

# BOARD BULLETIN

**October 09, 2012 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## PRESENTATION -TRUSTEE COMMISSIONING



**Father Matthew** from Holy Family Parish was in attendance at the October 09, 2012 Board Meeting as the Celebrant at the Swearing-In Ceremony for new Trustee, **Mr. Warren Stark**. Mr. Stark was acclaimed as the Catholic School Board Trustee for Ward 1 at the

October 04, 2012 By-Election. Congratulations Mr. Stark.

**BOARD CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR ELECTION** – The Board held their Organizational Meeting on October 09, 2012; Mr. Peter Grad was re-elected as Chair of the Board and Mr. Stan Aberle was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Board for the 2012 – 2013 school year. The remaining appointments were tabled to the November 13, 2012 Board Meeting. A media release is posted on the division website announcing the new Trustee appointment and Chair and Vice-Chair appointments. [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca)

**PRESENTATION** – The Food Connections Association representatives, Mr. Les Pearson and Mrs. Marcia Stodolka were in attendance to present the “**Food Charter**”. This is an initiative by the Food Connections Association to connect our communities together by observing safe and accessible food practices. The Board of Trustees *endorsed the Food Charter* as presented. Medicine Hat & Bow Island Catholic Schools have been proactive with the implementation of our [Nutrition Administrative Procedure](#). The AP outlines the importance of nutrition and details the guidelines for serving foods at schools.

**BOARD SELF-EVALUATION** – The Board of Trustees approved their self-evaluation in which they reviewed their work as a school board relating to Role Performance, Relationships, Communication and Governance. The evaluation also outlined strategies for the upcoming year.

**BOARD RETREAT** – A Board Retreat is planned for Monday, November 05, 2012. The Board will focus on strategic planning in relation to **Enrolment, Facility Needs, School Boundaries and Advocacy**. The Retreat will be facilitated by the Positive Culture Company.

**ACTING VICE-PRINCIPAL** - The Acting Vice-Principal at St. Mary's School is Mrs. Shannon English until December 2012. The Board, Senior Administration, Staff, Students & Parents send our best to Mr. Neal Siedlecki who is on leave until that time.

**ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR** – The Accountability Pillar Results Report was presented; the report is essentially the *School Division's Report Card*. Our results are very good. Overall we are a high performing School Division in Alberta. In fact, we are a *leader* in the Province in **High School Completion Rates** and we are 1<sup>st</sup> in the Province with the lowest **Drop-Out Rate** at 0 %. We “*improved*” in 10 of out 16 measures and, we are *above the provincial results in all 16 measures*. More details of the accountability pillar results will be presented at an upcoming Board Meeting.

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING** – A Special Board Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 26, 2012 at 4:00** at which time the Board will approve the *Budget*, the *Audited Financial Statement* and the *Three Year Education Plan/Annual Education Results Report*. The general public is welcome to attend.

**MODULAR REQUESTS** – The Board approved the modular requests for 1 additional modular each for *St. Michael's School*, *Medicine Hat* and *Mother Teresa School*.

**2012 - 2015 CAPITAL PLAN** – The Board will continue to engage in discussions with the City of Medicine Hat and the Public School Board about the opportunity to exchange certain vacant school sites in Sector 5.



Welcome to all New Staff to MHCBE - recognized at the September 24, 2012 Staff Faith Development Day.



20 Years of Service – Congratulations to Mr. Bernie Kinch, Monsignor McCoy High School Teacher for his 20 years of service to MHCBE! Mr. Kinch was the only 20 year (1992-2012) recipient this year. Bernie was also recognized at the Faith Development Day.

## 2012 CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY

Catholic Education Sunday (November 4, 2012). This year is declared the *YEAR OF FAITH: Embracing Evangelization*. Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has declared a special Year of Faith. In this time he is asking us to grow in our knowledge of the faith, especially through study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. In particular, he invites us to grow in our friendship with Jesus and to find new ways to tell others about our relationship with him. Read the “*letter to students*” prepared by the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and Northwest Territories. The letter is linked to the division website @ [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca). Also, a special message from Medicine Hat & Bow Island Catholic Schools will be read at each Mass on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.

## \*2013 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Since 1989 the Excellence in Teaching Awards program has recognized innovative and outstanding teaching that takes place every day in classrooms across Alberta.

This is your opportunity to nominate your **favorite Teacher** or **Principal**. Nomination packages on-line @ [www.education.gov.ab.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx](http://www.education.gov.ab.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx)

## † Remembrance Day - Nov 11 †

We Pray and Give Thanks to our Country's Veteran's  
For the Nations of the World: “that they may come to work together  
in harmony and peace for the good of all, we pray to the Lord”.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Tues. Nov. 13, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m. Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting  
Mon. Nov. 26, 2012 @ 4:00 p.m. Special Board Meeting to approve the Budget;  
Audited Financial Statement; Three-Year  
Education Plan/Annual Education Results Report

Meetings are held at the Catholic School Board Office, 1251-1<sup>st</sup> AVE SW, Medicine Hat. Everyone is welcome to attend.