

BOARD BULLETIN

March 12, 2013 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."



Mrs. Diana Anderson
Mr. Peter Grad

Mr. Blair Lukacs
Mr. Peter Grad

Mr. Brad VanMiddelkoop
Mr. Peter Grad

AMBASSADOR FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION – The Board of Trustees recognized three staff members as Ambassadors for Catholic Education: **Mrs. Diana Anderson, a Pre-School Educator at St. Patrick's School** for her nomination for the **2013 Alberta Early Learning and Child Care Professional Award of Excellence** recognizing exemplary skills in working with young children; Both, **Mr. Blair Lukacs, a Teacher at Mother Teresa School** and **Mr. Brad VanMiddelkoop, a Teacher at St. Mary's School** were nominated for the **2013 Alberta School Boards Association Edwin Parr Award** recognizing outstanding 1st year teaching. **Congratulations** and best of luck on your nominations!

MINISTERIAL ORDER – The Board of Trustees has received the endorsement by **Ministerial Order** for the re-appointment of **Mr. Clyde Pudwell as Superintendent of Schools for a three year term August 01, 2013 to July 31, 2016**. The Board congratulated Mr. Pudwell on this re-appointment and expressed their appreciation for his good work this past year. They look forward to continuing to work together to provide Catholic education of the highest quality to our students.

MEETING WITH MLA'S – A recent meeting was held with local MLA's for **Cypress-Medicine Hat Mr. Drew Barnes** and **MLA for Medicine Hat Mr. Blake Pedersen**. Funding, Facilities & Modernization as well as Political Advocacy were discussed. The Board appreciates the time the MLA's devoted to meet with them. They will continue to advocate and work together to meet the educational needs in our communities.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR APPROVED 2013-2014 – The Board **approved the 2013-2014 school year calendar** for the Catholic schools in Medicine Hat. The calendar for St. Michael's School in Bow Island will be approved in April 2013. Students in all Catholic schools will return to classes **after the labour day weekend in September 2013**. The calendar is posted at www.mhcbe.ab.ca under the Parents Tab/Calendars.

EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN (ERIP) – The Board of Trustees will hold a **Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 09, 2013 at 1:00 pm** to review the ERIP applications submitted in accordance with Article 14 of Teachers Collective Agreement. The Board will make a decision on the merit of each ERIP application.

BOUNDARY FOR DESERT BLUME AND 4 X 4 The Board voted unanimously to approve the implementation of a **boundary flex-zone** as follows: **All students in Desert Blume can attend either Mother Teresa School or St. Patrick's School** with transportation provided beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. The Board also voted unanimously to **explore the expansion of our existing rural 4 x 4 boundary**.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION – Become a **School Board Trustee** in the upcoming election. Election Day is **October 21, 2013**. Nomination day is **September 23, 2013**.

CATHOLIC TAXES – Declare your support!

"Speak Out" for faith-based schools and your right to support them with your local taxes. At this time of year you will be receiving your Property Tax Assessment from the municipality. We ask you to review your Property Tax Assessment to ensure your **School Support Declaration** is declared as Roman Catholic; **if you are of the Roman Catholic faith.**

Why is this important?

- By declaring your support you are exercising your right under the Constitution of Canada and the School Act to requisition municipalities for education taxes which states:
 - Individual property owners who are Roman Catholic must direct their taxes to the Roman Catholic Separate School District.
 - Individual property owners who are not Roman Catholic must direct their taxes to the Public School District.
- Taxation is a vital connection between School Boards and Electors;
- It provides a stable source of funding for public education;
- Taxes declared in support of Catholic Schools benefit your children;
- Taxes that are not declared are defaulted to the Alberta School Foundation Fund and redistributed on an equal amount per student to Public and Separate School Boards in Alberta.

How do you declare your support? Check your Property Tax Assessment Form when it arrives at your home, if it is not supporting Catholic Schools; please contact the City of Medicine Hat or the Municipality Office; then complete a **School Support Declaration Form** and return it to **City of Medicine Hat Customer Service and Collections Department** or the Municipality Office in your area. It is important to note that a **Corporate School Support Declaration Form** is also available for corporations who own property; the details are available from your municipality.

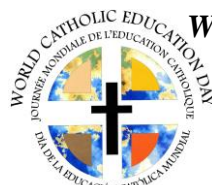
Municipality Contact Information:

- City of Medicine Hat 403-529-8111
- Town of Redcliff 403-548-3618
- Town of Bow Island 403-545-2522
- Cypress County 403-526-2888

Thank you for supporting Catholic Schools.

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WORLD CATHOLIC EDUCATION DAY
THURSDAY, MAY 09, 2013

"You will be my witness"
"Vous serez alors mes témoins"

[WCED Link](http://www.wced.ca) or www.ccsta.ca

The next regular Catholic School Board Meeting is **Tuesday, April 16, 2013 @ 3:00 pm** @ the Catholic School Board Office, 1251 – 1st Avenue SW., Medicine Hat.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.