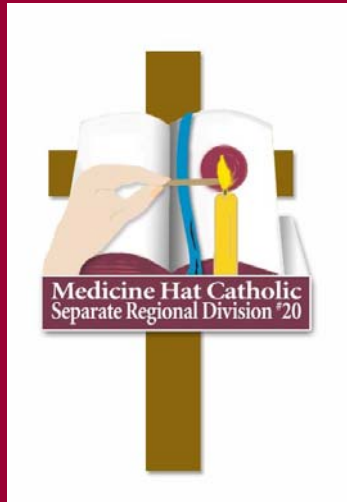


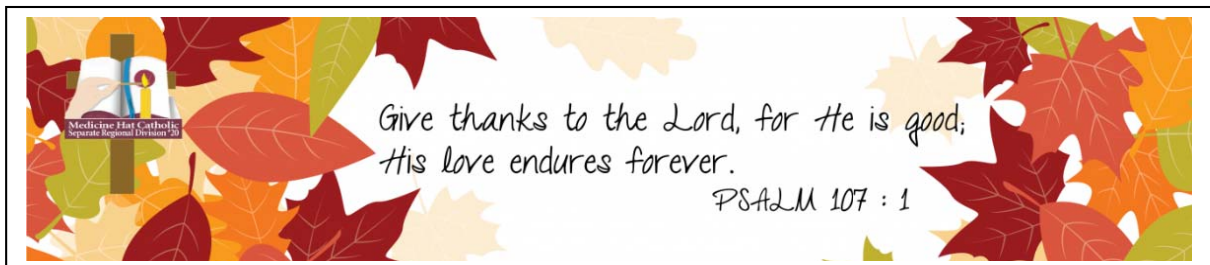
# Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education



## PUBLIC AGENDA

**Tuesday, February 14, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Catholic School Board Office  
1251 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW Medicine Hat, AB



# *Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education*

## **ACTION AGENDA**

**DATE:** February 14, 2017

**Place:** Catholic Education Centre

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

	<p><b>WE ARE CALLED Always and Everywhere to:</b>  <b>Model Christ, Pray and Serve, Build a Faith Community</b></p> <p><b>Theme for 2016-2017: BLESSINGS FROM GOD</b></p>		
1.	<p><b><i>Opening Prayer – Blessing before a Meeting</i></b>  <i>Lord, bless us as we gather today in your name.</i>  <i>Send us the guidance of your Spirit to bring us wisdom and understanding.</i>  <i>Help us to open our minds and our hearts so that we may listen respectfully to the viewpoints of others and make decisions in accordance with your will.</i>  <i>Help us to grow in faith so that we may serve you and others in all that we do.</i>  <i>We ask this grace through Christ our Lord. Amen.</i></p>	Regina Durst	
2.	<p><b><i>Approval of the Minutes Regular Board Meeting</i></b>  <b><i>♦Recommendation:</i></b>  <i>“THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 10, 2017 be approved as circulated”</i></p>	Dick Mastel	
3.	<p><b><i>Approval of the Action Agenda</i></b>  <b><i>♦Recommendation:</i></b>  <i>“THAT the Action Agenda dated February 14 2017 be approved as circulated”.</i></p>	DM	<i>Encl. 1-4</i>
4.	<p><b><i>Approval of the Non-Action Agenda</i></b>  <b><i>♦Recommendation:</i></b>  <i>“THAT the Non-Action Agenda dated February 14, 2017 be approved as circulated”.</i></p>	DM	<i>Encl. 5</i>
5.	<p><b><i>Presentations</i></b>  <i>-School Education Plan Presentation</i>  <b><i>5.1 St. Louis School – School Education Plan</i></b></p>	DM/JC	<i>Handout</i>
6.	<p><b><i>Corporate Communications</i></b>  <b><i>6.1 Minister’s Visit to MHCBE – Thursday, February 09, 2017</i></b>  <b><i>6.2 National Flag Day – February 15, 2017 – MH Catholic Schools Celebrate the Flag</i></b></p>	DM	<i>Encl. 6 7</i>
7.	<p><b><i>Board Work Plan</i></b>  <b><i>7.1 Gradual Retirement Plan</i></b> (Board Work Plan-March 2017)  <b><i>7.2 Board Reviews 3 Year Ed Plan to determine future priorities</i></b> (Board Work Plan-Mar. 2017)  <b><i>7.3 Mass of Installation for the Most Reverend William T. McGrattan as eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary – February 27, 2017</i></b>  <b><i>7.4 ACSTA – Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic School Trustee? Municipal Election is October 16, 2017</i></b>  <b><i>7.5 Letter to Father Fred Monk</i></b>  <b><i>7.6 “13”-Monsignor McCoy High School Production</i></b>  <b><i>7.7 Shrek Jr. –St. Mary’s School Production</i></b></p>	DM	<i>Encl. 8 – 9 10 11 12 13</i>

8.	<b><i>Monsignor McCoy High School - Modernization</i></b> <u>8.1</u> Website: <a href="http://www.mccoymodernization.ca">www.mccoymodernization.ca</a> <i>The website contains the video interview describing the project as well as the online fundraising campaign.</i> <u>8.2</u> Monsignor McCoy High School Construction - Greg / Joe <u>8.3</u> Fundraising – Della	GM/JC	<i>(Report)</i>  14
9.	<b><i>St. John Paul II School</i></b> <u>9.1</u> Planning & Construction – Greg / Joe	GM/JC	<i>(Report)</i> 15
10.	<b><i>Superintendent of Schools Report – Mr. Joe Colistro</i></b> <u>10.1</u> David Eggen, Minister of Education visit to MHCBE <u>10.2</u> Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta <u>10.3</u> Edwin Parr Teacher Award <u>10.4</u> International Field Trips (standing item) <u>10.5</u> Communications Reports <u>10.5.1</u> Corporate Communications <u>10.5.2</u> School Communications & Social Media	JC	<i>(Report)</i> 16      17 -22 23 - 28
11.	<b><i>Associate Superintendent Human Resources – Mr. Chuck Hellman</i></b> <u>11.1</u> School Year Calendar 2017 – 2018 “new draft” for review	CH	<i>(Report)</i> 29 - 30
12.	<b><i>Secretary-Treasurer Report – Mr. Greg MacPherson</i></b> <u>12.1</u> Third Reading – Bylaw 2017/01 – Electoral Wards Bylaw <u>12.2</u> St. Michael’s School <u>12.3</u> Board C2 Committee (Adhoc) Dissolution <u>12.4</u> School Parish Relations Committee – Standing Committee <u>12.5</u> Alberta School Councils’ Association (ASCA) Annual Conference and AGM	GM	<i>(Report)</i> 31 – 82 83   84 – 88 89 - 93
13.	<b><i>Associate Superintendent Learning Services – Mr. Hugh Lehr</i></b> <u>13.1</u> No report.	HL	<i>(Report)</i>
14.	<b><i>Director of Early Childhood Services –Mrs. Terri Ball</i></b> <u>14.1</u> Early Learning Kindergarten Funding	TB	<i>(Report)</i> -
15.	<b><i>Religious Education Coordinator Report – Mrs. Jill Wilkinson</i></b> <u>15.1</u> CCSSA Marks of an Excellent Catholic Leader <u>15.2</u> Excellence in Catholic Education <u>15.3</u> Religious Education Congress <u>15.4</u> School Sponsored Mass <u>15.5</u> Ash Wednesday Prayer Services	JW	<i>(Report)</i> 94 - 95
16.	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS (presented by appointed Trustees)</b>	DM	
	16.1 Medicine Hat Catholic Schools’ Education Foundation – Mrs. Regina Durst		
	16.2 Representative to ACSTA– Mr. Dick Mastel		
	16.3 Representative Teacher Board Advisory Committee – Reverend Mr. Robert Risling		
	16.4 Representative to ASBA Zone 6 – Mr. Peter Grad		
	16.5 Representative to Support Staff Board Advisory Committee– Mrs. Regina Durst		
	16.6 Representative to Parent Association– Mr. Peter Grad		
	16.7 Salary Negotiations		
	<u>16.7.1</u> ATA– Mr. Peter Grad		
	<u>16.7.2</u> CUPE– Mr. Dick Mastel		

	<b>16.8</b>	<b>CUPE Staff Board Advisory Committee – <i>Reverend Mr. Robert Risling</i></b>		
	<b>16.9</b>	<b>Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Board Representative – <i>Mrs. Regina Durst</i></b>		
	<b>16.10</b>	<b>Student Board Advisory Committee – <i>Mr. Dick Mastel</i></b>		
	<b>16.11</b>	<b>C2 (Adhoc) Committee – <i>Reverend Mr. Robert Risling</i> <i>(dissolve committee)</i></b>		
	<b>16.12</b>	<b>Monsignor McCoy Modernization (Adhoc) Committee – <i>Mrs. Regina Durst</i></b>		
	<b>16.13</b>	<b>School Parish Relations Committee (Adhoc) Committee – <i>Mr. Robert Risling</i> (Terms of Reference), remove to standing committee</b>		
<b>17.</b>		<b><i>Closing Prayer</i></b> <b><i>Lord, we come to you today to seek the peace that you alone can give.</i></b> <b><i>Strengthen us in our work as we seek to build a peaceful community.</i></b> <b><i>Amen</i></b>	<b>Robert Risling</b>	
<b>18.</b>		<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>	<b>Dick Mastel</b>	



# NON – ACTION AGENDA

DATE: February 14, 2017 Place: Catholic Education Centre Time: 6:00 P.M.

No.	INFORMATION ITEMS	PAGE
1.1	<p><b><u>REGISTRATION 2017 - 2018</u></b></p> <p><b>* Watch for our UPCOMING FEBRUARY 2017 REGISTRATION in all Catholic schools in Medicine Hat for the 2017 - 2018 school year.</b></p> <p><b><u>ALL ARE WELCOME–</u></b>  <i>Are you a new resident to this country or new to our community or have a new learner getting ready to start school?</i> Did you know that Catholic Schools in Alberta are publicly funded? That means, while we have school fees, there is no tuition. Our Schools offer a faith filled education. We nourish the whole child, spiritually, socially and academically and all are welcome! Call us for information or to register in one of our nine Schools in the City of Medicine Hat. MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION – 403.527.2292 or <a href="http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca">www.mhcbe.ab.ca</a>. Come, Experience Catholic Schools - “Showing the Face of Christ to All”.</p>	
1.2	<p><b><u>TAXES – DECLARE YOUR SUPPORT for CATHOLIC SCHOOLS</u></b> – <i>The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education</i> reminds our community of the importance of declaring your <b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> in support of Catholic Education <b>How do you declare your support?</b> - To ensure your property taxes are supporting Catholic Schools, you must declare your Catholic school support as “<b>Separate</b>” on your annual property assessment notice. <i>Contact the Taxation Office at the City of Medicine Hat, or the Town or Municipal Office in your area.</i> Changes made on or before Dec 31 will be in effect for the next taxation year. <b>Thank you for your supporting Catholic Schools.</b></p>	

## **Notice of Public Board Meetings**

- All regularly scheduled Public Board Meetings are the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** of each month held at the Catholic Education Centre located at 1251 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW (unless otherwise advertised).
- Public Board Meetings for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education will begin at **6:00 pm** with **presentations at 6:00 pm** (unless otherwise advertised).
- **General Public welcome to attend - Information @ [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca)**

**To:** All Division Staff  
**Cc:** Trustees  
**Subject:** THANK YOU! Minister's Visit to MHCBE



A very big **THANK YOU** to St. Mary's School Staff & Students for hosting a fantastic school tour for the Education Minister. Bravo!

*"We are so very proud of our staff and students in each of our Schools", Joe Colistro, Superintendent of Schools.*

Great [Pics](#) & Videos on our social media. [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca)  
[FB](#) [Twitter](#)

**From:** Della Dewald  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 10:36 AM  
**To:** All Division Staff  
**Cc:** Trustees  
**Subject:** Minister of Education visiting MH Catholic-Feb 9th  
**Importance:** High

# COMMUNICATION

**To:** All Division Staff, Trustees  
**Date:** February 8, 2017  
**Re:** The Minister of Education is coming to visit MHCBE-Feb 9<sup>th</sup>



We are very excited to announce the Education Minister, Mr. David Eggen and Alberta Education Staff, will be in Medicine Hat on Thursday, Feb 9, 2017. His visit will include a tour of one of Catholic Schools followed by a meeting with our Board of Trustees and Senior Administration at the Board Office.

***A special thank you to St. Mary's School for hosting a school tour with the Minister!*** St. Mary's will showcase it's many exceptional quality learning opportunities including Academics, French Immersion, Fine Arts Academy, Career Technology Foundations (CTF) and the HUB. Students from the school will greet the

Minister in English & French and accompany him on the tour of the School.

The tour is scheduled from 1:30 – 2:15. The Media is invited to attend. Watch for highlights of his visit on the local news and on our social media.

***Background:*** The Minister of Education is visiting School Divisions across the Province to discuss Division Priorities and provide updates on Initiatives underway within the Ministry.



## Celebrating Canada's Sesquicentennial



### Celebrating Canada's Sesquicentennial 1867 - 2017

#### FEBRUARY 15, 2017 - National Flag Day of Canada

On February 15, 1965 our national flag was raised for the first time on Parliament Hill. Every year since 1996, when Parliament declared February 15th as National Flag of Canada Day, we celebrate our beautiful flag.

In 2017, the National Flag of Canada is celebrating its 52nd anniversary. Canadians are invited to celebrate this important symbol of our identity by organizing their own events and by showing their pride on social media.

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools can take part in the "Share your Moment with the Flag Challenge" by posting a picture or video on social media. We will share our Pride in the Canadian Flag.



### Ideas for the Classroom

Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederacy presents a great opportunity for educators in Alberta to highlight Canadian history and culture in existing curriculum throughout the year. Use creative ways within your schools and in your classrooms to mark that milestone. For example, Canada 150-themed art projects and time capsules (to be opened years in the future) would be great ways to get students involved. For more ideas for the classroom, visit:

ALBERTA EDUCATION: <https://education.alberta.ca/canada-150/>

EXPERIENCES CANADA: <http://experiencescanada.ca/150/teaching-resources/>

HERE'S MY CANADA: <http://www.heresmycanada.ca/about/>

WE ARE THE FUTURE: <https://www.we.ca/>

Do you have a classroom event that ties in with Canada 150? We would love to highlight it! Email our Communications Officer at [socialmedia@mhcb.e.ab.ca](mailto:socialmedia@mhcb.e.ab.ca).

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Please join us for the

# Installation Mass

of  
His Excellency  
the Most Reverend

**WILLIAM  
TERRENCE  
MCGRATTAN**

Eighth Bishop of  
the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Calgary

Monday  
February 27, 2017  
7:30 PM

St. Mary's Cathedral  
219 18 Ave SW



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**TRUST IN THE LORD**

We hope you will join us  
as we celebrate  
the Installation Mass of the  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary's  
Eighth Bishop - the Most Reverend  
William Terrance McGrattan

Mass at 7:30 PM

Please RSVP to  
403-218-5531  
[installation@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:installation@calgarydiocese.ca)

Parking near St. Mary's Cathedral:

FCJ Centre  
St. Monica's School  
19th Ave  
18th Ave



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Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association

## Are you Thinking About Becoming a Catholic School Trustee?

### Are you Feeling Called to this Vocation?

- Are you passionate about Catholic education?
- Do you have ideas for positive change in education?
- Does living a life rooted in faith, while informing political decisions, excite you?
- Do you want to be a leader in your faith community?



