



SLR Radon Testing Information

Dear Parents/Guardians

St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School will be testing levels of radon gas, this will occur on November 24 PD Day. This is a standard practice and has been done in all Red Deer Catholic Regional School facilities. These tests are safe, non-intrusive, and will not impact students or staff. Testers called 'Alpha Track Detectors' will be placed on walls or suspended from ceilings in most occupied rooms for approximately 90 days.

Radon is a colorless, tasteless and odorless naturally occurring soil gas which is generated from the decay of uranium in soils and rocks. Radon is diluted in outdoor air but can potentially accumulate in buildings through structural entry points such as cracks in concrete foundations to dangerous levels.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and is entirely preventable. Health Canada recommends testing all indoor buildings, residential and commercial, for concentrations of radon gas. All buildings with elevated radon gas levels can be remediated to acceptable levels.

Any questions regarding testing may be directed to Ryan Ledene, Associate Superintendent for Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools at 403-343-1055. For further information please visit, <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/radon.html>

Questions regarding radon gas, radon measurement or remediation may be directed to Andrew Arshinoff, Radon Measurement Program Lead at: 1-844-RADONCA (723-6622) or email at info@radoncare.ca

Please visit www.radoncare.ca if you are interested in learning more about an affordable home test kit.

Yours In Catholic Education,

Rob Coumont