



Board meeting report from Catholic Student Trustee, Andrew D'Alessio

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Culminating activities, and final assignments are furiously being worked on and final exams are right around the corner. The clock is ticking for our first secondary semester to come to a close. Students and teachers are all working together to get ready for exams and to prepare for the new semester.

As for our student council leaders, most have their council members taking a short break to focus on their academic studies. Some schools have made little exam goodie bags to hand out to classes. These goodie bags contain everything a student needs to survive: gum, pens, pencils and erasers. This is a great way to keep spirits high during exam time.

Councils will start to plan events for next semester very shortly as Valentine's Day is in February. Special treats for this holiday are always in the works: heart o' grams, special activities, selling roses and chocolates, and dances. I know from personal experience that these activities are a big hit among the students, no matter what grade they are in.

Before our Christmas break, some schools had their annual teacher concert and from what I have heard and witnessed with my own eyes, everyone had a wonderful time enjoying our favourite teachers performing various songs, skits and dances! What talent! In addition to the usual Christmas happenings, schools also had weekly activities to bring the Christmas spirit alive. Door decorating, pass the parcel challenges, dressing up as Christmas characters, and so much more! Our schools make the last week of school something both the students and staff can enjoy.

During Advent we also witnessed a great deal of giving and kindness. Many of our schools participated in a food drive to ensure the less fortunate had what they needed during the break. Student Senate members also shared that Christmas baskets were being prepared and being delivered to families in need in their community in time for Christmas. The month of December, in our schools, is a month full of joy, happiness and kindness. The Advent season is one of great importance that is highlighted and celebrated throughout the season.

