

BOARD BULLETIN

May 2013 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."



Mrs. Erika Bodnaruk, Principal
Mr. Peter Grad, Board Chair

AMBASSADOR FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

– The Board of Trustees recognized Mrs. Erika Bodnaruk, Principal of Mother Teresa School as an Ambassador for Catholic Education for her receiving the Alberta Teachers' Association Council for School Leadership "Distinguished Leadership Award". This award recognizes exceptional leadership qualities that benefit students and staff. Mr. Greg Martin, a Teacher from Mother Teresa School was in attendance at the Board meeting

on behalf of the school to read the nomination letter originally submitted by Mrs. Tanya Scherer, a Teacher at Mother Teresa School. **Congratulations Erika!**

RETIREE DINNER 2013 – Retirees for 2012 – 2013 will be acknowledged for their years of service at the annual Retiree Dinner to be held **Monday, June 17th**. Very special congratulations are extended to: **Julie Hrup, Rob Grisonich, Joan Quigley, Ray West, Joan McKinley, Katherine Glasgo, Margo Merkl, Lawrence Vossler, Rick Ulmer and Sandra Vangen**--additional retiree announcements may be forthcoming.

SCHOOL ART 2013 – Congratulations to students from our School Division who received special recognition at the **2013 School Art Awards Ceremony held at the Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre on May 12, 2013**. Mr. Stan Aberle, Board Vice-Chair presented the Division Art Scholarship Awards as follows:

Division Sponsored School Art \$50 Scholarships

Caleb Garrecht	St. Francis Xavier School
Hannah Weinrauch	Mother Teresa School
Capri Cook	St. Mary's School
Jacinta Specht	Monsignor McCoy High School

Student Winners of other Art Awards

Reagan Sander	St. Michael's School, MH, Medicine Hat Potters Association Award
Ryker Getz	Monsignor McCoy High School, MH College Award
Victoria King	Monsignor McCoy High School, Open Range Art Association Award
Caleb Garrecht	St. Francis Xavier School, Hat Art Club Award
Che-yoon Shin	St. Mary's School, Esplanade Arts & Heritage Award
Sierra Jamieson	St. Michael's School, MH, Medicine Hat Potters Association Award

Note: School Art is on display at the Esplanade until **June 9th**.

MONSIGNOR MCCOY HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE CHOIR

– Congratulations to **Ms. Dana Bruins, Monsignor McCoy High School Band Director** and the **Monsignor McCoy High School Ensemble Choir** who placed **1st** in the Provincial Ensemble Class in Edmonton in May. This is also the **5th consecutive year** the choir has been invited to attend the Provincial Music Festival. Congratulations to Monsignor McCoy High School Ensemble Choir and Ms. Bruins. **Bravo!**

REGIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION– Congratulations to **Shaydel Brigden** for winning **Silver** and **Austin Doyle** for winning **Gold** in **Culinary Arts** at the Regional Skills Competition held in MH. Both students captured medals which earned them a spot to compete at the **Provincial Skills Competition** in Edmonton. **Congratulations Shaydel & Austin!**

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS 2013-2014 – The 2013–2014 School Year Calendars have been approved for Catholic Schools in Medicine Hat & Bow Island. They are posted at www.mhcbe.ab.ca under the Parents tab. The first day for students in the fall is **Tuesday, September 03, 2013**.

TAXES – DECLARE YOUR SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

– The **Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education** reminds our community of the importance of declaring your **PROPERTY TAXES** in support of Catholic Education. **How do you declare your support?** - To ensure your property taxes are supporting Catholic Schools, you must declare your Catholic school support as "Separate" on your annual property assessment notice. Contact the **Taxation Office at the City of Medicine Hat, or the Town or Municipal Office in your area**. Changes made on or before Dec 31 will be in effect for the next taxation year. **Thank you for supporting Catholic Schools.**

MINISTERIAL ORDER

– The Minister of Education recently proclaimed a **Ministerial Order** regarding Student Learning in Alberta. **Provincial Achievement Tests** are being replaced by **Student Friendly Assessments**. The order also directs the **Program of Studies, Assessment Practices and Teacher Resources**. This order moves our education system into the future using the three (3) **E's: Engaged Thinkers, Entrepreneurial Spirit and Ethical Citizens**.

ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR RESULTS

– Our results clearly demonstrate that we are **scoring high and very high** in most categories. It was noted that with such consistently high results, it is difficult to continue to move higher on the model. This means if our results change slightly the color coded model shows a "decline"; even though our results remain very high and are **outperforming the province** in many categories. It is important for our stakeholders to understand how the color coding on the Accountability Pillar Results Report reflect the results.

WORLD RELIGIONS 30

– Currently a "new" **World Religions 30 Course** is approved for use by school divisions across Alberta. It will be available as a **Locally Developed Course**. Our Board will need to acquire the course from Edmonton Catholic and pass a Board Motion for the course to be implemented. There are still some questions to be answered regarding implementation in relation to the **Religious Education 15, 25 35** which are the courses currently offered at our High School.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

– The Board is very pleased to be implementing an **Employee Recognition Program** to formally acknowledge years of service. The new program will acknowledge an employee's years of service at 5 year increments. The program will be in effect starting with the 2013 – 2014 school year. Details will be communicated to staff in June.

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEESHIP

– **Are you interested in serving your community** to help ensure the wishes of parents, students & community members are reflected in the management and operation of Catholic Schools? Then you might wish to consider putting your name forward to run for Catholic School Board Trustee. **Municipal Election Nomination Day is Sept 23, 2013. Election Day is Oct 21, 2013.** More info? Call us @ 403.502.8347.



The next regular Catholic School Board Meeting is **Tuesday, June 11, 2013 @ 3:00 pm @ the Catholic School Board Office, 1251 – 1st Avenue SW., MH**

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – As part of the Board of Trustees ongoing effort to keep our school and stakeholder community informed, a Bulletin is published following the monthly Catholic School Board Meeting. The Bulletin highlights just a few of the School Division's many Initiatives, Projects & Activities.

We hope you find this publication of interest and value to you.