



# ACSTA HAPPENINGS

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE ALBERTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

*Wishing you a Happy New Year!*

**January 2013**

May your upcoming year provide you with every opportunity to grow deeper in your faith with God. May 2013 be filled with the bounty of all of God's blessings in your lives.



## **Bill 3: The Education Act Given Royal Assent**

On December 10, 2012, the Bill 3: *Education Act* was given Royal Assent. The bill will come into enforcement upon proclamation. The ACSTA is continuing to work with the government as the bill moves into the regulations process.

## **2013 Spring Conference**



Preparations are well underway for the March 15-17, 2013 Spring Conference - *Beacons of Hope, Reasons to Believe* - to be held in Canmore, AB with keynote speaker Mike Patin. This year's Spring Conference is hosted by Christ

the Redeemer Catholic Schools. Registration information is available on the ACSTA website at: <http://www.acsta.ab.ca/conferences/spring>

## **2011 - 2012 Annual Report/Good News Stories**

The ACSTA is moving to an online Annual Report format, which will replace our old paper version. This online report will be a condensed and reconfigured version of previous Annual Reports; focusing on the news and activities of the ACSTA over the past year. The Annual Report will be available online at the end of January, and a link to the publication will be sent out to all our stakeholders.

Beginning in February 2013, the ACSTA will have an active feature on our website that will highlight 2-3 school districts/month and their good news stories. For this, we will be sending out a request via email to boards for submissions, with the designated month that your board will appear on the website. Special events of boards can also be highlighted on the website.

## **Reminder: Mark Your Calendars! S.P.I.C.E. and Blueprints Registration will open soon!**

Each year the ACSTA offers two conferences to Catholic educators, administrators, and those involved in Catholic education communities. This year's conferences and keynote speakers have been booked and are shaping up to be a fantastic faith experience led by two internationally recognized keynote speakers. Mark your calendars now:



S.P.I.C.E. - April 25 - 28, 2013  
Keynote Speaker: Jerry Goebel

Blueprints - April 30 - May 3, 2013  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Richard Gaillardetz