



News Release

St. Patrick's Community School excited to welcome students back to start the 2025-2026 school year

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St. Patrick's Community School, Red Deer Catholic Regional School's only year-round school, is thrilled to welcome 578 students back on Thursday, August 7, for the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Our year-round education model is designed to provide students with a holistic and enriching learning experience. With more frequent breaks throughout the year, students can better retain what they've learned and enjoy a smooth transition into the next school year.

"We are so excited to begin a new school year at St. Patrick's," said St. Patrick's Principal Mandy Reed. "Whether it is a child's first year as a Celtic or they are returning, we are so thankful that families have chosen Catholic education. It is truly a privilege to nurture a child's academic, emotional, and spiritual development. There's something special about being a Celtic - year round education is just part of it. We all come together to make this a place where both staff and students feel they belong. We are a community."

To ensure a personalized and comfortable start, we will use a staggered entry on August 7 and 8. This approach allows teachers to connect with each student individually before the entire school community gathers together on Monday, August 11.

All St. Patrick's students and their families are invited to the Picnic in the Park event on Thursday, August 14, from 4-6 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to build connections with staff and celebrate the school community.

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As the school year begins, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools reminds all drivers to be extra cautious in school zones. Please be vigilant, obey speed limits, and stop for school buses. The safety of our students is a shared responsibility, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

For more information, visit www.stpatsschool.ca or call us at (403) 343-3238.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 9,600 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 950 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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