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## Faith Formation Report



The theme for this year is Connect With Something Bigger, taking a holistic perspective on helping the world.

During our annual staff retreat we connected with our faith and our call to be disciples of Christ.

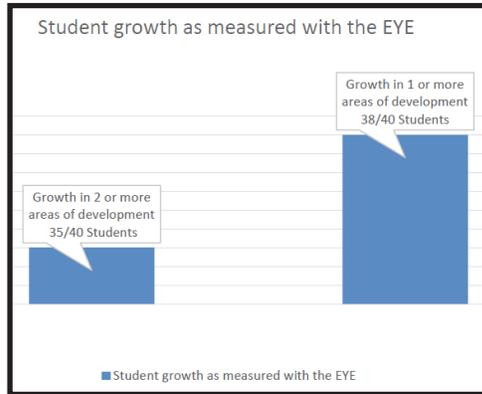
There was also a grade 10 retreat at St. Joseph Catholic High School and during the retreat students learned about our Catholic faith, went on a tour of the church and got to participate in a prayer labyrinth.

We offered several optional Catholic Curriculum sessions after school.

They were being offered to teachers new to teaching Grades 1 – 3.

During each session we looked at the Curriculum as well as the layout of the program; Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ. We discussed how the program can be used as well as opportunities to apply some activities to other subject areas.

## Accountability Report: Early Learning



Two years ago, we implemented the Early Years Evaluation, a developmental assessment tool, in order to provide universal screening for all Pre-Kindergarten students. Through the use of the EYE assessment tool, we are able to identify children early who may be experiencing developmental delays, and develop a picture of early learning needs and abilities across the District. Which let's us establish relationships with families prior to school starting. The EYE has shown, 35/40 students had seen growth in two or more areas of development and 38/40 students had seen growth in one or more A of D. Schools included in the studies include St. Mary (Beaverlodge), St. Mary's (Sexsmith), and Ste. Marie (Spirit River).

### Policy Review

The Board of Trustees reviewed the following Policy:

- *Policy 12 – Policy Making:* The Board of Trustees approved Policy 12 - *Policy Making* as presented.

## Political Action (Bill 24)

The Board of Trustees received information on the Committee/Board Representation Reports and accepted them as presented.

“Every student deserves a welcoming, caring and safe place to learn. Our government is working to make lives better for students and that is why we have introduced Bill 24 – An Act to Protect Gay-Straight Alliances in the Legislative Assembly today.

We want to commend the great work that school authorities have already undertaken to ensure the rights of Alberta students are protected. We know you share our government's commitment to ensuring that students feel welcome and safe at school.

We are proud of the work our government is doing to strengthen supports for vulnerable students, and I'm proud of Albertans for engaging in thoughtful dialogue with me and with you, our education partners, on these important issues.”

David Eggen, Minister Alberta Education  
MLA for Edmonton-Calder.

## School Tours (Jan/Feb, 2018)

The Trustees suggested possible dates for them to complete their individual school tours. During these tours the Trustees will be reviewing what is celebrated at the schools and will also be looking at the status of the Catholic Environment of each school.

