



# Souls Seeking Christ

## ON A JOURNEY OF FAITH, LEARNING AND LOVE Board Meeting Highlights - March 2025

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **Next Board Meeting**

**Tuesday,  
April 15, 2025,  
1:30 p.m.**

STAR Central Office  
4906 50 Ave., Leduc, AB

### **Board of Trustees**

#### **Donna Tugwood**

Board Chair  
Lacombe

#### **Dawn Miller**

Vice-Chair  
Leduc

#### **Marilyn Burke**

Ponoka

#### **Jolyne De Marco**

Leduc

#### **Henry Effen**

Wetaskiwin

#### **Michael Linner**

Drayton Valley

#### **Liz Taylor-Sirois**

Beaumont

### **Edwin Parr Teacher Award**

Congratulations to this year's Edwin Parr Teacher Award recipient, Julia Kormysh! Julia teaches at St. Anthony School in Drayton Valley.

### **Approval of Planning Funding for a High School in Beaumont**

STAR Catholic School Division has officially received planning funding approval for a brand-new high school in Beaumont. This milestone marks a significant step forward in our commitment to providing top-tier educational facilities for our students, as well as addressing the needs of the growing Beaumont community.

### **Professional Development on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in School Board Governance**

Dr. Charmaine Brooks led a 90-minute professional development session for STAR Trustees on the topic of AI. Dr. Brooks discussed how AI could address the biggest challenges in education today, innovate teaching and improve learning practices. As well, she reviewed how these rapid technological developments can bring multiple risks and challenges, which have outpaced policy and regulatory frameworks.

### **Capital Plan 2025-2026**

The Board approved the 2025-2026 Capital Plan in the following priority order:

1. Drayton Valley School: *Replacement, St. Anthony's School*
2. New School Leduc: *New Build*
3. St. Benedict School: *Modernization*
4. Sacred Heart School: *Modernization/High School*
5. Christ the King School: *Modernization*
6. École Notre Dame School: *Modernization*
7. Father Lacombe High School-*New Build*

### **Excellence In Catholic Education**

The Division is proud to recognize Brooklynn deWaal, a teacher at Ecole Mother D'Youville Catholic School, as the Excellence in Catholic Education Award nominee for STAR Catholic. deWaal is a valued member of STAR Catholic staff, teaching subjects ranging from Elementary Art to Junior High Humanities. Dedicated to enhancing Religious Education, deWaal has spent countless hours developing resources, sharing monthly lesson plans, and providing activities that help staff integrate faith into their classrooms.

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