**Municipal Election Day is - October 16 - 2017**

**On**

**October 16 - 2017**

**Become a Catholic School Trustee!**

**For More Information**

**Contact your local Catholic School Board office**

**403.527.2292**

**OR**

**Visit the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association website**

**[www.acsta.ab.ca](http://www.acsta.ab.ca)**



# *Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education*

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Fax 403.529.0917

January 20, 2017

Dear Father Fred Monk:

RE: Mission Mexico Day

The students and staff in Medicine Hat Catholic schools once again participated in “Mission Mexico Day” on December 12th in order to help support some of the poorest of the poor in the mountainous region of in southern Mexico. Participating in this “partnership of mercy” to help with projects involving education, human rights and healthcare is what Catholic schools are about.

Fr. Fred, although you are officially retired, the work you continue to facilitate through Mission Mexico allows us to be a part of providing hope to these noble people. What a blessing this is!

On behalf of the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education school community, we are pleased to contribute \$3 039.70. We thank you for helping us be a small part of this important missionary work.

*“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly  
far more than all we can ask or imagine.”*

*Ephesians 3:20*

Sincerely,

Jill Wilkinson

Religious Education Coordinator on behalf of our schools:

*École St. Thomas d'Aquin  
Monsignor McCoy High School  
Mother Teresa School  
Notre Dame Academy  
St. Francis Xavier School*

*St. Louis School  
St. Mary's School  
St. Patrick's School  
St. Michael's School, Medicine Hat*

Enclosure: 2 Cheques from Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education  
Individual Donations

*“Showing the Face of Christ to All”*

**In partnership with Family, Church and Community since 1911**



— Monsignor McCoy High School —

PRESENTS

# 13

a new musical

At the Medicine Hat College Theatre  
13

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).



All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI,

421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019

Tel. (212) 541-4684 Fax. (212) 397-4684 [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

Music and Lyrics by

**Jason Robert Brown**

**“13” was Comissioned by Center Theatre Group, Los Angeles California**

**Thursday, March 30 7:00 pm**

**Friday, March 31 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, April 1 7:00 pm**

**\$15/Ticket**

**Rush Seating**

Advance tickets available on  
[mhcbe.schoolcashonline.com](http://mhcbe.schoolcashonline.com)  
or at the MMHS office

Original Broadway Production Produced by

Bob Boyett, Roger Berlind, Tim Levy, Ken Davenport, Ted Hartley, Stacey Mindich, Jan Bergere, Broadway  
Across America, Sharon Karmazin, Carl Moellenberg, Tom Miller, True Love Productions/Olympus  
Theatricals and Center Theatre Group

Subsequently produced for The Goodspeed Opera House by Michael P. Price, Executive Producer



St. Mary's School  
Presents

# \$HREK The MUSICAL JR.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture  
and the Book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by  
**David Lindsay-Abaire**

Music by  
**Jeanine Tesori**

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks  
Theatricals and Neal Street Productions

Original Production Directed by  
**Jason Moore and Rob Ashford**

"I'm A Believer" by  
**Neil Diamond**



**Wednesday April 5, 2017 • 7:00PM**  
**Thursday April 6, 2017 • 7:00PM**

**\$12/Ticket**  
+ (S.C. + GST)



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**Modernization of Monsignor McCoy – Standing Item**  
**Board Report February 14, 2017 Public Meeting**

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**1. Monsignor McCoy Modernization Update**

Senior Administration will provide an update on the modernization of Monsignor McCoy.

**Recommendation:** Receive as information.

**Attachment:** Attached

**St. John Paul II School Construction – Standing Item**  
**Board Report February 14, 2017 Public Meeting**

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**1. St. John Paul II School Update**

Senior Administration will provide an update on the construction of St. John Paul II School.

The land title for the property has been received.

**Recommendation –None**

**Attachment: None**

## **Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education**

### **February 14<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting**

#### **1. David Eggen, Minister of Education visit with Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education**

During the of February month David Eggen, the Minister of Education visited a number of schools across the province including the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education on Thursday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Minister's schedule included a visit to St. Mary's School where staff and students had an opportunity to showcase the many exceptional quality learning opportunities including Academics, French Immersion, Fine Arts Academy, Career Technology Foundations (CTF) and the HUB. Students from the school greeted the Minister in English & French and accompanied him on the tour of the School. Following the tour the Minister had a formal meeting with Trustees & Senior Administration.

**Recommendation: Receive as Information**

#### **2. Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta - Catholic Leadership Conference**

The CCSSA is hosting a catholic Leadership Conference on October 12-13, 2017 in Red Deer Alberta. The conference will be centered on ***The Marks of an Excellent Catholic Leader*** document. The purpose of the Conference is to

- To celebrate Catholic leadership
- To network with other Catholic leaders across the province
- To reflect on what it means to be a Catholic leader
- To inspire leaders to continue with the critical work they are already doing
- To build up Catholic education and its leadership

***The Marks of an Excellent Catholic Leader*** is be being currently reviewed by the Division Leadership Team. The framework is used to:

- Inspire Catholic leaders in their service of Catholic education
- Offer a role description for Catholic leaders
- Provide indicators and offer exemplars
- Create conversations around Catholic leadership
- Assist leaders as they strive for excellence in their vocation
- Serve as a resource when identifying, recruiting and hiring Catholic school leaders.

I have encouraged members of the Division Leadership Team to consider attending this conference.

**Recommendation: Receive as Information**

#### **3. Edwin Parr Teacher Award**

Each year the ASBA honors six outstanding first-year teachers with the Edwin Parr Teacher Award. School boards may nominate any first-year K to 12 teacher who has taught in an Alberta school jurisdiction which is a member of the ASBA.

I anticipate receiving one nomination at this time. At our last DLT I asked any nominees should be submitted by February 28<sup>th</sup>. I will be forwarding the nomination to the chair of the ASBA zone in our jurisdiction prior to the March 17<sup>th</sup> deadline. Della will coordinate anything else that is required, video etc.

**Recommendation: Receive as Information**

**Executive Assistant & Corporate Communications –Della Dewald  
Board Meeting, February 07, 2017**

**1. Corporate Communications Advertising/Public Relations** - Exhibit a consistent message and increase community awareness.

**a. January/February – IT'S REGISTRATION TIME**

**From:** Della Dewald  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** All Division Staff  
**Cc:** Trustees  
**Subject:** Division Wide February Registration and School Open Houses



**FEBRUARY IS REGISTRATION MONTH IN ALL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS in MEDICINE HAT**   
**K -12 & Early Learning!**

**"Everything Registration" is rolling out...for MHCBE!**

**➔Schools may print and place the attached Division-Wide Registration Poster on school front doors and in visible locations in your school.**

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## **February 2017 Registration - Communication Strategy**

**January 09, 2017 – Pre-Advertising**

- Website, Social Media – Registration Coming Soon!

**January 15, 2017 – Registration Process Begins**

- Registration Forms, brochures, handbooks, insert and brochures are revised and printed.

**January 23, 2017 –Student Registration**

- Pre-Populated Student Registration Forms home in the backpacks (students currently enrolled), returned Feb 3, 2017
- Blank Student Registration Forms supplied to schools for *New Students* and *Early Learning & Kindergarten*. New registrations accepted.
- [Parent Page](#) updated with 2017-2018 Registration Information, Forms, Handbooks, and Brochures etc.
- Re-Branding of [Early Learning Brochure](#) & [Kindergarten Brochure](#)

### January 23, 2017 – Advertising Launch

- **Magnet Signs** on school properties and various locations throughout the City.
- **MH News** – Catholic School Open Houses -listing of open houses scheduled for all 9 Schools-Ad: Jan 27<sup>th</sup>
- **MH News/Shopper Feature**–Spot Ad (Division Wide Registration) & Early Learning -Ad: Feb 4th
- **Website/Social Media**
  - **Latest News** - Registration Info Push → from Division to School Websites.
  - Specialized **Facebook Cover Photos/Banners** created for school Facebook Pages.
  - **Social Media Postings** → (Facebook, Twitter & Instagram)
  - **Open House** “[Come to a Catholic School Open House](#)” listings.

### February 6 – 10, 2017 - Advertising

- **We’re on the Radio –**  
2 Radio Ads: Recorded with student voiceovers. CHAT, MY96 & 93.7-Airing week of: Feb 6- 10<sup>th</sup>

### MHCBE YOUTUBE CHANNEL –

Check out our very own YouTube channel - [MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC-YouTube Channel](#)

New video:

- A Day in Early Learning in a Catholic School
- A Day in the Fine Arts Academy
- Notre Dame Soccer, Hockey & Golf & Baseball Academy

### Our Social Media Feeds

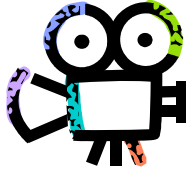
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<https://www.instagram.com/mhcatholic/>

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwoi4KoYSNlwb\\_pRFd0YILw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwoi4KoYSNlwb_pRFd0YILw)





### Most recent Video Project

**Early Learning Video** – “A day in the life in Early Learning”. This very special video feature captured a young child’s school experiences in early learning seen mostly through the lense of a child. Exciting! The video focused on children’s *busy small hands* involved in activities and *small feet moving about* in the classroom or on the playground. The focus will be on the importance of **Play, Social Interaction** and **Faith** in an Early Learning Program in our Catholic schools. The video was shot to capture the essence of any of our Early Learning Programs division-wide rather than a school specific project.

**Communications Work Plan – VIDEO:** We are excited as our Video Library is expanding and our MHCBE Youtube channel is growing. Initially capturing the events such as Random Acts of Kindness, Catholic Education Sunday, Sod-Turning Celebration, Education Week, and Music Monday. Now moving into Phase I & II.

### Phase I –

Video highlighting unique programming areas across the Division.

- Academies in Sports & Fine Arts, Early Learning & Kindergarten, French Immersion, High School Options, Religious Education.

### Phase II

- School Videos;  
Engage School Staffs and Parents in an exercise to define “**what is unique and special about my school**”. We will use that information to capture the video content.  
**March 2017** - Handout for Staff, Handout for Parent Council.

**Literacy Day – Jan 27, 2017** You can view your ad that ran on 01/27/2017 by clicking [here](#).

**MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
A proud supporter of Family Literacy Day.  
**A book is a gift you can open again and again!**  
READ, READ, READ and have fun!  
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@mhcatholic

- c. **School Open House – Friday Jan 27, 2017** ➔  
You can view your ad that ran on 01/27/2017 by clicking [here](#).

- d. **Rotary Music Festival booklet – Feb – March**

**Medicine Hat Catholic Board Of Education**  
“Supporting and Celebrating the Arts Since 1911”  
Our children are a blessing.  
Join us in celebrating their effort and talent.  
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**Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education**  
**February is Registration Month in Catholic Schools for the 2017-2018 school year-all grades K-12 & Early Learning**  
**Come to a Catholic School Open House**

Notre Dame Academy	Monday	Jan 30	6pm - 8pm
St. Mary's School	Thursday	Feb 02	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Mother Teresa School	Monday	Feb 06	9am - noon
St. Michael's School	Monday	Feb 06	9am - noon
St. Francis School	Monday	Feb 06	8:30am - 4pm
St. Patrick's School	Monday	Feb 06	10am - noon
St. Louis School	Wed.	Feb 08	9am - 3pm
Ecole St. Thomas d'Aquin	Monday	Feb 06	9am - 2:45pm
Monsignor McLoy High School	Thursday	April 06	TBA

I'll meet you there!

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for the 2017-2018 School year

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g. Radio MY96, CHAT & PRAISE FM – Student voice overs



Ad # 1 – [Division Wide Registration](#)



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i. **Canada 150**

j. **School Art 2017**

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# School Art 2017

## ESPLANADE ART GALLERY

Each of our 9 Catholic Schools have had pieces of ARTWORK chosen by a Jury to be on display at the Esplanade School Art Show 2017.

This is an annual event in our community showcasing artwork of many mediums including:

- Paintings, Drawings, Collages, Sculptures, Ceramics, Photographs, Animated and Live Action Video, Mixed Media

EXHIBITION DATES  
ESPLANADE GALLERY  
March 11 – April 30, 2017

OPENING RECEPTION/AWARDS CEREMONY  
ESPLANADE  
Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 1:00 pm



### AWARDS CEREMONY:

The Awards Ceremony will be held on **March 26, 2017** at the Esplanade.

Medicine Hat Catholic students with award winning pieces in each of the categories of Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, Junior Award and Senior Award will receive an **MHCBE Board sponsored Scholarship of \$50 along with a Certificate of Recognition**. The awards will be presented to the students by a Catholic School Board Member. All are welcome to attend.

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## Social Media Activity

589 to **623** “likes” on our **Facebook Page**  
423 to **460** followers on **Twitter**  
106 to **121** followers on **Instagram**



### Early Learning & Kindergarten Re-Branding

- “A Day with Early Learning” Video
- Early Learning & Kindergarten Brochure (handout)

## How are we communicating online during February Registration?

### Website Updates

- Latest News Division Wide Registration- *pushed to school websites*
- Latest News Early Learning & Kindergarten- *pushed to school websites*
- Latest News Before/ After School Care Info- *division website*
- Latest News Open House Dates/ Times- *division website*
- “It’s Registration Time” banners- *pushed to all school websites*
- “A Day With Early Learning” banner- *pushed to elementary school websites*

### Open House Information

- Personalized Facebook cover photos with open house info on each school Facebook Page
- General Open House dates/ times post to social media
- Open House reminder posts

### Media

- Promotional videos posted on web and social media throughout Jan & Feb
- Radio Ads posted on YouTube, social media & websites







**Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education**  
January 27 at 10:32am · 🌐

It's that time of year again! February Registration is underway for the 2017/2018 School Year.

Come to a Catholic School Open House, Orientation & Information Evening held throughout February. You can even arrange a school tour!

Open House Dates & Times: <http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca/view.php...>



**Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education** 😊 feeling excited.  
21 hrs · 🌐

Guess what?! February Registration is officially open for the 2017-2018 school year! [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca)

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**Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education**  
January 26 at 11:36am · 🌐

Drumroll please... We are so excited to announce that registration is officially OPEN for the 2017-2018 school year! K-12 and all Early Learning Programs



Visit our website for more information <http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca/view.php...>







**Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education**

January 26 at 12:45pm · 🌐

Welcome little ones! Register now for the 2017/2018 school year.

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**Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education**

January 27 at 1:55pm · 🌐

Looking for information about Before & After School Programs at our Catholic Schools? Look no further!



**Before & After School Care**

St. Patrick's School: Do you have a Before & Afternoon Program? YES Who qualifies to attend? Kindergarten - Grade 5 What are the times? 7:00am - 9:00am & 3:20pm-5:30pm École St. Thomas d'Aquin: Do you have a Before & Afternoon Program?...

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**Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education**

January 27 at 12:58pm · 🌐

Oops! We just wanted to clarify our Kindergarten Program Age Eligibility.

A child who turns 5 years of age on or before March 1, 2018 can start Kindergarten in the Fall of 2017.

More information about our Kindergarten & Early Learning Programs here: <http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca/view.php...>





# Website Content



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## Latest News



Flags at Half-Mast



Division- Wide Registration  
2017/2018



Early Learning & Kindergarten  
Registration



Before & After School Care



Catholic School Open Houses



School Registration Guide and  
Calendar



# Facebook Page Cover Photos







**FEBRUARY IS REGISTRATION MONTH!**  
**REGISTER FOR THE 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR. GRADES 1 – 9**

403.527.7616  
 Come visit us at our Open House:  
 Thursday, Feb 2nd 6:30pm – 7:30pm

English & French  
 Immersion &  
 Fine Arts  
 Academy Offered



**FEBRUARY IS REGISTRATION MONTH!**  
**REGISTER FOR THE 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR. EARLY LEARNING TO GRADE 6!**

Come visit us at our Open House:  
 Monday, Feb 6th 9:00am – noon

403.527.7242

Fine Arts  
 Focus!



