

Community Schools
 Student Enrolment: 1317
 (September 30, 2011)

Yellowknife

École Saint Joseph School

Teachers*: 31
 NWTTA Local Receiving Officers (LROs): Susan Franklin

École Saint Patrick High School

Teachers: 38
 LROs: Thana Rahim; Larry Connolly (Kimberlite Career and Technical Centre)

Weledeh Catholic School

Teachers: 34
 LRO: Carrie Monks

Yellowknife Catholic Schools (YCS), Yellowknife

Teachers: 7
 LRO: Moe Miller

*Note: Teacher numbers represent NWTTA members

“YCS teachers continue to work together in improving achievement results and in providing a safe, healthy, and challenging school environment for all students. This year’s theme of “Just Believe” reminds us of the limitless potential of our staff and students in working toward a better tomorrow. It underlines our faith dimension as a Catholic district, while calling upon each of us to just believe in ourselves, in one another, and in our collective power to bring about positive changes in our world.” Fraser Oliver, YCS Regional President, and NWTTA Central Executive Secretary Treasurer

Dq Edàezhe Service Learning

Weledeh Catholic Students make and serve lunch to families



Fish Camp
 École St. Joseph School

St. Pat's Irish
 École St. Patrick High School
 Fraser Oliver, Teacher and Coach



Preschool Students and their new T-shirts
 École St. Joseph School



YCS Teachers - Award Recipients



Top Left: Excellence in Catholic Teaching Award - Weledeh Catholic School teacher Jenny Reid accepts the Excellence in Catholic Teaching Award from Superintendent Claudia Parker and Board Chair Mary Vane.



Left: Teacher Garth Brasseur was honoured at the Legislative Assembly as he received the Minister's Award for the Education Hall of Fame.



NWT ROCKS! Geoscience Activities
 Weledeh Catholic School
 Will Vickers and Grade 5 Students



Trade Day for Young Students
 Kimberlite Career and Technical Centre



Remembrance Day Ceremony Student Helpers
 Weledeh Catholic School

STRONG MIND STRONG NORTH Inspired Teaching Changes Lives



Meet **Thana Rahim** of Yellowknife, NWT

Q: Where did you grow up?
 A: Baghdad, Iraq.

Q: What made you decide to be a teacher?
 A: I wanted to convey my love of discovery to students and get kids fired up to be life-long learners.

Q: What do you teach?
 A: Physics and Experiential Science 10-20, Science 9 Foundation.

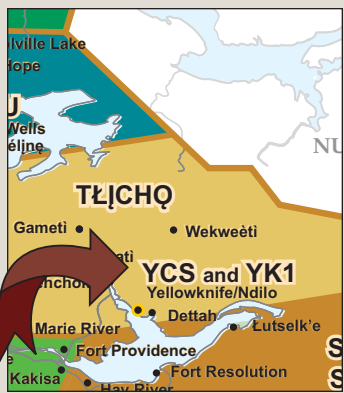
Q: What do you enjoy most about teaching?
 A: Seeing students succeed beyond their beliefs.

Q: How do you engage your students?
 A: Through active, hands-on learning; group work and letting them discover information for themselves; relating topics to real life experiences; and using technology that motivates them.



Motivating Success

Thana Rahim had an aboriginal student in her class one year who was very bright, but who had problems with attendance that impacted his performance. One evening, he called her at home, asking her to write him a reference letter for an aboriginal scholarship which was due the very next day. “I made a deal with him,” says Thana. “I would write the letter if he began coming to school regularly.” The letter was written, and the student honored his word. By the end of the semester, he received the highest marks in the departmental exam — and ended up getting a ministry award for the highest mark in the entire NWT!



Yellowknife Catholic Schools

NWTTA Regional Executive: Fraser Oliver, President (École St. Patrick High School); Amy Wilkinson, Vice-President (Weledeh Catholic School); Joanne McHugh, Secretary-Treasurer (École St. Patrick High School); and Member-at-Large - Patricia Oliver (École St. Patrick High School). Note above for each school's Local Receiving Officer (LRO).