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Michelle Sautner Nominated for Excellence in Catholic Education Award

Leduc — STAR Catholic School Division is pleased to announce its nomination of teacher Michelle Sautner for the 2020 Excellence in Catholic Education Award.

Ms. Sautner has taught at Father Lacombe Catholic School for 12 years. She currently teaches Kindergarten, as well as music to grades 1-6. A gifted and caring teacher, Ms. Sautner shows students what it means to be Catholic and fosters the spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical growth of each individual.

Ms. Sautner is also a talented pianist; she lends her gifts to Division faith days and events, and serves as the Music Ministry Director at St. Stephen's Parish. She coordinates student choir at Father Lacombe and practices music with students during her own time to help them prepare for performances. In this way, she shows students how they can become actively involved in their church community and share the love of God through music.



“Through her words and actions, Michelle spreads the news that God’s Kingdom is present in our school and in us,” says Principal Maria Wagner. “Students love to be in her class because she loves them. She is an outstanding candidate for this award.”

Presented annually by the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA), the Excellence in Catholic Education Award recognizes passionate Catholic teachers in Alberta who have gone above and beyond to guide youth as they grow into exemplary Catholic citizens. You can read more about the award at www.ccssa.ca/documents.

Based in central Alberta, Saint Thomas Aquinas Roman (STAR) Catholic School Division represents 12 schools that serve the communities of Beaumont, Drayton Valley, Lacombe, Leduc, Ponoka, and Wetaskiwin. The STAR Catholic Schools team of teachers and support staff are committed to giving more than 4000 students across our division every opportunity to achieve their potential in a caring, safe and Christ-centred environment.

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