**FEBRUARY IS REGISTRATION MONTH!**  
**REGISTER FOR THE 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR. EARLY LEARNING TO GRADE 5**

Come visit us at our Open House:  
 Monday, Feb 6th 10:00am – noon

403.527.1177

BEFORE & AFTER  
 SCHOOL CARE



**FEBRUARY IS REGISTRATION MONTH!**  
**REGISTER FOR THE 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR. GRADES 6 – 9**

403.527.5118  
 Come visit us at our Open House:  
 Monday, Jan 30th 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Baseball, Golf,  
 Hockey & Soccer  
 Academies



**Associate Superintendent Human Resources**  
**Board Meeting, February 14, 2017**

**1. Calendar 2017-2018**

A draft calendar was presented to the board during the December Board meeting. Senior Administration, division leadership, teachers and parent councils were asked for feedback. Based on the feedback received, some modifications have been made. A new draft calendar will be presented to the Board for feedback.

**Action:** That the Board provide feedback on the draft 2017-2018 calendar

**Recommendation:** N/A

**Attachment** – proposed 2017-2018 school calendar

Draft

## MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR - MEDICINE HAT

Draft

2017-2018

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## August

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

1	School PD Day - Teachers only
0	Instructional
1	Total
31st	First day for Teachers

## September

						1F	2
3	4	5s	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

S	First day for Students
2	P.D.
18	Instruct.
20	Total

## October

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

1	P.D.
20	Instructional
21	Total

## November

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

1	P.D.
21	Instructional
22	Total

## December

						1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21L	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31							

L	Last day for students
1	P.D.
15	Instructional
16	Total

## January

			1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
28	29	30	31s					

17	Instructional - HS 1st Semester
1	Instructional - HS 2nd Semester
1	P.D. (Elementary & Middle School)
17	Instructional - Elem/Middle
18	Total
S	First day of 2nd Semester

## February

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

2	P.D. Teachers' Convention
2*	Time in Lieu: Parent Teacher Conference
15	Instructional
19	Total

## March

					1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

1	P.D.
20	Instructional
21	Total

## April

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

1	P.D.
15	Instructional
16	Total

## May

			1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			

1	P.D.
21	Instructional
22	Total

## June

					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28L	29*	30

1*	P.D.
1	P.D. (Elementary & Middle School)
19	Instructional (Elementary /Middle)
20	Instructional (High School)
21	Total
L	Last day for Students
*	Last day for Teachers

Semester	1	2	Total
<b>Instructional Days</b>			
Elementary/Middle	91	90	181
High School	91	92	183
<b>Non-Instructional Days</b>			
PD/School Closing Days: Elem/Middle Schools	7	7	14
PD/School Closing Days: Msgr. McCoy	6	6	12
Time in Lieu: Parent Teacher Conf.	0	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>			197

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**1. Third Reading – Bylaw 2017/01 – Electoral Wards Bylaw**

The board of trustees will have third reading of Bylaw 2017/01 Electoral Wards Bylaw. The recommendation for third reading is provided below.

In accordance with the advice and recommendations provided by Ministry staff, it was recommended that the Board of Trustees also request that Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20 be converted from a regional division to a school district. As a result of the 2014 ward withdrawal of Bow Island Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 82 from Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20, as set out in Ministerial Order 012/2014, only one ward remains within Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20. Ministry staff have advised that regional divisions should be comprised of more than one ward. Therefore, the Board of Trustees of Medicine Catholic Board of Education should request that the Minister convert the regional division accordingly, as he deems appropriate. However, the Board of Trustees requests assurances that any such change would Maintain the corporate name for the Board of Trustees as “The Board of Trustees of Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education” as set out in Ministerial Order 170/94; and not require a specific audit to transfer assets and liabilities from the current regional division to the new school district.

The intention for this process is a name change. It is anticipate that Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education will return to the existing Medicine Hat Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 21, however this is within the Minister’s discretion. This would retain a historical link for the Board.

**Recommendation:** Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education consider and pass for third reading bylaw 2017/01 – Electoral Wards Bylaw replacing bylaw 2010/01 – Electoral Wards bylaw.

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education request that the Minister convert Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education from a Regional Division to a Roman Catholic Separate School District subject to the corportate name remaining Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education and that no specific audit be required to transfer the assets and liabilities from the current regional division to the new school district.

**Attachment:** a. Draft Bylaw 2017/01 (completed second reading)  
b. Draft letter to the Minister of Education

**2. St. Michael’s School**

The principal of St. Michael's school has requested that he be allowed to use \$5000.00 from his accumulated school surplus to increase his professional development budget and for cultural programming at the school in the current year.

**Recommendation:** Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education authorize that \$5000.00 from the accumulated school based restricted reserve be used by St. Michael's school to increase professional development and cultural programming within the current year.

**Attachment:** a. Email request from principal of St. Michael's School dated January 10, 2017

### 3. Board C2 Committee (ad hoc) Dissolution

The Board C2 committee was set up as an ad hoc committee on November 12, 2013 to address the C2 issues from the provincial framework agreement. As the need for the committee has expired this committee may be dissolved as per Policy 8 – Committee of the Board.

**Recommendation:** Be it resolved that Board of Trustee for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education dissolves the C2 Ad Hoc Committee effective immediately.

**Attachment:** None

### 4. School Parish Relations Committee – Standing Committee

The Board of Trustees established the School Parish Relations Committee on October 13, 2015 as an Ad Hoc Committee. There was a desire by the Board of Trustees that this committee become a standing committee. Policy 8 has been amended to reflect this change and it will require three readings for the policy to become effective.

**Recommendation:** First Reading  
Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve as first reading the transition of the School Parish Relations Committee from an ad hoc committee into a standing committee under Policy 8 – Committees of the Board as amended.

Second Reading  
Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve as second reading the transition of the School Parish Relations Committee from an ad hoc committee into a standing committee under Policy 8 – Committees of the Board as amended.

**Attachment:** a. Policy 8 – Committee of the Board

## **5. Alberta School Councils' Association ('ASCA') Annual Conference and AGM**

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Attached is information regarding the ASCA annual conference and AGM

**Recommendation:** Information only

**Attachment:** ASCA package

**MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Electoral Wards By-law**  
**No. 2017/01, effective February 14, 2017**

**WHEREAS** Bow Island Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 82 (Ward 2) was withdrawn from Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20 and added to Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 4 as per Ministerial Order 012/2014;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees of Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education is desirous of replacing Electoral Ward Bylaw 2010/01 to reflect the revised boundaries for the regional division, confirm the establishment of one ward for the regional division, and increase the number of trustees in that ward;

**AND WHEREAS** the *School Act*, RSA 2000, c.S-3, specifically section 262(5), authorizes the board of a division, with the approval of the Minister, to amend or replace a bylaw providing for the nomination and election of trustees by wards or electoral subdivisions.

**AND WHEREAS** the *School Act*, RSA 2000, c.S-3, specifically section 247, allows the Minister to vary the number of trustees to be elected for each ward;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education has undergone a public consultation process regarding increasing the number of trustees and retaining the same electoral boundaries for the remaining ward;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with Section 262 of the *School Act* and subject to the approval of the Minister, Electoral Ward Bylaw 2010/01 is hereby repealed and replaced with this Electoral Ward Bylaw 2017/01.

**AND** Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education shall be comprised of the wards as follows with such wards to be in effect for the October 2017 trustee elections:

1. Electoral Ward 1 (The Medicine Hat Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 21 Ward) shall be comprised of the following lands:

Township 11, Range 4, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 29 to 32 inclusive.

Township 11, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 25 to 36 inclusive.

Township 11, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 25 and 26; Sections 31 to 36 inclusive; East half of Section 27; Northwest quarter of Section 30.

Township 12, Range 4, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 5 to 8 inclusive; Sections 17 to 21 inclusive; Sections 28 to 33 inclusive.

Township 12, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 36 inclusive.

Township 12, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 36 inclusive.

Township 13, Range 4, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 5 to 8 inclusive; Sections 17 to 20 inclusive; Sections 30 and 31.

Township 13, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 36 inclusive.

Township 13, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 30 inclusive; Sections 33 to 36 inclusive.

Township 14, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 3 to 9 inclusive; Sections 15 to 18 inclusive; Those portions of Sections 2, 10, 13 and 14 lying North and West of the South Saskatchewan River.

Township 14, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 4 inclusive; Sections 9 to 16 inclusive.

2. The number of Trustees to be nominated and elected from each ward shall be as follows:

Electoral Ward 1: Five (5) Trustees nominated and elected at large.

This bylaw was given approval by The Board of Trustees of Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education at a regular meeting of the Board for first and second reading on January 10, 2017, and third reading, on February 14, 2017.

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Board Chair

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Secretary Treasurer



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February 14, 2017

Honourable David Eggen  
Minister of Education  
Office of the Minister of Education  
228 Legislature Building  
10800 – 97 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Eggen:

## **REQUEST TO ADD A TRUSTEE POSITION**

The Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education would formally request that under section 247 of the *School Act* the number of trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education be increased from four to five to be effective for the October 2017 school board elections.

The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education previously had five trustees within the regional division where four trustees were allocated to ward 1, encompassing the boundaries of the Medicine Hat Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 21 and one trustee was allocated to ward 2, encompassing the boundaries of the Bow Island Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 82. As a result of a ward withdrawal process, Bow Island Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 82 was removed from The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education on September 1, 2014 and added to the Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 4 under Ministerial Order 012/2014. This left Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education with four trustees representing the ward boundaries of Medicine Hat Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 21.

The Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education have continued to operate with the four trustees, however, there has always been a desire since the ward withdrawal process to return to having five trustees. The primary reasons allow for a more effective distribution of work amongst the trustees and for more diverse discussion on issues with the additional voice. As well, with four trustees there continues to be concerns on split votes, with one split vote having occurred early in the trustees' mandate.

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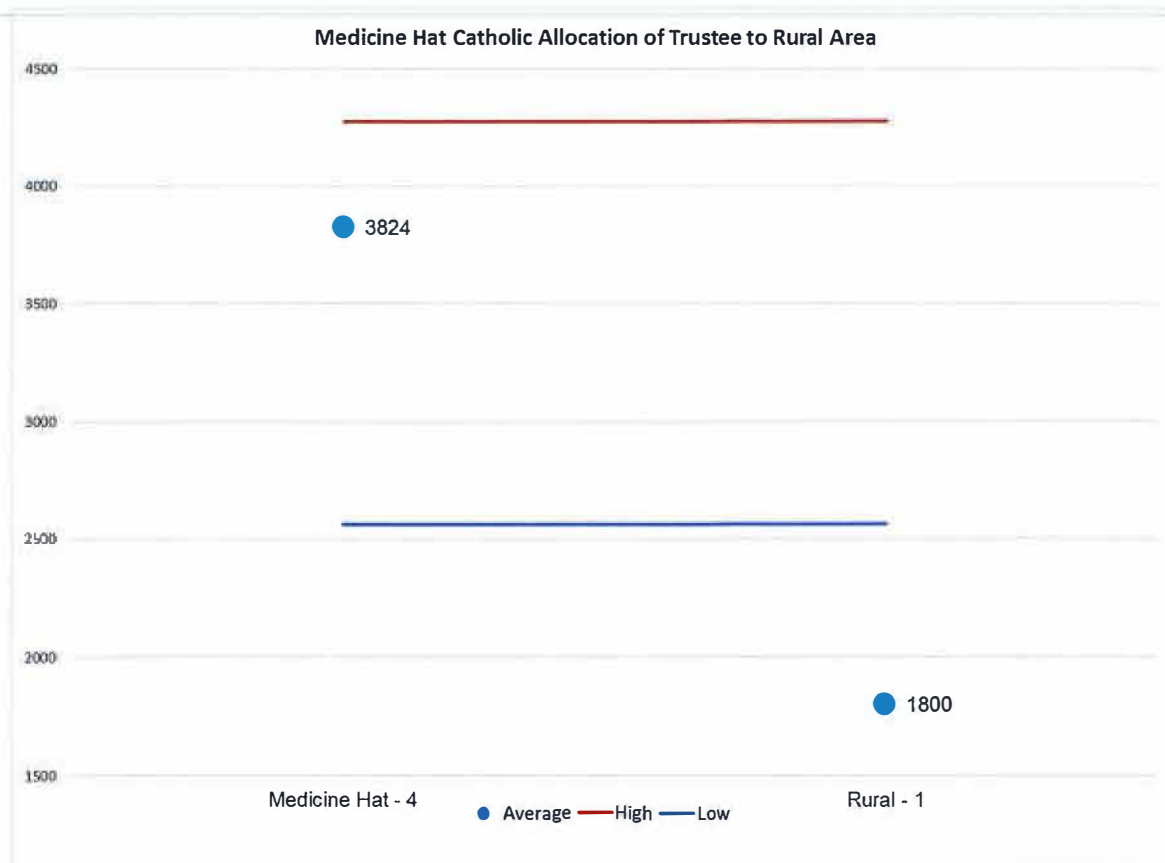
When we compared our board composition to other similar sized jurisdictions we found that Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education is significantly underrepresented in comparison.

<b>Alberta School Boards</b>		
<b>by Student Population and Trustee Representation</b>		
<b>Name of Board</b>	<b>Student Enrolment</b>	<b>No. of Trustees</b>
Canadian Rockies Public Schools	2225	5
Clearview SD #71	2378	7
East Central CSSRD	2446	8
Lakeland Catholic	2172	7
Living Waters	2074	6
Medicine Hat Catholic	2515	4

The Board of Trustees desire to have all the trustees elected at large with no electoral subdivisions. This allows the Board of Trustees to serve the regional division as a whole as opposed to having trustees focus on certain electoral subdivisions. The boundaries for the regional division are not excessively large and both the Redcliff and Dunmore rural communities are within minutes of the City of Medicine Hat. An examination of the demographics of the regional division revealed the following:

		<b>25% Catholic Population</b>	
	<b>Population</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Proportion</b>
Population of Jursdiction	68,378	17,095	
Population of City of Medicine Hat (2012)	61,180	15,295	89.5%
Rural Population within Jursdiction	7,198	1,800	10.5%

With the rural population encompassing 10.5% of the population, having a trustee allocated for the rural population would result with overrepresentation, assuming each of the five trustees would be representing 20% of the population. As the chart below highlights, assignment of a trustee to the area outside of the City of Medicine Hat would fall significantly outside the average population representation, plus or minus 25%, per trustee. On this basis having a trustee allocated exclusively to a rural ward would result in an overrepresentation of the rural area and should not be pursued. Of the residents living outside the City of Medicine Hat, 85% live within the towns of Redcliff and Dunmore.



All residents would continue to be eligible to run as a trustee whether they were urban or rural residents.

Another driver for not moving towards electoral subdivisions, either with rural or urban subdivision, is that in the last school board election all trustees were acclaimed. Creating electoral subdivisions within the regional division further increases the likelihood there could be vacancies in certain electoral subdivisions. Continuing to have trustees elected at large minimizes that risk.

The Board of Trustees engaged in an active public consultation process regarding these changes. This included the following:

- The Board of Trustees consulted the Parent Association, which is a council of all Medicine Hat Catholic school councils. Feedback from this group was positive towards the proposal.
- The Division Leadership Team, consisting of the school based administrators and other division administrators, was consulted and feedback was neutral except for the potential costs related to an additional trustee.
- A message was sent home to all parents through the student backpack distribution. This outlined the proposal and invited them to the public meeting as well as providing links to obtain

more information from the division website and ways to provide feedback. One response was received which was positive towards the proposal.

