

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

# BOARD BULLETIN

## New look, same quality Catholic Education

### A Message to our Students

*In an excerpt from his Superintendent's Blog, Dwayne Zarichny reminds students we are here to support them:*

Even though how we interact with you has changed, please know that we are as committed to you as ever.

You are the most important part of our job. School is important, but so is your health. Take care of yourself and each other. Be proud of yourself and



what you have been able to do.

You may be feeling anxious, frustrated, upset or worried... your feelings are real, and are acknowledged. You matter, and we miss you!

Please take time for yourself, stay safe, and trust in the Lord. We know what is possible when we trust God to lead us! During the next week, we will learn when we will return to in-school learning. In the meantime, we know that you have the ability to work through the challenges that face you... you have done it before, and we have witnessed your strength, your grace and your resilience! We are proud of each and every one of you!

Know that you matter, you are loved, that we miss you, and if you need anything — even just to talk — we are here for you!

[Read the complete blog post here](#)



On May 13 our division got a brand new look.

A new logo — showcasing staff, students and families pursuing education under a Catholic umbrella — replaces the previous logo which had represented MHCBE for decades.

The primary color of blue represents Catholic education in Alberta, while green represents ordinary time in the liturgical calendar. The green will change to purple or gold depending on the church seasons.

You'll see the new look all over, including our website, this Board Bulletin, and future communications.

As part of the launch, students were challenged to replicate the logo with chalk. They went above and beyond!

[To read more about the brand update, click here](#)

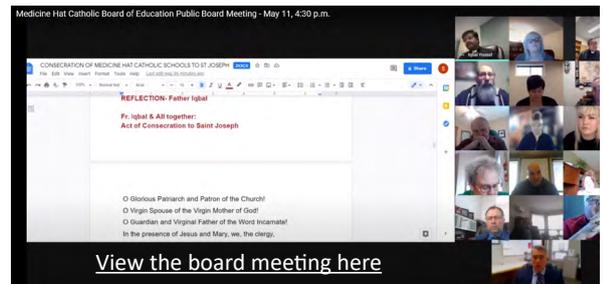
### Consecrating MH Catholic Schools to St. Joseph

During the May 13 board meeting, Deacon Robert Risling was joined by Father Iqbal Yousaf, Father Rodel Abanto and Mrs. Shannon English for a special consecration.

Pope Francis declared this the Year of St. Joseph as it is the 150th anniversary of the

declaration of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. Consecrating our school division to St. Joseph was an important moment.

If you'd like to watch the consecration, board meetings are live-streamed on YouTube — fast forward to the 5-minute mark.



[View the board meeting here](#)

### Mental Health Videos

As part of the division's ongoing commitment to health and wellness, every school has staff dedicated to helping families and students.

There are short videos for each school introducing staff available to help and connect students to various support resources.



**HUGH LEHR**  
 ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT, LEARNING SERVICES

In addition to discovering Wellness Facilitators, School Liaison Counsellors and other staff, the MHCBE's Mental Health Resources page is a landing spot to find other videos, links and information regarding mental health. As Hugh Lehr, our Associate Superintendent of Learning Services, notes, "There is no health without mental health."

[Visit the Mental Health Resources page here](#)

### Back to Class May 25

After two weeks of online learning, it was announced that classes from Kindergarten to Grade 12 will resume in-person schooling on Tuesday, May 25.

Students and staff made the difficult transition as they have before during the pandemic, and are reminded to continue following public health guidelines to ensure no further disruptions occur during the remainder of the school year.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work during this time.