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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools welcomes the Flying Fathers Hockey Team to Central Alberta next week

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) is excited to welcome the Flying Fathers Hockey Team to Central Alberta next week. The Flying Fathers will be visiting RDCRS schools, engaging with students, and facing off against RDCRS staff and students in an exhibition hockey game.

This unique visit offers students the chance to meet the Flying Fathers, a group of Catholic priests who combine their love of hockey with their vocation, spreading a message of faith, sportsmanship, and community. The Flying Fathers are featured in the Grade 6 'Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ' textbook and are known for their entertaining on-ice antics and inspiring stories.

"We are thrilled to host the Flying Fathers in our schools," says RDCRS Board Chair Murray Hollman. "Their visit provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to connect with their faith in a fun and engaging way. We believe this experience will be memorable for our entire school community."

School Visits

The Flying Fathers will be visiting RDCRS schools on Tuesday, February 11th. During these visits, they will share their personal stories, discuss their vocation, and even engage in some friendly floor hockey with students.

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Exhibition Hockey Game

The highlight of the Flying Fathers' visit will be an exhibition hockey game against a team of RDCRS students and staff on Wednesday, February 12th, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Servus Arena in Red Deer. Staff and students from across the school division will be on hand to cheer on both teams. Due to space constraints, the exhibition game is not open to the general public.

"We're excited to have the Flying Fathers back in Alberta after a nearly 20 year absence," says Fr. Kris Schmidt, a local member of the team. "The Flying Fathers are remembered fondly by older generations from previous visits and now we're excited to bring the unique combination of faith, fun, and hockey to a new generation."

About the Flying Fathers:

The Flying Fathers are a group of Catholic priests who have been playing hockey and sharing their faith for over 50 years. Learn more about the Flying Fathers by visiting them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or online at www.flyingfathers.com.

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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