- A public meeting was held on December 13, 2016. Two individuals attended and no feedback was left. This meeting was widely advertised including through the Medicine Hat News.
- Both the Facebook and Twitter accounts for Medicine Hat Catholic were used to advertise the public meeting and provide links to obtain more information.
- The Division's website was used to communicate information and seek responses.
- Both parishes provided information on the proposal and the public meeting through their weekly bulletins to Catholics.
- The Medicine Hat News and CHAT TV both reported on the proposal which further advertised the proposal to stakeholders.

Attached is a package with further details on the public consultation undertaken.

The Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education has passed a by-law, subject to your approval, on adding the fifth trustee. The Board formally requests that under section 247 of the *School Act* the number of trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education be increased from four to five effective for the October 2017 school board elections.

In accordance with the advice and recommendations provided by Ministry staff, the Board of Trustees would also request that Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20 be converted from a Regional Division to a Roman Catholic Separate School District, specifically to Medicine Hat Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 21. As noted above, as a result of the 1994 ward withdrawal of Bow Island Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 82 from Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20, as set out in Ministerial Order 012/2014, only one ward remains within Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20. Ministry staff have advised that regional divisions should be comprised of more than one ward and therefore Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20 is no longer – and has not been since 2014 – a proper “regional division”. Therefore the Board of Trustees of the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education requests that the Minister convert the regional division accordingly, as you deem appropriate. However the Board of Trustees requests assurances that any such change would:

1. Maintain the corporate name for the Board of Trustees as “The Board of Trustees of Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education; and,
2. Not require a specific audit to transfer the assets and liabilities from the current regional division to the new school district.

Honourable David Eggen  
Page 5  
February 14, 2017

We would prefer that all three items, the increase of the number of trustees, the reclassification of the Regional Division to a Roman Catholic Separate School District and the continuation of the corporate name, be approved under one ministerial order.

Sincerely,

Richard (Dick) Mastel  
Board Chair

Enclosures



**MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Electoral Wards By-law**  
**No. 2017/01, effective February 14, 2017**

**WHEREAS** Bow Island Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 82 (Ward 2) was withdrawn from Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20 and added to Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 4 as per Ministerial Order 012/2014;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees of Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education is desirous of replacing Electoral Ward Bylaw 2010/01 to reflect the revised boundaries for the regional division, confirm the establishment of one ward for the regional division, and increase the number of trustees in that ward;

**AND WHEREAS** the *School Act*, RSA 2000, c.S-3, specifically section 262(5), authorizes the board of a division, with the approval of the Minister, to amend or replace a bylaw providing for the nomination and election of trustees by wards or electoral subdivisions.

**AND WHEREAS** the *School Act*, RSA 2000, c.S-3, specifically section 247, allows the Minister to vary the number of trustees to be elected for each ward;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education has undergone a public consultation process regarding increasing the number of trustees and retaining the same electoral boundaries for the remaining ward;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with Section 262 of the *School Act* and subject to the approval of the Minister, Electoral Ward Bylaw 2010/01 is hereby repealed and replaced with this Electoral Ward Bylaw 2017/01.

**AND** Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education shall be comprised of the wards as follows with such wards to be in effect for the October 2017 trustee elections:

1. Electoral Ward 1 (The Medicine Hat Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 21 Ward) shall be comprised of the following lands:

Township 11, Range 4, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 29 to 32 inclusive.

Township 11, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 25 to 36 inclusive.

Township 11, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 25 and 26; Sections 31 to 36 inclusive; East half of Section 27; Northwest quarter of Section 30.

Township 12, Range 4, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 5 to 8 inclusive; Sections 17 to 21 inclusive; Sections 28 to 33 inclusive.

Township 12, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 1 to 36 inclusive.

Township 12, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 1 to 36 inclusive.

Township 13, Range 4, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 5 to 8 inclusive; Sections 17 to 20 inclusive; Sections 30 and 31.

Township 13, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 1 to 36 inclusive.

Township 13, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 1 to 30 inclusive; Sections 33 to 36 inclusive.

Township 14, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 3 to 9 inclusive; Sections 15 to 18 inclusive; Those portions of Sections 2, 10, 13 and 14 lying North and West of the South Saskatchewan River.

Township 14, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 1 to 4 inclusive; Sections 9 to 16 inclusive.

2. The number of Trustees to be nominated and elected from each ward shall be as follows:

Electoral Ward 1: Five (5) Trustees nominated and elected at large.

This bylaw was given approval by The Board of Trustees of Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education at a regular meeting of the Board for first and second reading on January 10, 2017, and third reading, on February 14, 2017.

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Board Chair

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Secretary Treasurer

# Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

## Communication Strategy -Addition of a 5th Catholic School Board Trustee & Ward Public Consultation

### TIMELINE FOR CONSULTATION - November 28, 2016 – December 21, 2016

#### **1. November 28, 2016**

- 1.1. Consultation with Parent Association Representatives in person;  
(Parent Association is a Council of Councils (1 parent representative from each school serves on Parent Association))

#### **2. Week of December 5, 2016**

- 2.1. Backpack Circulation
- 2.2. Website / Social Media Notification
- 2.3. All Division Staff Notification
- 2.4. Parish Bulletins
- 2.5. Newspaper Publication

#### **3. December 6, 2016**

- 3.1. Consultation with Division Leadership Team in person  
(Division Leadership Team is made up of all Division Principals, Vice-Principals & Central Office Senior Administration)

#### **4. December 13, 2016**

- 4.1. Host an OPEN HOUSE from 5 – 6 pm at the Catholic School Board Office

#### **5. December 16, 2016**

- 5.1. Following the Open House, CHAT TV-Broadcasted the Open House information on local TV
- 5.2. The video of the broadcast was posted to the TV Station Online video forum

#### **6. December 21, 2016**

- 6.1. Feedback from the general public open until Dec. 21, 2016
  - 6.1.1. *Ratepayer feedback received in writing (1)*
  - 6.1.2. *Two members of the community attended the open house, no written feedback provided, however, Trustees noted both members spoken in favor.*

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**Attachments:** Open House Dec 13 Invitation.pdf  
**Importance:** High

## BACK PACK CIRCULATION

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**From:** Della Dewald  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 9:52 AM  
**To:** Della Dewald  
**Subject:** Secretaries, CC Principals Public Consultation Process for a 5th Catholic School Board Trustee  
**Importance:** High

Good morning Division Secretaries:

Attached is the OPEN HOUSE notice for our parent community. Please send home with students early this week.

- Double-sided and if possible, copied in color

Thank you so much, any questions, please let me know.

Della

# COMMUNICATION

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Date: December 5, 2016  
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The public consultation communications strategy for the addition of the 5<sup>th</sup> Trustee to MHCBE begins this week:

### Beginning the Week of Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

1. Backpack Circulation (home with MHCBE students)
2. Website / Social Media Notification
3. All Division Staff Notification
4. Parish Bulletins
5. Newspaper Notice
6. OPEN HOUSE (Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 2016, 5–6 pm) at the Catholic School Board Office



**Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education**  
**FIFTH TRUSTEE & WARD - PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

# **Open House and Invitation to Comment**

**Tuesday, December 13th  
from 5:00pm-6:00pm**

1251- 1ST AVE SW, MEDICINE HAT  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE



MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC - OPEN HOUSE





## Fifth Trustee & Ward - Public Consultation Open House

Fifth Trustee and Ward- Public Consultation

### Open House and Invitation to Comment

Tuesday December 13th 5-6pm

#### MHCBE Trustees want to here from YOU!

The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education is seeking to add a fifth Trustee to the Board for the October 2017 Alberta School Board Election and to consult with our community about the Ward system. We want to hear your thoughts!

Join us on Tuesday, December 13th from 5-6pm at the Catholic School Board Office

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[Click here for the official event invitation.](#)



Website Post –Dec 5-13, 2016

Invitation to Open House & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Trustee & Ward Consultation  
Process





The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook post from the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education. The post is dated December 6, 2016, at 3:33pm. It features a cover photo of a cross with a candle and a banner that reads "Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division 20". The post text invites the community to a public consultation open house on Tuesday, December 13th, to discuss the addition of a fifth trustee and the ward system. It includes the board's name, the event title, the date and time, the location, and contact information. A photo of a young girl with red hair is also included in the post content.

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Jenny Marie, Bethany Smith, Melanie Henry and 7 others like this.

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**Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education**  
December 6, 2016 at 3:33pm · 🌐

MHCBE Trustees want to hear from YOU! Please join us next Tuesday, December 13th for our Fifth Trustee & Ward- Public Consultation Open House. Learn more <http://www.mhobe.ab.ca/view.php...>

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Facebook Post –Dec 6, 2016

Invitation to Open House &  
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Twitter Post –Dec 06, 2016

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**Della Dewald**

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All Division Staff Notification –Dec 5, 2016  
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Ward Consultation Process



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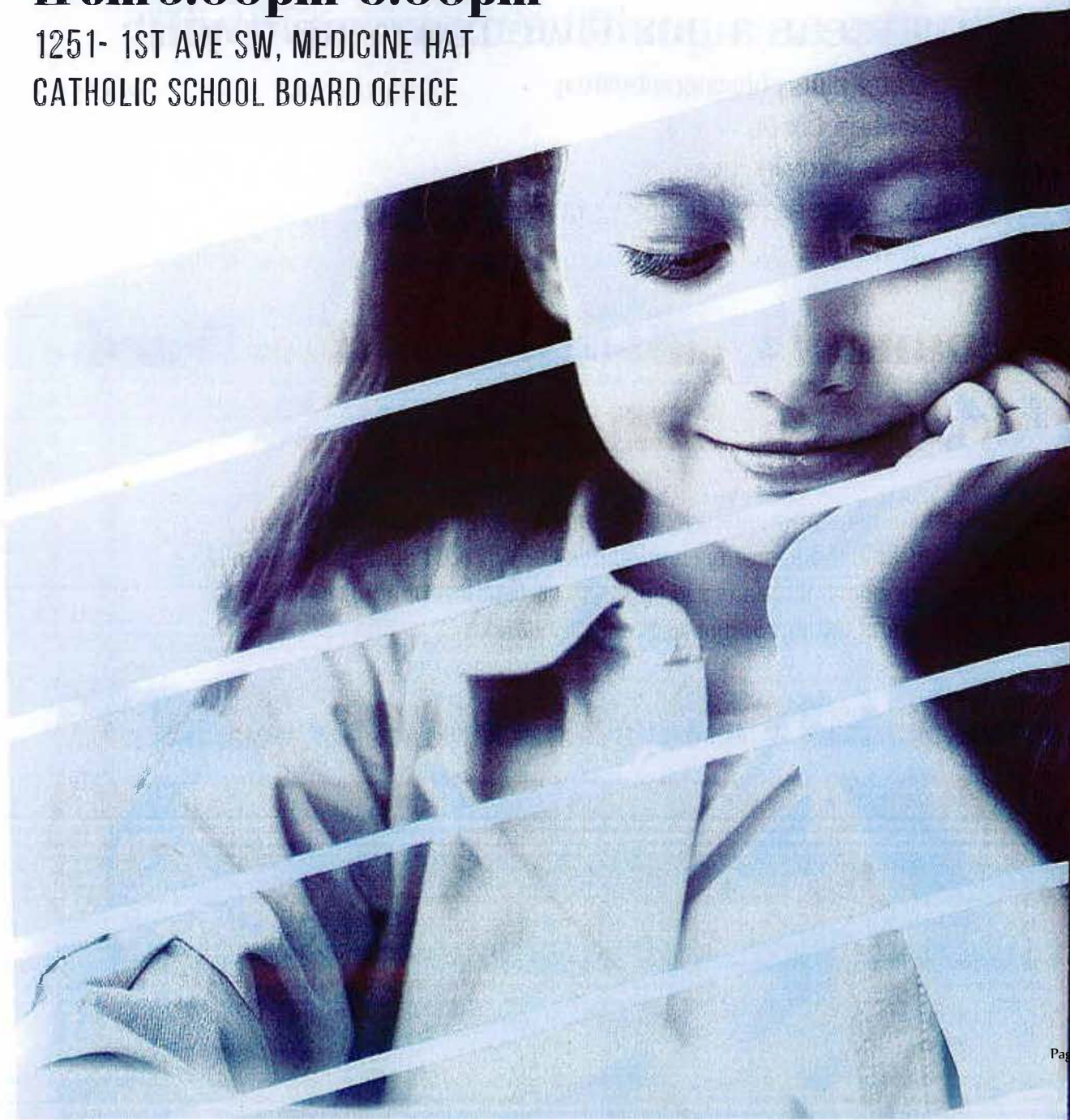
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## Della Dewald

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**Subject:** FW: Parish Bulletin Insert  
**Attachments:** Open House Dec 13 for 5th Trustee & Ward Consultation for MHCBE.pdf

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**From:** Della Dewald  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 07, 2016 1:40 PM  
**To:** St. Patrick's Parish; 'contact@holyfamilymh.ca'; 'stpatsch@telus.net'  
**Subject:** Parish Bulletin Insert

Hi Heather and Teresa,

Can you please include the attached 2 Page Notice in your weekend Parish Bulletin?

We are having an Open House on Tuesday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 6 pm

Thanks so much, if you have any questions, please call me.

Della

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# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Website: [www.holyfamilymh.ca](http://www.holyfamilymh.ca) FORMED.ORG. Parish code: GPQWK7 Phone: 403-527-6933

DECEMBER 11, 2016 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Mass Times:** Saturday - 5:00 pm, Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am & 6:00pm, Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00-4:00pm  
1451 Strachan Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1B-4V3 Fax: 403-526-2482 email: [contact@hollyfamilymh.ca](mailto:contact@hollyfamilymh.ca)

Office Hrs. Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 4:30pm - Closed on Statutory Holidays

**Pastor** - Rev. Philip Le – [pastor@hollyfamilymh.ca](mailto:pastor@hollyfamilymh.ca), **Assoc. Pastor** – Fr. Albert Sayson – [assoc.pastor@hollyfamilymh.ca](mailto:assoc.pastor@hollyfamilymh.ca)

**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Robert Risling - [Robert.Risling@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:Robert.Risling@calgarydiocese.ca), **Pastoral Care of the Sick** – Fr. Francis Tran - 403-977-4656, **Youth Ministry** – [youth@hollyfamilymh.ca](mailto:youth@hollyfamilymh.ca), Medicine Hat Catholic Youth also on Facebook

**Sacramental Preparation** – Sally Myers – [sac.prep@hollyfamilymh.ca](mailto:sac.prep@hollyfamilymh.ca)

**Catholic Women's League (CWL President)** Jackie Metcalfe – [jmetcalfe2016@gmail.com](mailto:jmetcalfe2016@gmail.com) 403-581-5479

**Knights of Columbus 9502** – (Grand Knight) Keith Crush - [gkcrush9502@gmail.com](mailto:gkcrush9502@gmail.com) – 403-581-7868

**Parish Pastoral Council** – (Chair) Michael Stafford-Mayer – [Michael.stafford-mayer@scotiabank.com](mailto:Michael.stafford-mayer@scotiabank.com) – 587-289-3877

**Parish Pastoral Council** - (Sec.) Pat Ries – [pries@memlane.com](mailto:pries@memlane.com) – 403-527-8915

**Parish Finance Council** – (Chair) Karen Melle – [kmelle@telus.net](mailto:kmelle@telus.net) – 403-526-4604

**Parish Planning Committee** – (Chair) George Kambeltz - [gjkam@shaw.ca](mailto:gjkam@shaw.ca) - 403-527-5675

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## Welcome To Holy Family Parish

*My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.*

Anyone who wishes to practice the Catholic faith by attending this church may consider this parish as his/her own parish. You simply need to register. Please indicate whether you are a new parishioner or have moved and are providing a new address. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like Weekly Offering Envelopes? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_





