



## **Bethlehem Catholic High School design revealed to community**

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**On Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at St. Marguerite School (1235 McCormack Road)** the public will see how its comments and suggestions have been incorporated into the design of Bethlehem Catholic High School, to be located just south of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West in the Blairmore west sector multi-district park.

Numerous consultations were held, beginning in Fall 2003 and continuing throughout 2004, to discuss how this new high school should be built and what should be taught there. In addition to a consultation meeting with the general public, input was sought from school parent councils, youth, school division staff and aboriginal organizations. The expertise gathered is evident in the preliminary design report -- essentially the school's floor plan -- approved by the Saskatoon Catholic Board of Education at a recent meeting.

From its star-shaped skylight to the circular chapel at its front entrance, Bethlehem Catholic High School will include several features highlighting its Catholic identity. Making sure this distinctiveness is visible at the school was one of the key messages from Saskatoon's Catholic community.

The focal point of the school's floor plan is a central hub that opens directly to the large gym, theatre stage, administrative offices and resource centre. It will provide immediate access to the three academic classroom wings, as well as the visual and practical arts wing.

A short virtual tour of this central hub will be available at Tuesday's meeting, which will also include presentations from Supt. John McAuliffe, Bethlehem principal Scott Gay, and AODBT Architects. People will have an opportunity to discuss the floor plan with school board officials and the architects.

Bethlehem Catholic High School is scheduled to open in Fall 2007 for students in grades 9 and 10.

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Media requiring more information, or a copy of the virtual tour of the school, may contact:

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