

# BOARD BULLETIN

**JUNE 2015 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION - [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca)**

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES** – A Strategic Planning Session was held on May 1<sup>st</sup> with Trustees, Administration, Principals & Vice-Principals. Priorities for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year are:

1. To foster home, school & parish relationships;
2. To nurture and enhance the identity of our Catholic schools;
3. To develop a long term facility plan on the effective use of schools;
4. To develop a vision for the use of technology to enhance learning;
5. That every student is engaged in learning;
6. To enhance and foster a love of Fine Arts;
7. To provide effective and meaningful communication to all stakeholders.

## RETIREE CELEBRATION JUNE 2015 -

The Board of Trustees held a very special evening on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 to honour our retiring employees. The evening celebrated and recognized individual talents and expertise. Each Retiree was presented with a gift acknowledging their exceptional service to the Division. Congratulations to all of you.

[A postcard to say Farewell!](#)

## Our Motto:

**"Showing the face of Christ to all."**



**Trustees Left to right back row:** Reverend Robert Risling; Peter Grad, Board Chair; Regina Durst; Dick Mastel, Vice-Chair

**Retirees Left to right front row:** Jim Schmid, Helen Snortland, Gwynnyth Boksteyn, Colleen Nicolson, Bill Yeast

**Retirees Missing in Photo:** Atelia Wilson, Mark Hanna

## AMBASSADOR FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Miss Hailey Doucette, St. Mary's School student was acknowledged by the Board of Trustees for her achievement as a National Science Fair Nominee 2 years in a row. Hailey travelled to Fredericton, New Brunswick in May, 2015 with her project titled "Effects of antibiotics on bacteria found in retail ground beef". Hailey told us this experience has inspired her to consider microbiology for her future career plans. The Trustees presented Hailey with an **Ambassador for Catholic Education - Above & Beyond Award**. Congratulations Hailey!



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## NEW SCHOOL IN SOUTHRIDGE -

The **Request for Proposals (RFP)** for the **Prime Consulting Services/Architect** for the new school in Southridge closes July 2, 2015. Planning for the site will begin shortly thereafter.

## SOD-TURNING EVENT

Kick-off to the modernization of Monsignor McCoy High School was marked with a Sod Turning on Monday June 8th. Trustees, Dignitaries, Staff & Students attended. Thank you to Mary's School Academy Choir performance at the event conducted by Helen Snortland. The modernization **development plan, concept, design & phasing plan** are well underway. Construction scheduled to start soon. <http://www.mccoymodernization.ca>

## SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

Revisions have been made to Administrative Procedure 260 regarding Field Trips. Clarification of definitions, procedures and new forms are being developed. The AP was revised in consultation with all stakeholders including Parent Association.

## Lived Inclusion for Everyone (LIFE)

The Life Framework document will be an appendix to the division's **Administrative Procedure 160-Safe & Caring Learning Environments**. Catholic Schools are committed to using the Life Framework as a guideline for the creation of student groups.

## BUDGET APPROVED

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the **2015 - 2016 Budget** at a **Special Board Meeting held June 24, 2015**. The Budget can be found on the division website at <http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca>



The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration extend their best to all of you. Have for a restful summer break.

**Students return Wed. Sept 2, 2015**

The next regular Catholic School Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 8, 2015 @ 3:00 pm @ the Catholic School Board Office, 1251 - 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW., MH

**SCHOOL BOARD NEWS** – This Bulletin is published following monthly Catholic School Board Meetings. The Bulletin highlights just a few of the School Division's many activities & events. **We hope you find this publication of interest and value to you.**