# DECEMBER 11, 2016 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS & INTENTIONS

Weekday Mass may be cancelled in the case of a funeral.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### MISSION MEXICO SUNDAY

- Shannon's Choir Practise @ 8:00am
- **Mass: 8:30am** (Intention: Family of Joe Cruz †)
- **Mass 10:30am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish) with Notre Dame Academy
- Coffee Time 11:30am
- Maria's Choir Practise @ 5:00pm
- **Mass 6:00pm** (Intention: Cindy Anhorn †) 5 Baptisms & 5 1<sup>st</sup> Communions
- UNCHAINED 7:00pm Faith Room

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Mike & Jackie Moser †)
- **Chinook Village 10:00am Mass**
- GriefShare 12:00pm HFP Hall
- KofC. Light up for Christ 7:00pm HFP Hall

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

#### MEMORIAL OF ST. LUCY

- AB Job Corps 1:00pm HFP Kitchen
- SVDP 4:00pm St. Patrick's Parish
- **Mass 6:00pm** (Intention: Marie D'Amico)
- CWL Members Potluck Supper 6:30pm HFP Hall

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

#### MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Don Zahn †)
- Breakfast 9:30am HFP Hall
- Bible Study 9:30am Faith Room
- Sunnyside 1:30pm Communion
- Good Sam's 3:30pm Communion
- Light Weigh 7:00pm Charity Room
- RCIA Potluck Supper 5:00pm HFP Hall
- Finance Council Mtg. 7:00pm Hope Room
- **Reconciliation 7:30-8:30pm**

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

- Men's Prayer 6:30am Charity Room
- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Frances & John Hunder †)
- Breakfast 9:30am HFP Hall
- Mary, Undoer of Knots Devotion 2:00pm Chapel
- Maria's Choir Practice 4:00pm Church
- **Holy Hour 6:00pm**

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

- **Simbang Gabi Mass 5:30am**
- **Mass 9:45am** (Intention: Karen Samoila †) with St. Patrick's School & Notre Dame Academy
- **Wellington 10:00am Communion**
- Meadowlands 10:30am Mass
- Generation Gap Supper 5:30pm HFP Hall

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

- TMIY 8:30am St. Patrick's Parish
- CWL Receiving Baking 10:00am-1:00pm
- **Reconciliation 3:00 – 4:00pm**
- Jeanne's Choir Practise @ 4:00pm

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- **Mass 5:00pm** (Intention: Margaret Mastel)
- BAKE SALE at 5:00pm Mass
- FAITH & FAMILY 6:00-8:00pm HFP Hall

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- Shannon's Choir Practise @ 8:00am
- **Mass: 8:30am** (Intention: Annette Lien †)
- Parish Breakfast 9:30am HFP Hall
- CWL BAKE SALE TODAY
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- K of C Christmas Supper 5:30PM HFP Hall
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- UNCHAINED 7:00pm Faith Room

FM 90.1 Hear Mass better through your Radio.

## DECEMBER 10/11, 2016 READINGS

**First Reading** (Is 35:1-6a, 10). This is one of the great visions of hope. When God restores his people, it will be like the desert becoming a garden land. The weak will be made strong and those whose lives are broken will be healed.

**Second Reading** (Jas 5:7-10). This reading encourages us to be patient while awaiting the fulfillment of our hopes.

**The Gospel** (Mt 11:2-11). Was Jesus the one that people expected? This gospel tells us that he was. The sign of this is his healing presence. It means the Kingdom of God has come, something greater than what John experiences.

*If you are away for the Christmas Holiday, we wish you a Merry Christmas, a Joyful and Blessed New Year, and a Safe Trip. But please do not forget to pray for us and leave some Christmas offerings for your own church. We'll see you again!*



## WEEKLY OPERATING FINANCES

December 1 – December 8, 2016

Parish Operating Budget 2016	\$ 15,788
General Envelope Collections	\$ 18,281
Loose Collections	\$ 945
Future Development (Build Fund)	\$ 5,235
Exceed or (Shortfall)	\$ 8,673

### Special Collections...

TIA/Peace & Development	\$2,987
World Missions	\$ 22
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 2,015
Youth Ministry	\$ 363
Seminary Fund	\$ 20
Food Bank	\$ 670
Syrian Families	\$ 3,012
Catholic Education Sunday	\$ 5
Mission Mexico	\$ 160
Other (CARO)	\$ 150

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO  
RECEIVED SACRAMENTS...**

**DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CHILDREN  
THAT CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST  
RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK. MAY YOU  
KNOW THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S LOVE &  
FORGIVENESS!**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS  
OF OUR DEARLY DEPARTED...**

**RAYMOND DARR**

**KENNETH HAUCK**

**ALEXANDER SOX**

## SACRAMENT 2016-2017

**Sally Myers at 403-527-6933 or email  
[sac.prep@hollyfamilymh.ca](mailto:sac.prep@hollyfamilymh.ca)**

### UPCOMING CLASSES



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/Communion Classes –

Saturdays – St. Patrick's Parish Hall

January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:45pm – 6:00pm

Sundays – Holy Family Parish Faith Room

January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am – 11:30am

#### Confirmation Classes–

Holy Family Parish in the Faith Room

Saturday

January 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm – 4:50pm

Sunday

January 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm – 5:50pm

## ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

### MISSION MEXICO DAY: DECEMBER 12, 2016

Bishop Henry has again declared December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as Mission Mexico Day in the Diocese of Calgary. The goal of Mission Mexico is to help people help themselves through greater access to education and self-sustaining production projects. We

*Together  
in Action*

**97% TO  
OUR GOAL**



\$55,712.12

\$53,632.00

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

### GIFT SHARING SUNDAY

Thank you for all your generosity! The total amount raised was over \$10,016.00 worth of cash and gifts...

- ☺ Society of St. Vincent de Paul - \$4275.00 in cash
- ☺ Food Bank - \$1556.00 in food & \$625.00 in cash
- ☺ Santa Claus Fund Toys - \$3560.00 in toys

Thank you for making somebody's Christmas a little brighter!



serve some of the poorest communities in southern Mexico.

We are asking every parishioner in the diocese to contribute at least a loonie on Mission Mexico Day to support this missionary outreach. On the weekend of December 10-11 we will take up a special collection.



#### LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST

The annual Christmas "Light up for Christ" evening will be held at 7 pm on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. Although this is sponsored by the Knights, it is open to all parishioners. Come join us for a few Christmas Carols as we turn on the lights on the Nativity scene and the Christmas trees in the hall. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

#### REJOICE IN GOD'S MERCY -- ADVENT 2016

Even with the Extraordinary Year of Mercy behind us, doors across our Diocese remain open for you to experience the peace, love, and joy brought by participating in the sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to the regular parish schedule, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at parishes throughout the Diocese of Calgary all the Wednesdays of Advent, from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

#### PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayer & Praise on Monday evenings has been cancelled December 5<sup>th</sup> for the HFP Parish Mission and December 12<sup>th</sup> for the St. Patrick's Parish Mission. Thank you!!!

#### LIGHT WEIGH

Would you like to learn how to overcome temptation and eat the food you enjoy while you grow closer to God and lose weight? Come see how this program has blessed others. Wednesdays, at 7:00pm in the Charity Room.

#### JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.....RCIA

We are offering preparation again this year that would allow adults and children to join the Catholic Church. We have made a commitment to set up regular meetings on Wednesday nights. Some of the candidates this may appeal to are as follows:

⇒Those who have been baptized Catholic but have missed, for example, the Sacraments of first Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

⇒Those who are the children of Catholic parents, yet they have not received the Sacraments of initiation (older teens only).

⇒Those who are not practicing any faith, whether baptized or not.

⇒Those who are Catholic and just returning to the faith and want to know and understand more about their faith.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 @ 7:00-9:00 pm**

Further inquiries or questions about the RCIA Program can be directed to Pat @ 403- 527-1097 or the church office @ 403-527-6933.



#### "MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS" INTERCESSORY PRAYER DEVOTION THURSDAYS AT 2:00 P.M. — CHAPEL

Separation inflicts wounds that are difficult to heal. Mary, take this knot (name it) into your hands and work diligently to untie it to bring peace to this situation.

#### GENERATION GAP SUPPER

The youth group is cooking and serving supper for our seniors once a month. They would love you to come join them for some food and social time. Dinner will be @ 5:30pm on Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP the office 403-527-6933.

#### PARISH CHRISTMAS BEAKFAST

December 18<sup>th</sup> will be our Parish Christmas Breakfast. There will be Pancakes with Whipped Cream & Strawberries and Bacon.... Yum... Yum... Yummy! Who doesn't like that, Right!!! All profits will be donated to The Champion Centre!



#### PARISH INFORMATION

SUNDAY BUS WILL  
BE RUNNING ON  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
AND NEW YEAR'S  
DAY AS USUAL.



#### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS GALORE

We have Nativity Scenes, Stables, Advent Rings, Advent Candles, Crucifixes, Rosaries and more for your convenient Christmas Shopping. Please have a look at the display in the foyer and if something catches your eye come on in to the office during business hours and we will be happy to help you out.

#### REFUGEE FUND

Thank you to the many who were so generous this past week in donating almost \$3000 to the Refugee Fund. Although this is a very positive first step, we still have a way to go to reach our goal of \$10,000 to meet the commitment we made.

There are many demands during the Christmas season from all directions but please consider making a donation to support our refugee families. Remember that all donations are tax deductible for this year if made before Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.



## NEW SUNDAY MISSAL

The New Sunday Missal is available at the entrance, \$3.00/each. And \$7.00 for youth. Serve yourself.

## 2017 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for 2017 are ready. If you cannot find yours, or if you wish to have the envelopes for 2017 (you have never used them before) please call the office at 403-527-6933. We encourage you to use the envelopes or electronic transfers (debit or credit card) for your weekly offering. That will help the parish community and makes it easy for us to keep your records for Income Tax purposes.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please note your membership dues are for calendar year, therefore your dues are paid up to Dec 31, 2016.

Yearly dues are \$35 and \$4.50 for Honorary Members (65 years of age plus 25 years continuous service). There are no dues for Honorary Life Members (70 years of age and 25 years continuous service). Kindly pay your dues promptly as our Council depends on your timely payment. Any questions regarding payment of dues contact me at 403-527-8915 or [pjries@memlane.com](mailto:pjries@memlane.com) Vivat Jesus, Patrick Ries, Financial Secretary.



## CWL

The CWL Christmas potluck supper will be held on Tuesday, December 13 after the 6:00 Mass.

All CWL members are welcome to attend and are asked to bring a food dish which can be meat or vegetable, a salad, or dessert for at least 5 or 6 people. Members are welcome to bring one guest.

## CLOTHES FOR CLUNY

CWL has now concluded our fall mission of used clothing to Cluny for this year. Thank you for your generosity for the many donations of used clothing & imperishable food items. **We still have another small number of boxes to be taken to Cluny; if you can help in this regard, please call the church office at 403-527-6933. Thanks!**

Thank you to George Rosendal & Fr. Long Vu who delivered some packed boxes recently.

We will likely be having another used clothing drive for Cluny after the Easter season; so watch the bulletin for the start-up date.

Our thanks to Vi Sheridan, Diane Smith, Mary Brink & Marie Elke who faithfully came & helped weekly in the packing of these items. Many Blessings to all!

## CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE...

Will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at all the Masses. We invite all CWL Members and Parishioners to donate Christmas baking. Baking will be gratefully accepted between 10:00am and 1:00pm inside the front entrance of the church.

## CWL SNOWFLAKE GALA

A Snowflake Gala fundraising dinner and silent auction will be held on January 28, 2017 in Calgary at the Croatian Cultural Centre. There will also be raffle prizes and entertainment. The money raised will go toward the cost

of hosting the National CWL Convention which will be held in Calgary in 2019. Tickets for this fun and entertaining evening are 125.00 each. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.picatic.com/cwl2019vycgala](http://www.picatic.com/cwl2019vycgala).



Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes to his Parents from the Tegel Prison in Berlin. In **The Mystery of Holy Night** he wrote, "Who among us will celebrate Christmas right?" He responds, "Those who finally lay down all their power, honor, and prestige, all their vanity, pride, and self-will at the manger." For Children, we have the story **The Little Drummer Boy** on DVD, which touches the hearts of families. **Please return all resources on time so that others can enjoy them also! ... Vivian Bosch.**



## FORMED.ORG. Parish code: GPQWK7

- Go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org)
  - Enter our PARISH CODE: **GPQWK7**  
Create a personal account with your personal user name/email and password.
  - Start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place!
- IMPORTANT: Do not sign up as an individual. Our parish access code provides more content than an individual subscription and it costs you nothing!**

## OUTSIDE OUR PARISH

### ST. PATRICK'S PARISH ADVENT MISSION

**"Called to Hope" December 11 & 12**

Fr. Julian Studden of St. Albert the Great Parish will be here to celebrate the weekend Masses with us.

Sunday, December 11 - 7pm Talk

**Hope in God's Life-Giving Word**

Monday, December 12 - 8:30am Mass; 9am Talk; 10:30am - 12pm Confession

**Hope in God's Life-Giving Bread**

5:30-6:30pm Confession; 6:30pm Talk

**Hope in God's Gift of Prayer**

7:15pm Adoration, Healing Service, Benediction

### MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

Medicine Hat Catholic schools are looking for ways to involve the parish community. If you are interested in helping, please complete the attached **Time, Talent and Interest Volunteer List** and bring it back to the church. Thanks so much!

### NURTURE PREGNANCY CENTRE

#### Medicine Hat Pregnancy and Family Support

We are sending out an appeal for NEW Winter Outfits and diapers for the layettes that are given to new mothers and their baby. Sizes Newborn to 12 months.

With the increase of needs as the weather gets colder and the holiday season comes upon us we are also requesting



GENTLY used winter clothing for boys and girls sizes 6 months to 4T.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated and assists many that are in need. Thank you.



**THAT MAN IS YOU**

**THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN  
MARY JOURNEY THROUGH  
SCRIPTURES**

December 17, 2016 St. Patrick's Church Hall  
8:00am Continental Breakfast - 8:30am DVD  
9:00am Table Discussions - 9:30am Closing Remarks  
**MOUNT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE**

41160 Retreat Road, Cochrane, AB

#### **Men's Weekend**

January 6-8, 2017, to register contact Paul Valentine -  
Wk..403-217-7466 Hm..403-243-5261 or  
[paul@valentinevolvo.com](mailto:paul@valentinevolvo.com), Bill Locke - 403-874-  
1814 or [billilocke@gmail.com](mailto:billilocke@gmail.com)

#### **"Prayer In Our Lives."**

Thursday January 12 - Enjoy a silent day away in the beautiful setting of Mount St. Francis Retreat (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.). This year's theme is different aspects of Prayer. Please call or email ahead to register. Come at 8:30 to enjoy a coffee or tea and muffins before we begin the program. Suggested contribution is \$30.00 or \$40.00 with a private room.

