



## Teachers focus on building community of learners

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Teachers are heading back to school to bone up on everything from new teaching techniques to promoting healthier nutrition in their schools. Approximately 900 full-time, part-time and substitute teachers will be attending the Saskatoon Catholic Schools Teachers' Institute on **Tuesday, February 15 at St. Joseph High School (115 Nelson Road.) from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The focus for the Institute is *Saskatoon Catholic Schools: A Community of Learners* with three learning strands: *Building Learning Communities*, *Creating a Learning Culture* and *Fostering Learning Partnerships*. Many of the 90 workshops and presentations are related to curriculum enrichment such as *Money, Time and Geometry*, or classroom enrichment with *Critters in the Classroom*, while there are also opportunities to learn more about autism and sensory integration. In addition, First Nation and Métis resources and services will be highlighted with an introduction to the school division's Tipi Skylight curriculum.

Saskatoon Catholic Schools has more than 15,000 students in five high schools, 34 elementary schools and two associate schools. The division employs approximately 1,600 teaching, service and support staff. The purpose of Saskatoon Catholic Schools is to assist parents and the local church community in the formation of students in heart, mind, body and spirit.

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