

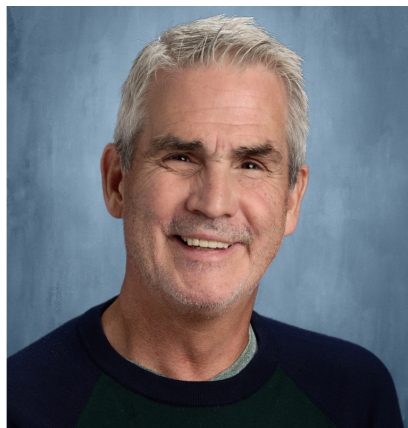


Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

PRESS RELEASE

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Excellence in Catholic Education Award Recipient for 2022/2023



Superintendent Ken Sampson is pleased to announce that **Mr. Gerry Muldoon, Natowotakka**, who has served as Principal of **St. Paul School in Lethbridge** over the past 10 years, has been selected as Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's recipient for the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta's (CCSSA), "Excellence in Catholic Education Award" for 2022/2023. The award recognizes Catholic educators in Alberta who "are passionate about Catholic education and the students they teach, inspire their students, and demonstrate commitment to Catholic education and teaching excellence."

When receiving the news that he had won the award, Mr. Muldoon says he was definitely shocked. "I was at Lethbridge College coaching and I checked my phone to access session plans. I saw a text from the superintendent, so I called Ken. When he said that I'd been selected as the division's nominee for the Excellence in Catholic Education Award, I was floored. When you get a call from the superintendent it could be about anything educational, but I did not expect that. I was speechless, which, if you ask people, is not me. It took me a few minutes to get my head round what just happened before I could thank him and accept the nomination. It is truly a great honour to be considered for such an award."

While Mr. Muldoon may have been surprised, Superintendent Ken Sampson certainly was not. "You only need to see Gerry in his school for a few moments to know how respected and appreciated he is by both staff and students alike. He has an innate ability to look at situations and respond in a way that aligns with our Catholic social teachings, advocating for the needs of students and their families and modelling Christ's example. I know that he is certainly going to be missed as he heads into a well-deserved retirement after this school year."

Mr. Muldoon will be honoured at the ACSTA's upcoming Blueprints Conference, which is anticipated to be held in early May 2023. Please join the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division in congratulating Gerry Muldoon for being selected as our recipient of the "Excellence in Catholic Education Award."

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