To register please Phone 403-932-2012, or email: [mtfrancis@shaw.ca](mailto:mtfrancis@shaw.ca)

#### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

January 13-15, 2017, to register contact Marilyn Meek - 403-254-9726 or [marilyn-m1@shaw.ca](mailto:marilyn-m1@shaw.ca)  
Pamela Rath - 403-651-5679 or [pamrath@shaw.ca](mailto:pamrath@shaw.ca)

#### **Mixed Serenity**

to register contact January 20-22, 2017... call Jim B. - 780-435-2403. Sheila H - 403-678-5840 or [tomshe@shaw.ca](mailto:tomshe@shaw.ca)

#### **Women's Weekend**

to register contact January 27-29, 2017 - Simone DeCnodder - 403-284-1702 or [moniece@live.ca](mailto:moniece@live.ca).  
Dayna Muscoby - 403-460-7381 or [daydc@hotmail.com](mailto:daydc@hotmail.com).  
Dianna Ridgway - 403-680-0358 or [deedee411@live.ca](mailto:deedee411@live.ca).  
Margaret Ridgway - 403-689-0358 or [mrldgway730@gmail.com](mailto:mrldgway730@gmail.com)

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

#### **POPE FRANCIS: TWITTER@PONTIFEX**

**12/06/2016** - Jesus gives meaning to my life here on earth and hope for the life to come.

**12/05/2016** - Jesus teaches us always to go to the essentials and to take on our own mission with responsibility.

**12/04/2016** - Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to receive Christ, our Savior and hope.



#### **POPE FRANCIS**

***In Advent, It is important to reflect on Hope***

At his General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis began a new series of catechesis on "Christian Hope".

In our times, which seem so dark, the Pope said we often feel "lost in the face of the wickedness and the violence that surround us." We may even feel "discouraged, because we feel powerless, and it seems the darkness might never end."

But we should never give up hope, he continued, "because God, with His love, journeys with us, He does not leave us alone, and the Lord Jesus has overcome evil, and opened up the path of life."

It is important to reflect on hope during this season of Advent, when we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Pope Francis based his reflection primarily on a passage from Isaiah, in which God tells the prophet, first, to console his people, and then to "make straight the path of the Lord."

This prophetic message was addressed to the people of Israel when they were living the tragedy of the exile in Babylon, when they had been taken out of their own land and deprived of their freedom and dignity, and even their trust in God. But the call of the prophet, the Pope said, "opens their hearts anew to faith." It is precisely in the desert that they hear his call, it is precisely there that a new journey "can be made in order to return not only to their homeland, but to God."

This passage, Pope Francis continued, was the starting point for the preaching of John the Baptist, "a voice crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord." In Jesus time, the Israelites were once again living a kind of exile, living as strangers in their own land because of the oppression of the Romans. But it was not the powerful who made history, the Pope continued; rather, history is the story of what God has done together with his little ones, people like Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, and the shepherds, the simple, humble people who gathered around Jesus at his birth. "These are the little ones," Pope Francis said, made great by their faith, "the little ones who know that they must keep hope alive."

"Let us allow ourselves, then," the Pope concluded, "to teach hope, to faithfully await the coming of the Lord, and whatever desert we might have in our life will become a flowering garden."

#### **FR. PHILIP**

This week the two sisters of Divine Mercy led us through the Advent Parish Mission. They said that it's as easy as ABC to live a life in the Divine Mercy. A: ask for Mercy; B: be merciful and C: complete trust. They just





proclaimed the eternal truth. They are the image of John the Baptist.

He was quite a sight, this John the Baptist. He wore clothes of camel hair, and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. He told people things that they may not have wanted to hear. He called people sinners, and yet they crowded around him. They went out into the desert to hear him. John the Baptist was so popular that his message was carried throughout the Roman Empire at that time. And now John was in jail, in King Herod's prison to be exact. He was there because he did what he had been doing all along: proclaiming the truth regardless of the ramifications.

The people at Jesus' time wanted the truth. It attracted them. John fascinated them, because he was not afraid of the truth. Human history is cyclical, not progressive, at least in this matter. People are no wiser now than they were back in Jesus' day. Technology has advanced. Wisdom has retreated. The way that people form their own concepts of reality was no different in Jesus' day than it is now. People are still molding facts to suit their desires and needs. People are still using religion for their own personal gain. The truth is still very hard to find in our world.

Consider this, we have witnessed family, friends and neighbors twisting truths to justify every abominable action imaginable. I know you might not believe this, but I have spoken to a betrayed wife who was told by her husband that his actions really weren't adulterous because they involved a prostitute, or cyber pornography, not someone he was in love with. A drug user justified his action by claiming that drug helped him cope with family challenges! Some named a dictator who murdered thousands of his people a "remarkable leader!" But these are extremes. Far more important, as I have mentioned before, many people have discarded the belief that we will be judged by God according to our actions. The concept of universal laws has been rejected. It is brushed aside by a misuse of the word "values" so that the Ten Commandments have really been turned into the ten suggestions. People even within the Church have adopted the rhetoric of the pro-medical assisted suicide as a death with dignity or the pro-abortionists, speaking about a women's choice for an abortion as an excuse for killing babies. Imagine if Mary and Joseph, in dealing with their anxiety at the incarnation of Christ, had an abortion what would have happened?

There are very good people in our day, in our society, just as there were very good people in Jesus' day, in Jesus' society. There are good people who have had enough of the perversion of truth. They are attracted to anyone who will stand for the truth, regardless of whether it is popular or not, whether it is convenient or not, whether it is politically correct or not. Good people just want the truth. They don't want a reed bent by the wind. They want a John the Baptist who will die rather than sway from the truth.

Why do we practice our faith? Why do we come to Church? Do we come to hear a priest saying whatever we want to hear? Do we come because we want someone to tell us

that sin doesn't exist, or that maybe for us **this** or that sin doesn't really matter? Or are we attracted to the Church because we want to hear the truth no matter how popular or unpopular it may be?

I am convinced that we go to Church because we are the people of goodwill, who want to be better people. I am convinced that we go to Church because we are sinners and like the people who went out into the desert to see John the Baptist, we are attracted by the truth. I am convinced that we go to Church because, like the people of Jesus' day, we are disgusted with those elements of society that pervert truth to serve their own needs. More than this, I am convinced that all of us want to be freed of the darkness within ourselves that threatens to enslave us in our own selfishness. The truth alone can set us free as the Master said in John 8: 32. And the One who carries the truth to us is the Baby born more than 2000 years ago, but his truth still echoes in his community. The question is "Do we have the courage to listen to him or not?"

*Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus!*

#### HANDWRITTEN SIGN REPORTEDLY FOUND ON THE WALL OF MOTHER TERESA'S ROOM

People are unreasonable, illogical, self-centered, forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives, be kind anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you, be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight, build anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow, do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may be never enough, give the world your best anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, others may be jealous, be happy anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

#### ADVENT PARISH MISSION THANK YOU

We thank the Sisters of Divine Mercy: **Sr. Katrina & Sr. Gabrielle** for leading us in the 3 days of the Advent Mission. We appreciate you and may God bless you in your ministry. More than a hundred people came to the Mission in the frigid weather, it could be more. Thank you. I received lots of good comments, such as: "The talks are wonderful! I can see the joy, and faith in them; Thank you for inviting them here, they are the fresh air in Advent..." The comment I like the most is: "**They are very comical.**" Thanks again.



# YOUTH



Grades 6-8  
Friday Nights 7-9pm

## Generation Gap Supper

Come have some fun in the kitchen and serve others!  
The Equip and Unchained youth will cook and serve a meal to honor our seniors of St. Pat's and Holy Family.

**December 16<sup>th</sup> @ Holy Family Parish**

Youth come to help anytime after 3:30pm, eat, then stay to clean up.



Grades 9-12 Sunday Nights 7-9pm

**Dec 11<sup>th</sup> – For Better or Worse**

Come hear married and engaged couples tell their stories and ask them questions about relationships.

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup> - Trivia Party**

How good are you at Jeopardy? What kind of random facts do you know? Come see!

*Happy 3rd week of Advent!*



## Faith and Family Evening: Our New Born King



Bring your family and a dish to share! Join us for a potluck followed by games and crafts to celebrate baby Jesus! All families welcome.

**December 17<sup>th</sup> @ Holy Family  
Parish Hall, 6-8pm**

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR



**5 PM CHRISTMAS  
EVE MASS**

**Grades 2 to Grade 12**

Practices dates at Holy Family are:

Tuesday December 20, 4:00 – 5:00pm

Thursday December 22, 4:00 – 5:00pm

Saturday December 24, 9:30 – 11:00am

PLEASE call Sally Myers  
at Holy Family Parish  
for more information.



# BOARD BULLETIN

Nov. 2016 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FALL BUDGET + AERR APPROVED** – The Board approved the 2015/16 Audited Financial Statement, the 2016/17 Fall Budget Update and the 2016/19 Annual Education Results Report & Three Year Education Plan at a Special Board Meeting on Nov 23, 2016. Approved documents can be found on the website at [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca) under Resources (Plans & Reports) & (Finance).

**SCHOOL ED PLAN PRESENTATIONS** – This year, each of our 9 Catholic Schools will present their 2016/17 School Education Plans to the Board. St. Michael's School & Notre Dame Academy presented their plans at the November Board meeting. The Schools focused their presentation on the integration of the **Division's 7 Strategic Priorities**:

1. Increasing Student Engagement by foster and developing relationships between students, parents, staff, parish and community;
2. To Enhance Catholic Identity;
3. To enhance student learning through actions that reflect the values of inclusive education;
4. Provide a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment;
5. To enhance and foster a love of the fine arts;
6. To foster the Catholic spirit of athletics;
7. To develop a vision for the use of technology support student learning.

Thank you to the staff, parents & students at **St. Michael's School** and **Notre Dame Academy**; the Board is impressed with your commitment and the exceptional work being done at your schools to integrate the strategic priorities.

**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY OUTDOOR FITNESS CENTRE** – A proposal to construct an outdoor fitness centre at Notre Dame Academy in the amount of \$50,000 was presented to the Board. The Board tabled the discussion for the December 2016 Board meeting.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** – PD continues to be a focus in the Division. Recently, Teachers & Support Staff attended a session facilitated by **Dr. Jodi Carrington** on **relationship-based assessment**. Teaching staff & Administration met with representatives from AB Education in a **Provincial Curriculum Development Engagement Session** to gain insight into the province's K-12 **curriculum redesign**. Instructional Leadership sessions are being held throughout the year for school-based administration to focus on **literacy, numeracy, Catholicity, high school re-design & classroom management**.

**MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT** – Leaders from within our **education & community partners**, including staff from Med Hat Catholic Schools, recently held a **Mental Health Summit**. The focus was to **review our practices on how we support the mental health needs** of students. We looked at our **current model**, our **resources and community support**, including identifying gaps in service delivery. We focused on **stress factors, promotion of mental health, reducing stress at school and parent education**.

**KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS** – The **Knights of Columbus** is sponsoring a **poster contest** until Dec 16<sup>th</sup> with the theme **"Keeping Christ in Christmas"**. Students can write a story, a poem or letter of the **reason for this Holy Season**.

**Our Motto:**



**"Showing the face of Christ to all."**

## MONSIGNOR MCCOY HIGH SCHOOL

### Modernization Update

The \$9.2M High School modernization is well underway. Through the summer and fall 2016 much of the school has seen significant improvement. The **Cosmetology Room was enlarged and improved; New Drama Room was completed** including a new performance area with increased instructional space and storage; the **New Foods Room is close to completion**, its new location and technology will provide tremendous learning opportunities including future apprenticeship opportunity in **Culinary Arts; Band Room will feature new practice areas** with modernized performance area; **Many classrooms have been newly painted** with modernized new heating and cooling systems as well as **upgraded wireless infrastructure and interactive white boards** with a new **Mac Lab** to enhance CTS programming including **Photography, Videography & Design Studies**. Future construction will see a **fully modernized Science Lab and refreshed Science & Math classrooms**. We are excited about the next phases of the modernization including the construction of a **Large Gymnasium, Fitness Area, Common-Area** including **Chapel Space, a Modernized Library, Construction & Mechanics Shop and Counseling Offices**. Throughout this modernization, careful planning has taken place to accommodate our students and staff. The modernization completion is proposed for the spring of 2017. Photos & Donation updates [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca) under Latest News.



Donations as of Nov 2016 = \$229,425! Thank you!

Online donation available through [schoolcashionline](http://schoolcashionline)! Call us at 403.527.2292 to find out how you can help us build our school.

- FRIENDS OF MONSIGNOR MCCOY up to \$499
- BRICK DONOR \$500-\$999
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- SILVER DONOR \$10,000-\$19,999
- GOLD DONOR \$20,000\*
- PLATINUM DONOR \$50,000\*
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*Invest in OUR KIDS, invest in OUR SCHOOL!*



*Wishing all of you a blessed **Advent Season**. May your hearts be filled with Joy, Love and Peace during this time of preparation and anticipation.*

Upcoming Catholic School Board Meetings, all are welcome.

• December 13, 2016 6:00 pm

For information [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca) or call us at 403.527.2292



**Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education**  
**FIFTH TRUSTEE & WARD - PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

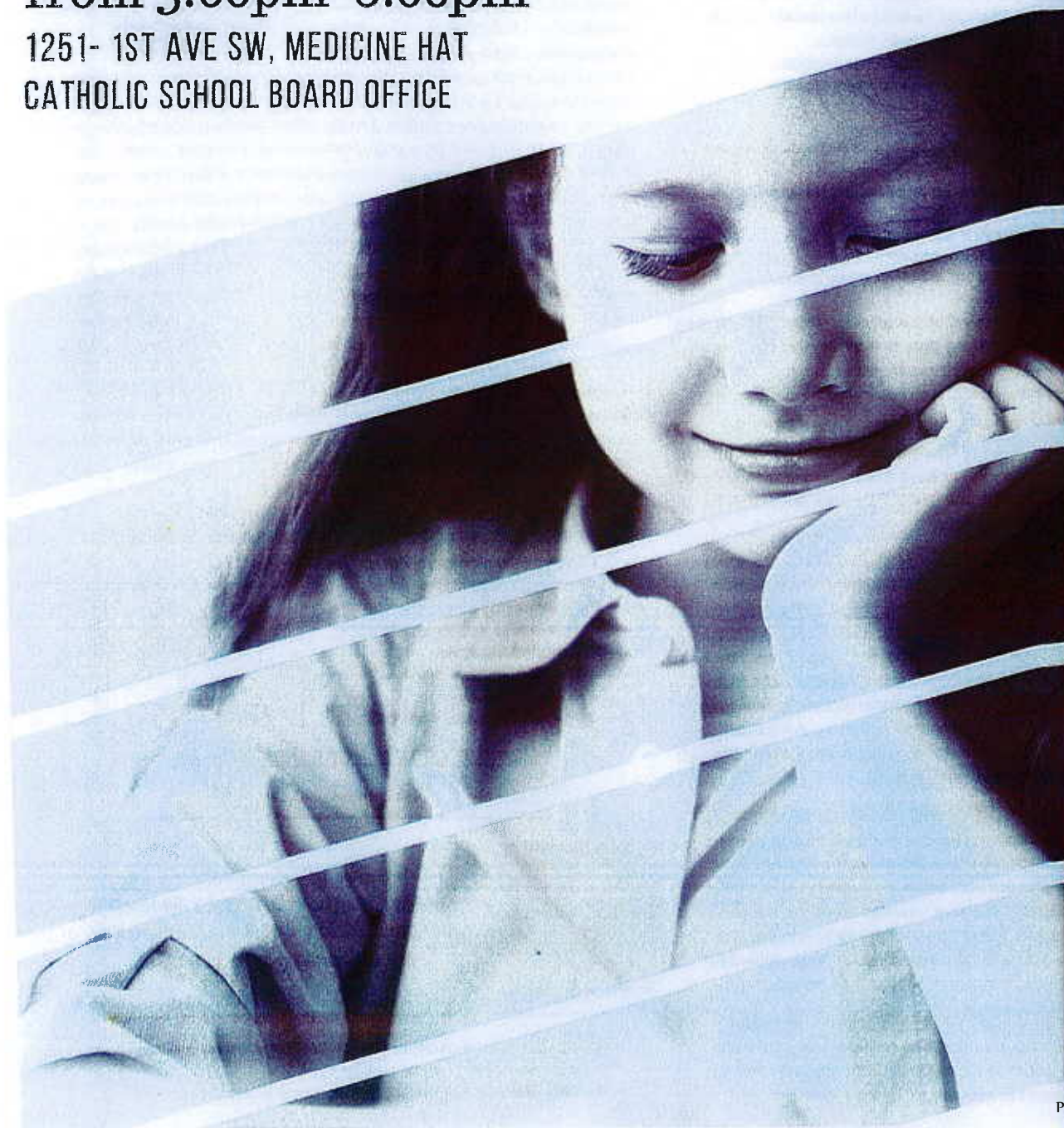
# **Open House and Invitation to Comment**

**Tuesday, December 13th  
from 5:00pm-6:00pm**

**1251- 1ST AVE SW, MEDICINE HAT  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**



**MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC - OPEN HOUSE**





# HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education is seeking to add a fifth Trustee to the Board for the October 2017 Alberta School Board Election and to consult with our community about the Ward system. We want to hear from YOU!

