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### Performance art gives students Voices for Change

Drama, spoken word poetry and dance were used by students from Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools to speak out against racism at the third annual Voices for Change performance art show held the evening of Wednesday, April 20 at Georges Vanier Catholic Fine Arts School.

Students from St. Edward EcoJustice program, St. Mary Wellness and Education Centre, Georges Vanier Catholic Fine Arts School, St. Marguerite School and Bishop James Mahoney High School used a variety of art forms to spread a message of compassion and equality for all.

“Students are learning about forms of oppression and how they can marginalize people,” said Rod Figueroa, a teacher at Georges Vanier Catholic Fine Arts School. “Performance art can be very powerful to give a voice to people and create change—locally, nationally and globally. Students become the teachers and send a meaningful message to parents and members of the community.”

Voices for Change is an initiative of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Anti-Oppressive Education Committee.

With 44 schools and nearly 17,000 students, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools provides Catholic education from pre-kindergarten through Grade 12, rooting students in their faith, helping them grow in knowledge, and encouraging them to reach out and transform the world.

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