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New middle school will be located in Kentwood

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Red Deer, Alberta This past fall, the provincial government announced that Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) would be receiving a new middle school (Grade 6-9) with design funding.

We were grateful for this announcement, as our school division is in desperate need for this school. Currently, our middle schools in Red Deer are over capacity, with St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School being the highest at 137% utilization rate.

The division is seeing continued growth each school year. As of October 2019, the school division grew to over 10,480 students. This is an increase of 162 students, which equates to 1.7% growth.

The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration have been working with the City of Red Deer to determine a school site in Kentwood. The school will be located in Kingsgate (just north of Kingstone Drive).

“We are pleased to have secured a site for this new middle school and look forward to quickly moving into the design process, once the government has informed us of that budget. It is important to finalize the name of the school, as that will help inform the design work,” said Board Chair, Anne Marie Watson at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

RDCRS is now looking for feedback from students, parents and the community for a school name. You can submit your name at <http://tiny.cc/78gdmz>

When naming, we are asking individuals to please follow these guidelines:

- The name should be a role model for staff

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- Canonized saints are acceptable
- Use of Christ's mysteries is acceptable (eg. "Our Lady of..")
- Angels are acceptable
- A historical faith-focused person is acceptable if a significant time period has elapsed since they have passed away

The Board of Trustees will make the final selection of the name for the new middle school based on feedback. The deadline for submission is Thursday, April 30.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,480 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 600 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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