



# News Release

## Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Board of Trustees selects name for new Blackfalds school

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Board of Trustees voted on the name for the new Blackfalds Kindergarten to Grade 4 school during their regular monthly meeting on June 18. The school, which will be located near the intersection of Vista Trail and Aspen Lakes Boulevard in northwest Blackfalds, will be named St. Veronica Catholic School.

“We are thrilled to announce St. Veronica Catholic School as the name for our new kindergarten to grade 4 school in Blackfalds. St. Veronica’s legacy of compassion and kindness aligns perfectly with the values we strive to instill in our students. This name will inspire and guide our young learners as they embark on their educational journey,” said Murray Hollman, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Board Chair.

The Board invited families of St. Gregory the Great Catholic School students to suggest names and provide rationale for the new school’s name from April until May through an online form. In total, nine different names were suggested.

According to the rationale included with the winning submission, “(St. Veronica) is the patron saint of kindness and charity. We can follow St. Veronica's lead and imitate her simple act of charity by treating others with respect and kindness and helping those who are hurt and in need. In this day and age kindness is one of the best things we can do for our children.”

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all stakeholders who submitted naming suggestions as part of the process.

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A sod-turning celebration for the new school is scheduled for October 17, 2024, with an expected opening date of September 2027. St. Veronica Catholic School will be designed to accommodate approximately 500 students.

St. Veronica Catholic School will be constructed to meet or exceed Alberta Infrastructure standards for new school buildings and will be built to achieve a minimum of LEED Silver certification.

*Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,650 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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