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## STAR Catholic nominates Kira Romans for Edwin Parr Teacher Award



**Leduc** — STAR Catholic School Division is thrilled to announce the nomination of École Notre Dame School teacher Kira Romans for the 2021 Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

Ms. Romans has taken on a dual role at École Notre Dame School, teaching an English Kindergarten class as well as a Fine Arts, Music, and Drama program to grades one through six. A passionate artist and performer, Ms. Romans has used music and dance to establish meaningful connections within her school, once helping students learn a flash mob dance as a surprise thank you to staff for their hard work.

This unique school year has posed significant obstacles, particularly to those who are teaching for the first time. According to colleagues, Ms. Romans' strong character, inquisitive nature, and determination have helped her excel despite the challenging times as she provides the best possible experience to her students.

These valuable assets were reflected in the hours of personal time Ms. Romans spent creating an appropriately distanced and safe space for students to learn and practise music in.

"It is evident when you enter Kira's classroom that diversity is embraced as every student is welcome and cared for. Kira sees students for who they are and allows the opportunity for each student to shine in the way God created them," says Acting Principal Colette Chamulka.

"Kira is by far an outstanding first year teacher. We can only imagine, with time and continued learning, the effect she will have on students, staff, and the school community for years to come."

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).

*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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