

BOARD BULLETIN

January 2014 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEDIA RELEASE – SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS APPOINTMENT

– The Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education passed a motion at the January 14, 2014 Board meeting **appointing Dr. Garry Andrews** as the **Superintendent of Schools** conditional on Ministerial Approval. The appointment is from February 2014 to June 2015. Dr. Andrews is currently the Acting Superintendent. Congratulations to Dr. Andrews! He stated, *“I believe this school division is a great school division, people are positive and our schools are welcoming, I am pleased to be part of such an excellent school community”*.



✠ Dr. Garry Andrews, Superintendent of Schools



C2 COMMITTEE – The C2 Committee made up of a Board Representative, Senior Administration, Members of the Alberta Teachers' Association and a representative from Alberta Education continue an internal review process to **identify ways to strengthen professional practices while keep student learning and well-being first**. This review is part of the provincial framework agreement for all Teachers and School Boards in Alberta. Part C Clause 2 (C2) of the [framework agreement](#) contains the following provision: *“Within each school jurisdiction a joint committee will be established . . . to design, direct and conduct internal reviews to determine what jurisdiction-initiated tasks or policies can be eliminated or modified to reduce teacher workload and improve teacher efficacy”*. The [C2 Committee Report](#) is posted on the Division website. The outcome of C2 Committee meetings will be shared on an ongoing basis. The C2 Committee will operate from May 2013 to August 2016.

MEETING WITH THE MINISTER – The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration met with the Education Minister, the Honourable Jeff Johnson on Monday, January 27, 2014. The outcome of that meeting will be shared with our community at the February 11, 2014 Board Meeting.

LEARN MORE ABOUT INSPIRING EDUCATION – The School Division is engaging in conversations with staff and parents regarding the **implications for implementing the changes arising from the Inspiring Education agenda** as set out by Alberta Education. All of us are encouraged to watch an excellent video featuring Minister Jeff Johnson speaking with several parents about the changes they can expect in the near future. The video is available on the division website at www.mhcbce.ab.ca. Looking ahead, Alberta Education states it must grow and adapt in order to meet the challenges and embrace the opportunities of a constantly evolving world.

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."



Alberta Education hopes the changes made through Inspiring Education will prepare students to be: **ENGAGED THINKERS, ETHICAL CITIZEN'S** with an **ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT**. www.inspiringeducation.alberta.ca

SCHOOL FEES 2014-2015 – School Fees are currently being reviewed. The Board will approve the school fees for the upcoming 2014 – 2015 school year by March 31, 2014.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY – Catholic Education Sunday is always the first week in November. This past November an appeal was made to our Parish communities to raise funds to support Resources and School Retreats. This year, the Parish communities of **St. Michael's in Bow Island, St. Patrick's and Holy Family** contributed **\$6,437.21**. WOW! The School Division is so very thankful for this donation. We are purchasing **200 Catholic Bibles for next year's grade 4 students** to be given at a *division-wide bible liturgy* and the remaining funds will be used for **Student Retreats**. A thank you notice to the parish community was included in the Parish Bulletins on 4 occasions in January. **We are so very grateful, thank you all.**

ANNOUNCING, MONSIGNOR MCCOY HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

–The Minister of Education, Honourable Jeff Johnson was in Medicine Hat on January 27, 2014 to announce a modernization for Monsignor McCoy High School. The Board is very appreciative for the Government's investment in our School Community. Read the full media release on the Division website. www.mhcbce.ab.ca. As shown in the photo, Minister Johnson was talking directly to students about the modernization to their school!



REGISTRATION – FEBRUARY 2014

***FEBRUARY IS REGISTRATION MONTH in all Catholic schools in Medicine Hat & Bow Island for the 2014-2015 School year.**

Internal Division-Wide Registration is **Feb 3-7, 2014** (for those students currently enrolled)

"New Students" Division-Wide Registration Week is **Feb 10-14, 2014**. Now registering all students including Early Learning Programs (Kindergarten to Grades 1-12)

Open Houses, Orientation & Information Evenings held throughout February

Contact Your Local Catholic School to register or call the Catholic School Board Office 403.527.2292

Details @ www.mhcbce.ab.ca Click on the [Parents Tab](#)

The next regular Catholic School Board Meeting is **Tuesday, February 11, 2014 @ 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 community informed, this Bulletin is published following the monthly Catholic School Board Meeting. 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.**