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- Allow for greater division of responsibilities;
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**All are Welcome!**   

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Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

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## **Fifth Trustee- Public Consultation**

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## **DIVISION LEADERSHIP TEAM CONSULTATION-Dec 6, 2016**

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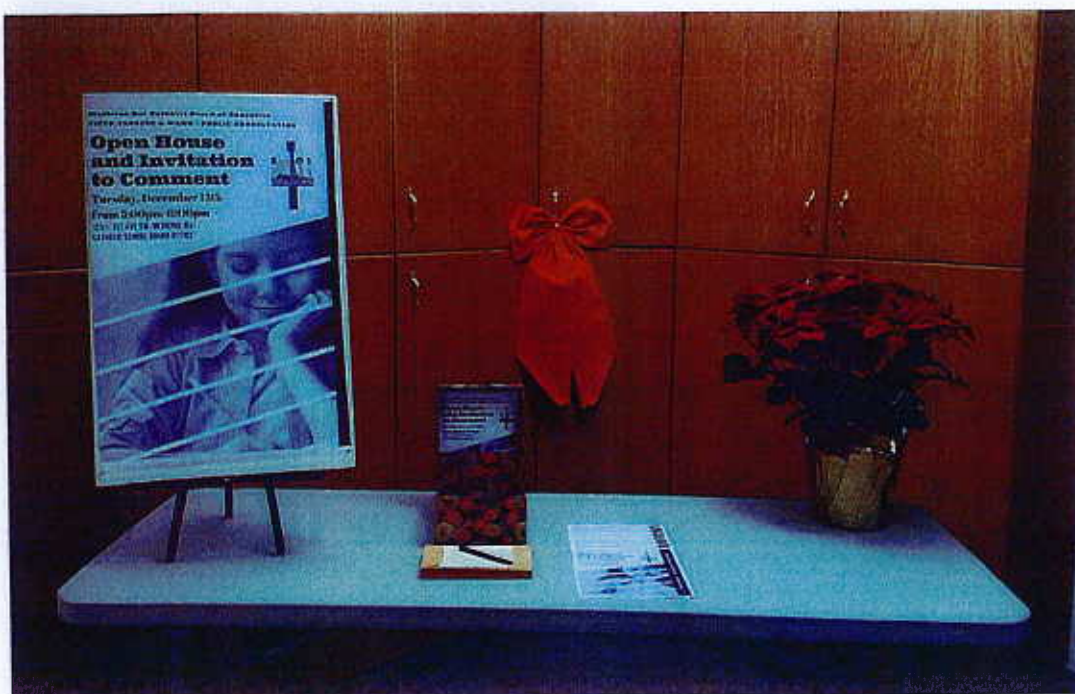
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Display at Catholic School  
Board Office from Dec 6- 13,  
2016 and at Open House on  
Dec 13, 2016 for 5<sup>th</sup> Trustee  
& Ward Consultation Process



## OPEN HOUSE MESSAGING-Dec 13, 2016

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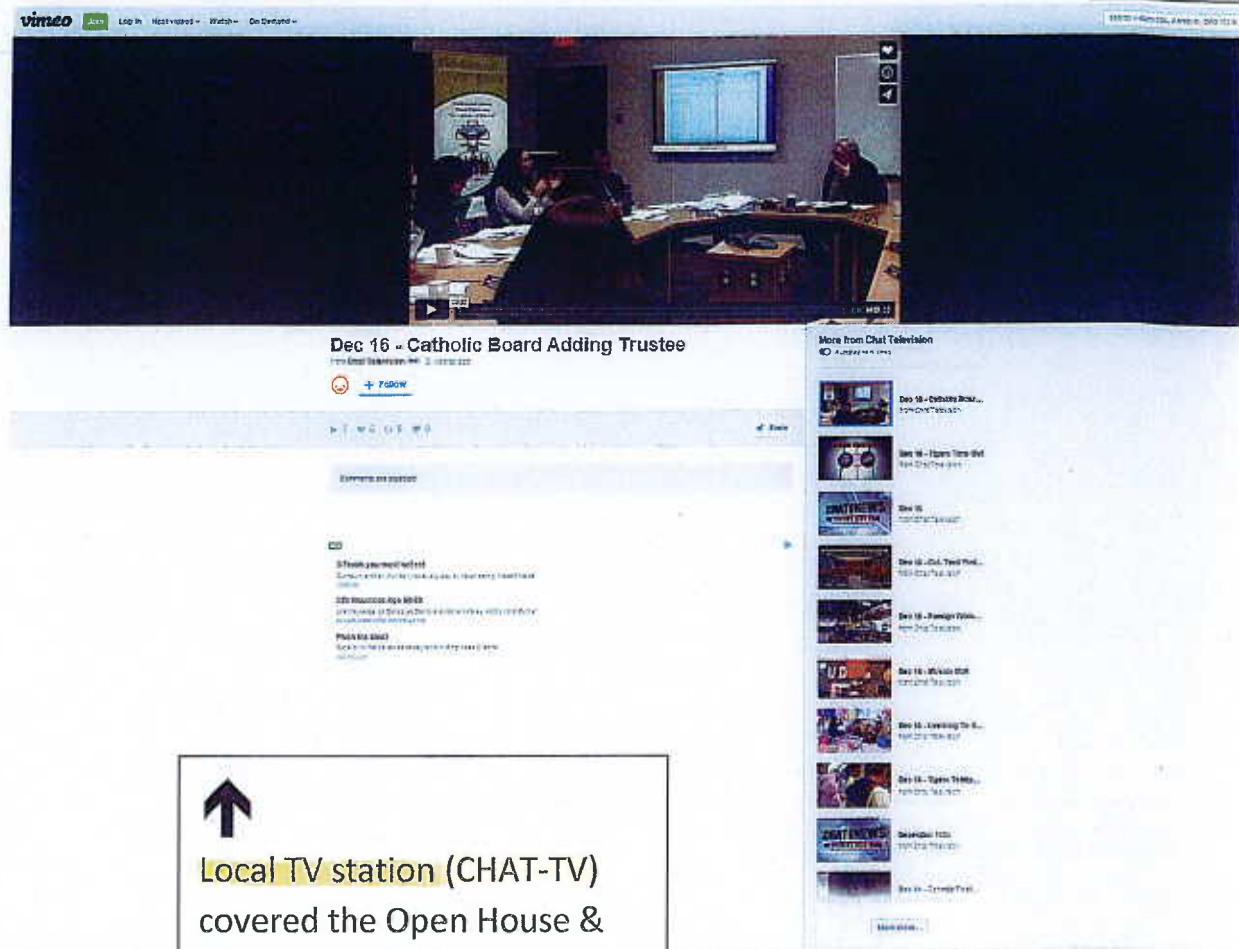
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covered the Open House &  
5<sup>th</sup> Trustee & Ward  
Consultation Process

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 20, 2016 11:35 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Website message from Keith Crush

For your information. This was sent to trustees yesterday.

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**From:** Keith Crush  
**Sent:** December 18, 2016 7:52 PM  
**To:** Dick Mastel  
**Subject:** Website message from Keith Crush

From: Keith Crush Phone: 403-581-7868 Good day Chairman Mastel. I am writing to convey my support for the addition of a fifth trustee to the board. As a former public servant with the municipal government I have a good understanding of continuous and growing demands placed in the political leadership. I have no doubt that you and your board colleagues spend numerous hours committed to the District's business. Another hand, mind and prayer are needed to help in those decisions. Please continue your advocacy for another Catholic board member. God Bless. Keith



Ratepayer Feedback sent to  
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Trustees



**Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education  
New Trustee Position  
Motions**

**First Reading**

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education consider and pass for first reading by-law 2017/01 which establishes electoral wards and increases the number of trustees and replacing by-law 2010/01 - Electoral Wards Bylaw, subject to ministerial approval.

The bylaw reads as follows:

**MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Electoral Wards By-law  
No. 2017/01, effective January 12, 2017**

**WHEREAS** Bow Island Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 82 (Ward 2) was withdrawn from Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20 and added to Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 4 as per Ministerial Order 012/2014;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees of Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education is desirous of replacing Electoral Ward Bylaw 2010/01 to reflect the revised boundaries for the regional division, confirm the establishment of one ward for the regional division, and increase the number of trustees in that ward;

**AND WHEREAS** the *School Act*, RSA 2000, c.S-3, specifically section 262(5), authorizes the board of a division, with the approval of the Minister, to amend or replace a bylaw providing for the nomination and election of trustees by wards or electoral subdivisions.

**AND WHEREAS** the *School Act*, RSA 2000, c.S-3, specifically section 247, allows the Minister to vary the number of trustees to be elected for each ward;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education has undergone a public consultation process regarding increasing the number of trustees and retaining the same electoral boundaries for the remaining ward;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with Section 262 of the *School Act* and subject to the approval of the Minister, Electoral Ward Bylaw 2010/01 is hereby repealed and replaced with this Electoral Ward Bylaw 2017/01.

**AND** Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education shall be comprised of the wards as follows with such wards to be in effect for the October 2017 trustee elections:

- 1. Electoral Ward 1** (The Medicine Hat Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 21 Ward) shall be comprised of the following lands:

Township 11, Range 4, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 29 to 32 inclusive.

Township 11, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 25 to 36 inclusive.

Township 11, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 25 and 26; Sections 31 to 36 inclusive; East half of Section 27; Northwest quarter of Section 30.

Township 12, Range 4, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 5 to 8 inclusive; Sections 17 to 21 inclusive; Sections 28 to 33 inclusive.

Township 12, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 36 inclusive.

Township 12, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 36 inclusive.

Township 13, Range 4, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 5 to 8 inclusive; Sections 17 to 20 inclusive; Sections 30 and 31.

Township 13, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 36 inclusive.

Township 13, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 30 inclusive; Sections 33 to 36 inclusive.

Township 14, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 3 to 9 inclusive; Sections 15 to 18 inclusive; Those portions of Sections 2, 10, 13 and 14 lying North and West of the South Saskatchewan River.

Township 14, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 4 inclusive; Sections 9 to 16 inclusive.

2. The number of Trustees to be nominated and elected from each ward shall be as follows:

Electoral Ward 1: Five (5) Trustees nominated and elected at large.

**Second Reading**

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education consider and pass for second reading by-law 2017/01 – Electoral Wards Bylaw replacing Bylaw 2010/01 – Electoral Wards By-law

**Third reading (January 12, 2017)**

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education consider and pass for third reading by-law 2017/01 – Electoral Wards Bylaw replacing Bylaw 2010/01 – Electoral Wards By-law.

**Policy 7 – Board Operations (April/May 2017)**

Policy to be amended upon receipt of ministerial approval.



**THE MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SEPARATE REGIONAL DIVISION NO. 20**

**Electoral Wards By-law**

**No. 2010/01 effective December 8, 2009**

**(amended February 9, 2010)**

**WHEREAS** the Electoral Ward Bylaw 2007/01 was incorrect with respect to the legal land descriptions;

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees of the Medicine Hat Catholic Separate School Division No. 20 is desirous of correcting the legal land descriptions for the two wards;

**WHEREAS** the Morning Star Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 698 was added to The Bow Island Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 82 and therefore the newly established areas need to be incorporated into the existing wards as per Section 262 of the School Act;

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees of the Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20 is desirous of adjusting The Bow Island Roman Catholic Separate School District ward;

**WHEREAS** The Bow Island Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 82 is a jurisdiction within Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20; and,

**WHEREAS** the School Act of Alberta, specifically section 262(5), allows the Board of a division, with the approval of the Minister, to authorize the determination of boundaries for wards.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that, in accordance with Section 262 of the School Act and subject to the approval of the Minister, adjustment to be made to the Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20 wards as follows with such wards to be in effect for the October 2010 trustee elections:

1. Electoral Ward 1 (The Medicine Hat Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 21 Ward) shall be comprised of the following lands:

Township 11, Range 4, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 29 to 32 inclusive.

Township 11, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 25 to 36 inclusive.

Township 11, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 25 and 26; Sections 31 to 36 inclusive; East half of Section 27; Northwest quarter of Section 30.

Township 12, Range 4, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 5 to 8 inclusive; Sections 17 to 21 inclusive; Sections 28 to 33 inclusive.

Township 12, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 1 to 36 inclusive.

Township 12, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian  
Sections 1 to 36 inclusive.

Township 13, Range 4, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 5 to 8 inclusive; Sections 17 to 20 inclusive; Sections 30 and 31.

Township 13, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 36 inclusive.

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Sections 1 to 30 inclusive; Sections 33 to 36 inclusive.

Township 14, Range 5, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 3 to 9 inclusive; Sections 15 to 18 inclusive; Those portions of Sections 2, 10, 13 and 14 lying North and West of the South Saskatchewan River.

Township 14, Range 6, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 4 inclusive; Sections 9 to 16 inclusive.

2. Electoral Ward 2 (The Bow Island Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 82 Ward) shall be comprised of the following lands:

Township 8, Range 11, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 30 and 31; North half and Southwest quarter of Section 19; Northeast quarter of Section 32.

Township 8, Range 12, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Section 7; Sections 18 to 36 inclusive.

Township 9, Range 10, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 29 to 32 inclusive.

Township 9, Range 11, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 3 to 10 inclusive; Sections 15 to 22 inclusive; Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36.

Township 9, Range 12, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 36 inclusive.

Township 10, Range 8, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 3 to 10 inclusive; Sections 15 to 22 inclusive; West halves of Sections 2, 11, 14, and 23; South half and Northwest quarter of section 30.

Township 10, Range 9, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 17 inclusive; Sections 20 to 28 inclusive; South half and Northeast quarter of Section 18.

Township 10, Range 10, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 5 to 12 inclusive; Sections 14 to 23 inclusive; Sections 27 to 34 inclusive; South half of Section 26.

Township 10, Range 11, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 and 2; Sections 11 to 15 inclusive; Sections 22 to 28 inclusive; Sections 32 to 36 inclusive; East half of Section 21.

Township 10, Range 12, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 16 inclusive; Sections 21 to 28 inclusive; South half and Northeast quarter of Section 17; South halves of Sections 18, 33, 34, 35 and 36; East half of Section 20.

Township 11, Range 9, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 7 to 9 inclusive; Sections 16 to 21 inclusive; North halves of Sections 4 to 6 inclusive; West halves of Sections 10, 15, and 22; Northwest quarter of Section 3.

Township 11, Range 10, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 3 to 24 inclusive; Sections 30 and 31; North half and Southwest quarter of Section 2; North half of Section 1; South halves of Sections 26 to 29 inclusive.

Township 11, Range 11, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Sections 1 to 4 inclusive; Sections 9 to 14 inclusive; Sections 23 to 26 inclusive; Section 36; East halves of Sections 5 and 8; Those portions of Sections 15, 16, 22, 27, 34 and 35 lying generally South and East of the South Saskatchewan River.

