's Top 70 Employers for 2016

We are honoured to once again be recognized as one of Alberta's Top 70 Employers. This special designation recognizes Alberta employers that lead their industry in offering exceptional places to work. Employers are evaluated based on a number of criteria including the physical workplace; work atmosphere; health, financial and family benefits; community involvement and vacation. Employers are compared to other organizations in their field to determine who offers the most progressive and forward-thinking programs. Read more under [News & Events/Awards & Accolades](#).

Letter from the Bishops of Alberta

The Catholic Bishops of Alberta have written a letter addressed to the government regarding physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia. The letter can be viewed at calgarydiocese.ca under [News & Events](#).

Easter Break 2016

All Calgary Catholic schools and administrative offices will be closed for Easter break beginning at noon on Thursday, March 24 and will re-open on Monday, April 4. During this most holy time, we humbly celebrate the gracious gift of God's mercy and love. May all staff, students and their families be blessed with lasting peace and joy at the resurrection of our Lord.

Did you know?

Bishop Carroll student and biathlete Ben Churchill represented our country as Canada's flag-bearer for the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway in February!

