



ACSTA HAPPENINGS

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE ALBERTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

April 2013



2013 Municipal Election Preparation Underway - October 21, 2013

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic school trustee in Alberta?

The ACSTA's guidebook to becoming a Catholic school trustee is now available on the ACSTA website at <http://www.acsta.ab.ca/resources/electionbook> in both English and French.

The ASBA is hosting a series of sessions across the province to provide those interested in running for the position of school trusteeship with the information needed to run for election. More information on the ASBA sessions can be found on the ASBA website (www.asba.ab.ca) at Become a School Trustee.

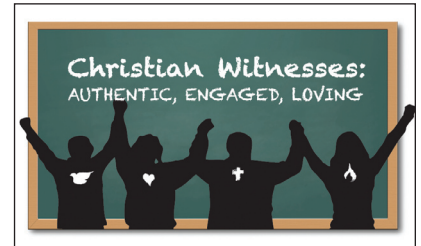
G.R.A.C.E. (God's Riches Alive in Catholic Education) – ACSTA Student Video Contest



The Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association is excited to announce its inaugural short video contest for Catholic school students age 12 -19. G.R.A.C.E. (God's Riches Alive in Catholic Education) – ACSTA Student Video Contest is an opportunity for students to show the world how their Catholic school experience has made a positive difference in their lives. More information on the project can be found online at <http://www.acsta.ab.ca/resources/acstavideocontest>.

LAST CHANCE - S.P.I.C.E. 2013 – Registration is Open! (www.acsta.ab.ca/conferences/spice)

Join us for a unique faith experience at S.P.I.C.E. 2013 (Sharing Purpose in Catholic Education): Raising a Faithful, Engaged and Innovative Generation.



Society has a number of reasons it blames education for the ills of today's young people. However, the true reason is often missed. We're no longer asking schools to just educate our children. We're asking schools to educate AND raise them. All of this within an adult culture of convenience -- in both religious community and ethical values -- and a global economy in major transition from the Information Age to an Age of Innovation.

Keynote speaker Jerry Goebel's talks will focus on both symptomatic causes and pragmatic responses to the need to engage our young people early and continuously while simultaneously preparing them to live a Gospel-Centered life in an "Innovation Economy."



For more information and to register visit: www.acsta.ab.ca/conferences/spice

LAST CHANCE - Blueprints 2013 – Registration is now open! (www.acsta.ab.ca/conferences/blueprints)



Join us for an exceptional faith experience at Blueprints 2013: Spiritual Wisdom for Ordinary Christians.

Your insights are in sight at Blueprints. Our world is filled with signs posts telling us to go this way and that way, arrows

leading us in all directions, but which road do we choose? There are so many paths to take, which one is the path that God intended for us? The choice may be easier than we think. We are all filled with Christian wisdom, the key is to begin recognize and listen to that wisdom inside of us. Please join us on a journey where we find our own Christian wisdom in the everyday.

Blueprints 2013 is excited to have back leading Catholic scholar Dr. Richard Gaillardetz. Recognizing that we are intricately rooted in creation and influenced by it, Dr. Gaillardetz's talks will draw on biblical readings, popular culture and literature. Dr. Gaillardetz's engaging presentations will immerse Blueprints participants in an exciting exploration that will fill their hearts and minds with wisdom. Blueprints 2013 promises to be a thought-provoking opportunity for participants to enliven their faith.



For more information and to register visit: www.acsta.ab.ca/conferences/blueprints

ACSTA Member Board Good News Stories

“And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”



Across Alberta and the Northwest Territories, member boards of the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association are excelling in faith, academic, athletic, and innovative programming. Check out what is happening across the province and into the Northwest Territories on our new blog Good News Stories (www.acsta.ab.ca/good-news).

CCSTA Catholic Education: A National Conversation Conference

The CCSTA will hold its National Conversation on Catholic Education from Oct. 3-5, 2013 in Ottawa. Please read the attached information from the CCSTA to find out how to take part in this exceptional opportunity.

Message from CCSTA:

This is a reminder that the early bird registration deadline for the 2013 AGM in Winnipeg is April 19th. Please forward this information to the trustees in your province.

For more information and to register, please visit the 2013 AGM website.

Ceci est un rappel que l'échéance pour l'inscription anticipée à l'AGA 2013 à Winnipeg est le 19 avril. Veuillez s'il vous plaît faire suivre cette information aux conseillers scolaires de votre province.

Pour plus de détails et pour s'inscrire, veuillez consulter le site de l'AGA 2013

The whole fruit of their educational endeavors should consist in the testimony of God and a good conscious. - St. Thomas More



Attention All Members of the Catholic Community

**Mark Your Calendars for the third
Catholic Education: A National Conversation Conference
Oct. 3-5, 2013, Ottawa**

**Theme:
Witnessing to the Hope Within Us /
Témoigner de l'espérance en nous**

**The conference will explore the relationship between
Catholic Education and the New Evangelization.**

Come share in the conversation about:

- **Why this relationship is important**
- **Where evangelization needs to take place**
 - **How we all share in this mission**

**All members of the Catholic community including parents,
trustees, clergy, parish and diocesan organizations, chaplaincy
leaders, teachers, catechists, administrators and youth are invited
to join in this national conversation.**

Visit www.ccsta.ca for more information.

Registration open and accommodations available for booking November 15, 2012.