

# Community Services

## I. Career Development and Work Education

The aim of the Career Development and Work Education Program is to empower students to acquire knowledge, skills, information, and attitudes to understand and positively enhance their own life career development and to provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in various occupations as they develop career paths.

### a. Elementary School Opportunities

- i. Career Guidance: A Curriculum Guide for the Middle Level outlines an entire course of study covering topics such as Career Awareness Exploration and Planning; Self Awareness; Life Career Management Skills and Educational Planning.
- ii. Girls Exploring Trades and Technologies (GETT) - A one day workshop for Grade 7 girls to learn about the Trades and Technologies at SIAST, Kelsey Campus.
- iii. The Real Game - In class opportunities for students to explore career choices. Teaching Training is involved.
- iv. Junior Achievement - Business Basics and Project Business - Opportunity for elementary school students to work with members of the business community in order to learn basics of the business world.

### b. High School Opportunities

- i. Curriculum Guide for high school credit courses outlines content and length of pre-employment units as well as placement procedures for work experiences in the community.
- ii. Youth Internship Program - A program offering in-depth study opportunities for students already aware of their career path.
- iii. Take a Student to Work Program - A one day opportunity in November open to all grade nine students to spend a day with a parent or authorized guardian to learn the basics about a work day.
- iv. Portfolio Development Program - Students from grade nine to twelve participate on an ongoing basis with the development of a portfolio which illustrates their skills, background and other items of importance to an employer.

- v. Spotlights on Trades and Technologies - Students interested in observing specific trades and technology skills participate in on-site visits in and around Saskatoon. The groups are teacher supervised.
- vi. Economics of Staying in School - A Junior Achievement Program for all grade 9 students offered in cooperation with the Saskatoon business community.
- vii. Exploring Kelsey Programs - An annual opportunity for grade 11 and 12 students to view the offerings at SIAST, Kelsey Institute.
- viii. Junior Achievement Company Program - A program which operates out of Sion Middle School where grade 10 - 12 students from Catholic and Public High Schools develop actual businesses and create products for sale. Instructors are community business persons.
- ix. Presentations - On Labour Standards, WHIMIS, Occupational Health and Safety, Canadian Labour Congress Ready for Work Program.
- x. Food Safe Workshops - For students planning to complete work experiences in the Food Service Industry.
- xi. Career Shadowing Program - Opportunities for students wishing to learn more about various careers but who do not have class time to take Career Work Education classes.
- xii. Career Mentoring with Women Entrepreneurs - Female students are offered mentoring opportunities throughout the year with successful women entrepreneurs.
- xiii. Mentoring in Science for Women - Opportunities for female students to mentor with female scientists to learn more about career paths in science.
- xiv. Employment Scholarship Program - An undertaking which places students in a mentoring relationship to study various career paths and which results in student employment during the school year and during the summer months.

## **II. Partnerships in Education: K - 12**

A program which links individual schools and community businesses, agencies or service clubs resulting in mutually beneficial learning opportunities for each partner. Provides learning opportunities in the community and service opportunities for students. Yearly Partnership seminar.

### **III. International Student Program**

A program designed to provide cross-cultural opportunities to students attending Catholic high schools. Students from various countries are provided the opportunity to study in Catholic high schools for a specified fee which covers all costs. A Homestay Program is coordinated and supervised by school division personnel.

### **IV. Community Supported Programs/Awards/Grants**

- i. Kiwanis Success Awards - Available to students from Bishop Murray High School, Joe Duquette High School, Sion Middle School as a recognition of behaviours or characteristics which give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life. Yearly luncheon and award ceremony.
- ii. Kiwanis Club of Riversdale Bursary - Valued at \$500 and given to a grade twelve student with acceptable marks for post-secondary studies, of good character and individual in school and the community. High schools receive this opportunity on a rotational basis: 1999 - St. Joseph, 2000 - E.D. Feehan.
- iii. Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority - Grants for projects to aid schools with high Aboriginal student populations.  
Coordinated by Board Office.
- iv. Saskatoon Tribal Council Stay in School Grants - Available to high schools with high Aboriginal student populations for stay in school projects.
- v. Lions Sight Program - Eyeglasses are made available to students from low income families who are not receiving social assistance. Contact is through the school nurse.
- vi. Youth Dental Programs - Programs in cooperation with the Health Department and the Community Health Unit for designated schools.
- vii. Youth Granting Youth Programs - Muttart Foundation and Saskatchewan Foundation in cooperating with Saskatoon School Boards and service agencies are providing grants to youth for projects. Catholic schools nominate Board members each year.

## **V. Public Relations/Communications**

Schools are requested to forward a copy of all newsletters to the Communications office - Catholic Board of Education on a regular basis. Photos and stories of events are also requested on an ongoing basis to be used in Focus (March) and the Annual Report (October).

## **VI. Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation**

Designed to provide grants to schools for initiatives leading to educational excellence, spiritual growth, student leadership and enhanced learning opportunities.

Grant applications are forwarded to schools in October.

Employee payroll deduction plan exists to facilitate staff support.

Gifts of cash or equipment can be designated for Foundation initiatives, specific school initiatives or general foundation needs.