



MEDIA ADVISORY

Student ceremonies mark division's 100th anniversary

This Friday, nearly 15,000 students throughout Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools will participate in special ceremonies honouring the division's centennial.

At the division's opening day celebration, each school received a tree to plant in honour of the centennial. Many are doing that Friday. When the tree is planted, schools will include a mixture of soil drawn from the grounds of each of the 44 schools in the division.

Students and staff will also be singing the division's new centennial song, praying together, and learning about the history of the division as they watch a special video.

At St. Joseph High School, each of the school's three former principals, now all retired, will be special guests at the tree-planting ceremony. St. Joseph opened in 1995.

At St. Paul, a Kindergarten to Grade 8 elementary school, all of the school's 120 students will attend the tree-planting, with a student rep from each grade helping out. St. Paul opened in 1953.

Classes in Saskatoon's Catholic school division officially started on Sept. 5, 1911, as three nuns began teaching 69 students in the basement of what was then St. Paul's Church in Saskatoon. In 2011, schools are marking the anniversary on Friday due to the fact that Sept. 5th fell on the Labour Day holiday this year.

Media are invited to attend the tree planting event at one of two schools. When you arrive, please check in at the office.:

10:15 a.m. – Tree planting ceremony at St. Paul School

Friday, Sept. 9

1527 Alexandra Avenue

11:30 a.m. – Tree planting ceremony at St. Joseph High School

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110 Nelson Road

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More centennial events are planned throughout the school year, including a staff talent showcase, visual arts exhibition and two-part centennial lecture series that begins next month. School-based events throughout the year will have a centennial theme. A 1911-style Day in the Park will wrap up events next June.

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