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## STAR Catholic nominates Catherine Lamer for Edwin Parr Teacher Award

**Leduc** — STAR Catholic School Division is pleased to announce the nomination of Father Leduc Catholic School grade 2 teacher Catherine Lamer for the 2020 Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

Described by colleagues as a life-long learner, Ms. Lamer consistently seeks professional development opportunities to expand on her expertise. She applies what she learns to her teaching role and is always eager to share her wealth of knowledge with both students and staff.

Serving as Indigenous Coordinator for Father Leduc Catholic School, Ms. Lamer regularly gathers resources, provides instructional opportunities, and mentors colleagues. Her students engage in various exercises to help bring Indigenous culture alive, including a treaty signing and learning the Cree language.



Beyond the classroom, Ms. Lamer dedicates her spare time as a basketball coach and referee and leads a well-loved after school yarn club. A youth ministry leader and children’s liturgy volunteer, Ms. Lamer works with the youngest members of her local parish to help ensure they find and absorb meaning during mass.

“Catherine’s willingness to learn and expand on her knowledge, as well as her awareness of the need to be reflective in her practice, is evident and continues to assist her as a strong educator,” says Principal Tara Malloy.

“I believe this awareness will allow her to continue to grow professionally throughout her career, and is a wonderful example to others.”

The Edwin Parr Teaching Award is presented annually by the Alberta School Boards Association to an exceptional first year teacher in recognition of their outstanding efforts. Learn more about the award at [www.asba.ab.ca/about/awards](http://www.asba.ab.ca/about/awards).

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