

# **News Release**

# St. Patrick's Community School set to welcome students for new school year

## For immediate release – August 7, 2024

St. Patrick's Community School, Red Deer Catholic Regional School's sole year-round school, is excited to welcome 616 students back for another enriching academic year this Thursday, August 8.

Our year-round education model is designed to offer students a holistic and engaging learning experience throughout the year. With more frequent breaks, students benefit from enhanced retention and a smooth, uninterrupted educational journey.

"We are excited to start the 2024-25 school year at St. Patrick's Community School," said Mandy Reed, St. Patrick's Community School principal. "Our dedicated team of educators is committed to providing a nurturing and engaging environment that will inspire our students to reach their fullest potential. We look forward to welcoming both familiar faces and new students and families to our campus on August 12 for a fantastic start to the new academic year.

#### **Staggered Entry Days:**

To ensure a smooth start for everyone, August 8 and 9, 2024, have been designated as staggered entry days. This phased entry approach allows teachers to give personalized attention to each student, helping them acclimate to their new learning environments before the entire school gathers on August 12.

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### Meet the Staff Night:

Join us on August 14, 2024, from 4 - 6 pm for our "Meet the Staff" Popsicles in the Park event. This special event offers students and their families the chance to connect with our dedicated staff members, fostering a strong sense of community and building meaningful relationships.

#### **Safety in School Zones:**

As the school year begins, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools remind all drivers to exercise caution in school zones. With students returning, it is crucial to stay vigilant, obey speed limits, and stop for school buses as required. The safety of our students is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate our community's cooperation in maintaining safe school zones.

For more information about our year-round school and the upcoming school year, please visit <a href="https://www.stpatsschool.ca">www.stpatsschool.ca</a>, or contact the school at (403) 343-3238.

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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