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## NEWS RELEASE New Recreation Academies will open in St. Albert

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At their Board Meeting last night, Trustees approved the expansion of the Sports Academy to include a Recreation Academy beginning September 2017. After more than a decade in operation, the largest Academy program in St. Albert will be offering a new adventure for students in grades four, five and six that encourages a fun, active lifestyle, with a goal to improve health!

Geoff Giacobbo, the Academy Coordinator, commented, "Providing an opportunity for kids to be part of a program experiencing a new adventure every week will be popular! I know families want their kids to be active and often have busy schedules outside of school preventing them from participating in a range of activities. The Rec Academy will give kids a chance to experience a variety of cool activities during the school day that will enhance their fitness levels, confidence and their academics. Whether kids are looking to get more active, try new sports, or further their athletic development, the program will support all abilities and interests!"

The Recreation Academy will open in Vital Grandin Catholic School in grades four to six; the school facility boasts large athletic facilities and is in close proximity to many venues in the City of St. Albert. In addition, Sister Alphonse Academy will also offer a Recreation Academy in grades four to nine when it opens its doors in 2018.

An information session will be held on Thursday, June 8 at 7 p.m. at Vital Grandin Catholic School for interested families to learn about the program, transportation service, and how to register.

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Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools delivers Catholic Education to 6,000 students in Legal, Morinville, St. Albert and areas of Sturgeon County. Schools offers a range of programming from Pre-K to 12 including French Immersion, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Sports Academy and integrated learning for students with diverse needs.