

BOARD BULLETIN

APRIL 2015 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION - www.mhcbe.ab.ca

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2015 - 2016

The Board approved the 2015 – 2016 school year calendar. The first day for students next year will be **Wednesday, Sept 2, 2015**. See the Calendar at www.mhcbe.ab.ca Parents Tab.

SCHOOL FEES 2015 – 2016

– School Fees for 2015 - 2016 were approved by the Board. No increases are applied to the mandatory fees. School Fees info at www.mhcbe.ab.ca Parents Tab.

2015 EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARD



Mr. Chuck Hellman, St. Mary's School (Nominator)
Mrs. Heather Irvine (Award Recipient)
Mr. Peter Grad (Board Chair)



Fellow Nominees:
Felicity Haldeman
Sandra Richard

The Board announced **Mrs. Heather Irvine** the recipient of the 1st annual **2015 Excellence in Catholic Education Award**. Heather is recognized for exemplary faith leadership in preparing our youth to grow into outstanding citizens. She will also be acknowledged by the Catholic Council of School Superintendents of Alberta at an upcoming provincial conference. Congratulations Heather! The Board also acknowledged fellow nominees of the award.

JANUARY DIPLOMA RESULTS –

- Congratulations **Students & Staff** of Monsignor McCoy High School for your excellent academic achievement results on the Jan. 2015 Diploma Exams:
- Students scored **above provincial average in the acceptable standard in 8 of 9 categories and above provincial average in 7 of 9 categories in the Standard of Excellence.**
 - **97.9 %** of students in **Math 30-1** achieved the **acceptable standard**, and of these students, **over 40% achieved the standard of excellence;**
 - **100 %** of students in **Physics 30** achieved the **acceptable standard**, and of these students, **44% achieved the standard of excellence;**
- A standard of excellence rating is given to students **achieving 80% or higher** as a final course grade. Our consistent success shows a commitment to academics beginning in Elementary right through to High School!

CAPITAL PLAN APPROVED –The Board approved the 2016 - 2019 Capital Plan; **top 3 priorities:**

- **Sector 5 New Elementary School, Modernization & Expansion of St. Patrick's School and St. Michael's School.**

RETIREMENT –The Board approved 3 Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) applications for certificated staff effective June 30, 2015. All division retirees will be announced in May. The Board will host its **Retiree Dinner** on **Tuesday, June 23rd**.

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."



Monsignor McCoy High School
– MODERNIZATION –
MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION



Invest in OUR KIDS, invest in OUR SCHOOLS!

All donations graciously accepted! Thank you!

SHOVELS IN THE GROUND! - We are getting ready for the kick off to the Modernization of our High School. Watch for your special invitation to the **Sod Turning Event at Monsignor McCoy High School on Monday, June 8, 2015!** The development plan, concept, design & phasing plan are well underway. The project will soon go to tender with construction scheduled to start soon thereafter. **Want to help us realize our high school modernization by donating to the project? Pick up a fundraising brochure at your Child's School or the Catholic School Board Office or log onto www.mccoymodernization.ca 402.527.2292.**



CLUE-The Musical!

**Congratulations
Monsignor McCoy High School**

**Thank you Actors, Students,
Directors, Teachers, Staff,
Parents & Volunteers Bravo!!!**

BUDGET – School Boards in Alberta received the Budget announcement. The ministry is **not funding enrolment growth, Teacher salaries will be funded and base grants will increase by 1.43%** with most other grants **decreasing 3.1%**. The Board is working through the impact to the Division. The Board will approve the Preliminary Budget for 2015-2016 at a **Special Board Meeting** on **Tuesday, May 26, 2015** at **1 pm**.



Education Week in Alberta MAY 4-8, 2015

**MHCBE Division-Wide Spelling Bee hosted by
St. Louis School May 09 @ 1pm Grades 2-6**

World Catholic Education Day MAY 14



7th Annual SPRING SING—Monday, May 4, 2015

Medicine Hat College Theatre

11:30-12:15 Meet & Greet (refreshments)

12:15-1:00 Concert

Performances by: École St. Thomas, St. Louis, St. Patrick's,

St. Michael's, St. Francis Xavier & Mother Teresa School Choirs!

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Tues. May 12, 2015 at 3:00 pm Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Tues. May 26, 2015 at 1:00 pm Special Board Meeting – 2015-2016 Budget Approval

Meetings are held at the Catholic School Board Office, 1251-1st AVE SW, Medicine Hat. Everyone is welcome.

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.**