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Catholic High School Students "Ahead of the Class"

(October 3, 2013) St. Albert, Morinville, Legal – The Ministry of Education released the results of the 2012 - 2013 Provincial exams which measures student achievement at grades 3, 6, 9 and 12." Results for Greater St. Albert Catholic School students reflect a continued trend of excellence at all levels and in all of our communities. "What is truly exciting in the information received today is the diploma results achieved by our high school students. They are among the best in the province and higher than ever" states David Keohane, Superintendent.

Students outperformed their peers in the province on all performance measures and a highlight of the results released included the percentage of student's reaching the standard of excellence on exams. This outstanding achievement demonstrates their level of engagement at school and desire to excel. Student's performance on the Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams sets them up for success beyond high school. "Our students are well positioned to compete among the best in the province and nationally for entrance into their post-secondary school of choice. As competition for college and university entrance escalates families in our district can be assured that our students will be *ahead of the class*" commented Keohane.

Rosaleen McEvoy, Board Chair comments "the trend of excellence in our schools is a result of hard work done each and every day by our teachers and students. Families should celebrate these results with their children and I extend the Board's congratulations to our students, staff and parents who continually support their children to succeed!"

Results will also be shared with individual school communities to celebrate this success and explore opportunities to continue this positive trend.

The District Report Card can be viewed online at http://www.gsacrd.ab.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=238&Itemid=374

Provincial Achievement Test & Diploma Exam results can be viewed on Alberta Education's website at: <u>http://www.education.alberta.ca/admin/testing.aspx</u>

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