

# BOARD BULLETIN

October 2018 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION @ [mhcbe.ab.ca](http://mhcbe.ab.ca)

## BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 2018

– The Board held its annual Organizational Meeting for 2018/19 on October 09, 2018 and elected its Chair & Vice-Chair by acclamation.

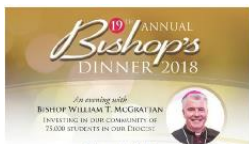
### Congratulations:

- **Board Chair** - Mr. Dick Mastel
- **Vice-Chair** - Reverend Mr. Robert Risling



† Trustees Left to Right: Ms. Kathy Glasgo, Mr. Peter Grad, Mr. David Leahy, Mr. Dick Mastel (Chair), Reverend Mr. Robert Risling (Vice-Chair)

**COMMUNICATION STRATEGY** – The Board approved a Communication Strategy for the school year detailing month by month activities to be undertaken by the District to promote MH Catholic Schools. The Board annually approves a communication strategy as required in **Board Policy 2-Role of the Board**.



**BISHOP'S DINNER 2018** – Bishop William McGrattan of the Diocese of Calgary, hosted the Bishop's Dinner in Calgary on Oct 19, 2018. The Board annually supports this fundraising event.

This year, the Bishop's Dinner will support **5 major programs in Southern Alberta** - "to build on the strength the schools already have and to support youth programming". We are pleased to announce a portion of the proceeds from this year's Bishop's Dinner will support **Student Faith Retreats in Medicine Hat Catholic Schools**. We are so very thankful for this generous donation from the Diocese.

## NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRAND OPENING



– Our newest Catholic elementary school opened for students on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. This beautiful new school

funded by AB Infrastructure & the Government of Alberta is a state of the art educational facility designed for collaborative learning. Located in Medicine Hat's Southlands neighborhood, the **dual-track English/French Immersion School will serve 325 students in Grades K-6 and Early Learning**. The celebration was open to the general public held on **Monday, October 22, 2018** beginning at 1 pm with a **Grand Opening Ceremony**, followed by **School/Classroom Blessings, Ribbon Cutting, Cake Cutting and School Tours**. Congratulations Ecole St. John Paul II. See [Pics & Video](#) from the day!



## DISTRICT VIDEO – Great Schools, Fantastic Staff, Exceptional Programming!

We are excited to let you know **we are creating a new promo-video to highlight MH Catholic Schools** with filming to begin soon. Your child may be featured in a classroom activity or event during filming. Children love the opportunity to see themselves in photos or video about their school. **Our goal is to create a positive experience for students**. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's School Principal or contact us at [communications@mhcbe.ab.ca](mailto:communications@mhcbe.ab.ca). Timeline for completion of the video is early Spring 2019.

## Our Motto:



"Showing the face of Christ to all."

**IMPORTANT CALENDAR NOTICE** – A revision to the 2018-2019 Medicine Hat Catholic [school-year calendar](#) was made at the October Board Meeting resulting in a **day in lieu for November 11<sup>th</sup>**. This means, **there is now NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS AND STAFF on Monday, November 12, 2018.**

**YOU ARE INVITED! Come to our School Education Plan Presentations** – Our 9 Catholic Schools will present their School Education Plans to **School Board Trustees** and **invited guests including School Staff & Parents, as well as Parishioners** from both of our Parishes! **This will be a very informative and enjoyable evening to learn about your child's School and other Catholic Schools in Medicine Hat.** Come hear how Schools are implementing the **District's Strategic Priorities**. **Three presentations each evening:**

Faith Technology  
Literacy Numeracy  
Mental Health Support  
Parent Involvement

- **November 22, 2018 at Holy Family Parish Hall, 6-8pm**  
† St. Michael's School, Mother Teresa School, St. Louis School
- **December 5, 2018 at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 6-8pm**  
† St. Patrick's School, St. Francis Xavier School, École St. John Paul II School
- **December 6, 2018 at Monsignor McCoy High School, 6-8pm**  
† Notre Dame Academy, St. Mary's School, Monsignor McCoy

**INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – The Board approved an **Indigenous Acknowledgement Statement** ([Administrative Procedure 192](#)), to be read at School and District special events and celebrations. MHCBE acknowledges the historical significance and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and their cultures.

- **Statement:** "Before we begin, the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education would like to acknowledge that we are gathering on the traditional land of the Blackfoot people who have welcomed here for centuries the Cree, the Métis, other First Nations and Non-Indigenous people. The land is now recognized as the traditional territory of Treaty 7 to the north, west and south and Treaty 4 to the east. In gratitude, the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education honours the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples."



† **Remembrance Day - Nov 11** †

We Pray and Give Thanks to our Country's Veteran's & Those who Serve

### Upcoming Catholic School Board Meetings, Public Welcome.

- Nov 13, 2018 6pm Regular Meeting
  - Nov 27, 2018 3:30 pm Regular Meeting to approve: Audited Financial Statement, Fall Budget Update & Annual Education Results Report & 3 Year Education Plan
- For information [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca) or call us at 403-527-2292