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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools students to focus on serving others as they return to school next week

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools students and staff will be returning to the classroom next week to start a fun and fulfilling school year.

This year, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools will be celebrating the final year of a three-year faith theme, "Inspired by Christ on a journey to encounter, nurture, and serve."

Over the coming months, school communities will highlight the importance of living out our faith by serving and helping others, especially those most vulnerable and in need. Jesus' approach to teaching was marked by a deep engagement with people's everyday lives and favouring those who most need it. His approach will serve as our model and inspiration as our students and staff serve their families and communities as the hands and feet of Christ.

A number of schools within the division are proceeding with staggered entry on Tuesday, September 3 and Wednesday, September 4 to ensure students receive additional personalized attention from their teacher as they return to the classroom.

Schools utilizing staggered entry this year include École Camille J. Lerouge School, École Mother Teresa Catholic School, École Our Lady of the Rosary School, École Secondaire Notre Dame High School, St. Dominic Catholic High School, St. Elizabeth Seton School, St. Gregory the Great Catholic School, St. Joseph High School, St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School, St. Martin de Porres School, and St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School. Please check your school's website for more information.

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With students returning to school next week, we ask that drivers stay vigilant, obey speed limits, and stop for school buses as required. The safety of our students is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate your cooperation in maintaining safe school zones.

"Welcome back to a new school year filled with opportunities for growth and success," said Board Chair Murray Hollman. "Your enthusiasm, resilience, and commitment to learning continue to inspire us all, and I look forward to seeing the incredible achievements you will accomplish this year."

"As we start this new school year, I am excited to see the enthusiasm and potential each student brings," said Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Finnigan. "Our commitment is to provide a nurturing environment where students can explore their passions and reach new heights. Let's make this year one of inspiration and success."

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 9,700 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 850 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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