Township 12, Range 11, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian

Those portions of Sections 1, 2, and 11 lying generally South and East of the South Saskatchewan River.

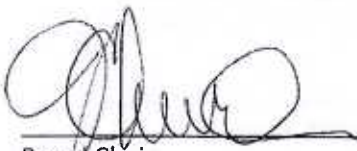
3. The number of Trustees to be elected from each ward shall be as follows:


Electoral Ward 1: Four (4) Trustees; and,

Electoral Ward 2: One (1) Trustee.

This bylaw was given approval by The Board of Trustees of Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education at a regular meeting of the Board for first and second reading and as there was unanimous agreement per subsection 69(2) of the School Act, third reading, on December 8, 2009.

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Board Chair

  
Secretary Treasurer



## Greg MacPherson

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**From:** Ron Blackmer  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2017 9:17 AM  
**To:** Greg MacPherson  
**Cc:** Joe Colistro  
**Subject:** surplus funds

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Good morning, Mr. MacPherson,

As per our conversation yesterday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, I would like to request that the amount of \$5000.00 from last year's surplus funds be added to this year's 2016-2017 school budget. The reasoning for this is to increase my school professional development account to allow for more PD opportunities for my staff this year as well as additional funds for cultural programming at our school.

Thank you,

*Ron Blackmer  
Principal  
St. Michael's School  
Medicine Hat, AB  
T1B 1W9*

## Policy 8

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### COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

The Board may establish committees to assist in the governance of the division. The function of a committee is to assist in facilitating the decision-making of the Board.

The Board shall:

1. At its annual organizational meeting, establish such standing Internal Committees as it deems necessary. All such committee meetings shall be closed to the public and press. Such standing committees shall remain in place until the subsequent organizational meeting unless dissolved by Board motion.
2. At any duly constituted meeting, establish such standing or ad hoc committees as it deems necessary.
3. The Board will determine the terms of reference of each committee, including purpose, powers and duties, membership and meeting requirements.
4. Committees have no legal power unless they are empowered by the Board to act on its behalf.
5. Board Chair will make Trustee Appointments to the Internal Committees at the Annual Organizational Meeting.
6. Guidelines for the operation of committees are as follows:
  - 5.1 The Board Chair shall be an ex-officio member of every Board committee and may actively participate.
  - 5.2 Committees shall select a Chair at their annual Organizational Meeting.
  - 5.3 When appropriate, appoint or elect a recording secretary who will keep records of all meetings.
  - 5.4 The Trustee representative is responsible for providing a report to the Board including information and/or recommendations for the consideration and direction of the Board.
  - 5.5 If a member cannot attend a meeting, that member is responsible for having an alternate member in the same standing attend on his/her behalf.

#### Standing Committees

Standing committees are established to assist the Board with work of an on-going or recurring nature.

##### 1. Board Committee of the Whole

###### 1.1 Purpose

This Committee exists for the purpose of gathering information to assist in the governance of the Division by examining issues requiring resolution at regular or special Board meetings. The Committee of the Whole acts as, but is not limited to:

###### 1.1.1 Advocacy Committee

- 1.1.2 Audit Committee
  - 1.1.3 Communications and Public Relations Committee
  - 1.1.4 Facilities Committee
  - 1.1.5 Finance Committee
  - 1.1.6 Policy Committee
  - 1.2 Powers and Duties
    - 1.2.1 This Committee meets as necessary to plan the work of the Board and discuss issues that may affect resolutions at regular or special Board meetings.
    - 1.2.2 The Committee of the Whole is strictly advisory and does not have a mandate to pass a motion or a resolution.
  - 1.3 Membership
    - 1.3.1 All trustees and the Superintendent or designate(s) are members of this Committee. Other persons may be present at the wish of the Board.
    - 1.3.2 The Board Chair elected at the annual Organizational Meeting will act as Chair for the Committee of the Whole.
  - 1.4 Meetings
    - 1.4.1 The Board in consultation with the Superintendent may schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting at a time and place agreeable to the membership.
    - 1.4.2 Committee of the Whole meetings shall be closed to the public and press.
2. The Negotiations Committee – Alberta Teachers' Association is established as a standing committee of the Board, with responsibility for work as detailed as follows:
- 2.1 Purpose
    - 2.1.1 To negotiate a collective agreement with the ATA representatives
  - 2.2 Powers and Duties
    - 2.2.2 Establish Board proposals within the mandates set by the Board
    - 2.2.3 Discuss, consult and negotiate with ATA representatives
    - 2.2.4 Recommend action to the Board on negotiations issues
  - 2.3 Membership
    - 2.3.1 One or more trustees as determined by the Board
    - 2.3.2 Superintendent and/or designate(s)
  - 2.4 Meetings
    - 2.4.1 As required to negotiate agreements
3. The Negotiations Committee – Canadian Union of Public Employees is established as a standing committee of the Board, with responsibility for work as detailed as follows:
- 3.1 Purpose
    - 3.1.1 To negotiate a collective agreement with the CUPE representatives
  - 3.2 Powers and Duties
    - 3.2.1 Establish Board proposals within the mandates set by the Board
    - 3.2.2 Discuss, consult and negotiate with CUPE representatives
    - 3.2.3 Recommend action to the Board on negotiations issues
  - 3.3 Membership
    - 3.3.1 One or more trustees as determined by the Board
    - 3.3.2 Superintendent and/or designate(s)
  - 3.4 Meetings
    - 3.4.1 As required to negotiate agreements
4. The Teacher Board Advisory Committee is established as a standing committee of the Board, with responsibility for work as detailed as follows:
- 4.1 Purpose
    - 4.1.1 The Committee exists as the primary vehicle for communicating the views of teachers on matters of school affairs with the Board
  - 4.2 Powers and Duties
    - 4.2.1 Discuss items brought forward by either teachers or the Board, excluding those matters addressed through negotiations
    - 4.2.2 Communicate to the Board the views of teachers on matters discussed
  - 4.3 Membership as per the Frame of Reference and Collective Agreement



- 4.3.1 One trustee
- 4.3.2 Superintendent and/or designate(s)
- 4.3.3 President of the Local ATA 39, One High School Representative, One Middle School Representative, Two Elementary Representatives chosen by the local
- 4.4 Meetings
  - 4.4.1 Called throughout the year as established by the Committee
- 5. The Support Staff Board Advisory Committee is established as a standing committee of the Board, with responsibility for work as detailed as follows:
  - 5.1 Purpose
    - 5.1.1 The Committee exists as the primary vehicle for communicating the views of support staff on matters of school affairs with the Board
  - 5.2 Powers and Duties
    - 5.2.1 Discuss items brought forward by either support staff or the Board.
    - 5.2.2 Communicate to the Board the views of support staff on matters discussed
  - 5.3 Membership as per the Frame of Reference
    - 5.3.1 One trustee
    - 5.3.2 Superintendent and/or designate(s)
    - 5.3.3 Committee Representatives
  - 5.4 Meetings
    - 5.4.1 Called throughout the year as established by the Committee
- 6. The Canadian Union of Public Employee CUPE) Staff Board Advisory Committee is established as a standing committee of the Board, with responsibility for work as detailed as follows:
  - 6.1 Purpose
    - 6.1.1 The Committee exists as the primary vehicle for communicating the views of CUPE staff on matters of school affairs with the Board
  - 6.2 Powers and Duties
    - 6.2.1 Discuss items brought forward by either CUPE staff or the Board.
    - 6.2.2 Communicate to the Board the views of CUPE staff on matters discussed
  - 6.3 Membership as per the Frame of Reference
    - 6.3.1 One trustee
    - 6.3.2 Superintendent and/or designate(s)
    - 6.3.3 Committee Representatives
  - 6.4 Meetings
    - 6.4.1 Called throughout the year as established by the Committee
- 7. Student / Board Advisory Committee
  - 7.1 Purpose
    - 7.1.1 The Board of Trustees believes regular communication with stakeholder members is important and necessary for an effective school system. While recognizing the Board's authority to establish policy under the *School Act, Section 60(1)*, the Board values input from students on school and division operational issues. The Student / Board Advisory Committee will identify issues and propose possibilities for school and system improvement. This Advisory Committee is not meant to replace student voice through other avenues such as "Tell Them from Me" and "Speak Out" but are meant to build upon those mediums of communication.
  - 7.2 Membership
    - 7.2.1 The Student / Board Advisory Committee will consist of a maximum of two trustees, ±10 student representatives from across the Division and the Superintendent and/or designate. Additional resource people may be in attendance depending upon the agenda topics.
    - 7.2.2 Committee members will be selected by the Superintendent or designate, with a focus on obtaining representatives from a wide range of skills and interests and from the various schools in the Division.
    - 7.2.3 The student representatives shall be from grade 8 - 11 and are invited to serve a two-year term.
    - 7.2.4 In the first year, the Superintendent or designate may appoint students for 1 - 3 year terms in order to ensure a balance of sustainability and new membership.

### 7.3 Guidelines

- 7.3.1 Any member of the Student / Board Advisory Committee may initiate agenda items for discussion on any matter relevant to students. The Superintendent or designate is charged with finalizing the agenda.
- 7.3.2 The Committee may make recommendations to the Board but does not hold any governance authority.
- 7.3.3 The Committee structure and mandate will be reviewed annually.
- 7.3.4 Students will be invited to apply through their school Principal who shall forward the names to the Superintendent or designate. A simple application form/procedure shall be forwarded to the students. Parent consent and support for travel will be required as one of the criteria for the selection process.

### 7.4 Meetings

- 7.4.1 The Student / Board Advisory Committee will meet as required, however it is expected that two meetings per year will be held.
- 7.4.2 Discussion items will be sent to the Superintendent or designate who will be responsible for distributing the agenda to committee members.
- 7.4.3 The Superintendent or designate will chair the meetings

## 8 The School Parish Relations Committee is established as a standing committee of the Board, with responsibility for work as detailed as follows:

### 8.1 Purpose

- 8.1.1 To enhance the identity of Catholic Education
- 8.1.2 To enhance the relationship between the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education, Holy Family Parish and St. Patrick's Parish.

### 8.2 Membership

- 8.2.1 Trustee Representative (Chair)
- 8.2.2 Superintendent
- 8.2.3 Religious Education Coordinator
- 8.2.4 Members at large from parish and schools

### 8.3 Meetings

- 8.3.1 Regular meetings will be held no less than three times per year
- 8.3.2 Meeting dates to be determined by the chair
- 8.3.3 Agenda to be developed by the Chair in conjunction with the Superintendent and Religious Education Coordinator.
- 8.3.4 Minutes will be taken at each meeting and distributed to all committee members.

## 9 Ad Hoc Committees - Ad Hoc committees may be established at any meeting of the Board for the purpose of studying, investigating or acting on specific matters; they cease to exist as soon as they have completed the specified task. Terms of reference are outlined at the time of establishment.

## 10. Resource Personnel - The Superintendent may appoint resource personnel to work with committees and shall determine the roles, responsibilities and reporting requirements of the resource personnel.

Legal Reference: Section 60, 61, 62, 63, 68, School Act

FIRST READING: MARCH 11, 2008  
SECOND READING: MARCH 11, 2008  
THIRD READING: JUNE 10, 2008

FIRST READING: APRIL 07, 2009 Motion # 2266

SECOND READING:	MAY 12, 2009	Motion # 2273
THIRD READING:	MAY 12, 2009	Motion # 2274

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Second Reading	March 13, 2012
Third Reading	March 13, 2012

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## Greg MacPherson

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**From:** Dick Mastel  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 10:57 AM  
**To:** Trustees; Joe Colistro; Chuck Hellman; Hugh Lehr; Terri Ball; Greg MacPherson  
**Subject:** Fw: ASCA Conference Invitation  
**Attachments:** Board Chairs invite 17.pdf; Event Schedule at a Glance 17.pdf; Session Topics Preview 17.pdf

For your information

Invitation to attend the Alberta School Councils' Association convention and AGM.

Dick

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**From:** Jacquie Hansen <[JacquieH@albertaschoolcouncils.ca](mailto:JacquieH@albertaschoolcouncils.ca)>  
**Sent:** January 27, 2017 3:14 PM  
**To:** Jacquie Hansen  
**Subject:** ASCA Conference Invitation

Good afternoon Board Chairs,

Please find attached a letter of invitation to you and your fellow trustees to attend the Alberta School Councils' Association annual conference and AGM. For your convenience, I have included the schedule at a glance and session topics. We have an exciting weekend lined up for your school council parents and hope you can join us.

Kindest regards,

Jacquie

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# Alberta School Councils' Association

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January 27, 2017

Dear Board Chairs:

The Alberta School Councils' Association would be pleased to have you and/or members of your board join us at our annual Conference and AGM being held at the Delta Edmonton South, April 28 – 30, 2017.

As we know, parental engagement and participation in a child's educational journey is a key indicator of success in school. At the Alberta School Councils' Association, we are endeavoring to increase parental engagement in Alberta schools through the vehicle of school councils. To that end, and as part of our partner outreach across Alberta in the K-12 education system, we would appreciate your presence and the opportunity to dialogue with you at our conference.

The 2017 event will consider the path forward in Alberta's progressive education environment. Sessions will offer elements of Alberta's "Future Ready" initiative including curriculum development, embracing diversity, inclusive learning and commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

On Saturday evening, April 29, trustees are invited to a gathering with the ASCA Board of Directors for a meet and greet before the banquet. We would be delighted to see you there.

For your convenience, I have attached the Event at a Glance and the program sessions.

Our conference brochure, schedule, sessions, keynote and registration information is also available at <http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/?page=Conference>.

Kind Regards,

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Providing development sessions, information sharing and resources for the school community, the provincial event offers opportunity to engage with the Education Ministry and network with school council members from across Alberta.



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initiative including curriculum development, embracing  
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Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).*

The three day event is Friday, Saturday and Sunday with options to purchase an event pass or individual event tickets

In addition, pre-session workshops are offered on Friday afternoon starting at 2:15 pm.

The Resource Gallery opens on Friday at 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm with over 30 exhibits displaying products, services and resources relevant in public education.

A "Winners Circle" features a variety of prizes available to be won by delegates visiting the Resource Gallery.

Saturday sessions, keynote address, and an evening banquet are presented prior to the Sunday business meeting and election of the ASCA Board of Directors.

## EVENT SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE\*

### Friday April 28

1:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Registration
2:15 pm - 4:00 pm	Pre-sessions
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Resource Gallery
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Welcome Social The Blanket Exercise

### Saturday April 29

7:00 am	Registration
7:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am	Opening Greetings
8:15 am - 9:00 am	Minister of Education Honourable David Eggen
9:15 am - 10:15 am	Breakout Sessions
10:15 am	Resource Gallery & Refreshments
10:45 am	Keynote Address
11:15 am	Networking & Resource Gallery
11:45 am	Lunch
12:30 pm	Plenary Presentation
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Breakout Sessions
2:30 pm	Resource Gallery & Refreshments
3:15 pm - 4:30 pm	Breakout Sessions
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Banquet Event - Dinner, Awards, Entertainment

### Sunday April 30

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Business Meeting
12:00 - 12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Meeting, Board Elections

**\*NOTE - schedule may be subject to change**

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## Alberta School Councils Conference & AGM

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### *The Blanket Exercise*

The Blanket Exercise is an interactive learning experience to share the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

### *Minister's Address*

Education Minister, Honourable David Eggen

### *Keynote Speaker*

Chief Wilton Littlechild, Commissioner  
Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada

### *Plenary Session*

#### **Fentanyl and Emerging Drugs in Alberta**

Constable Cherie Jerebic, Edmonton Police Service

### *Pre-Sessions* Friday April 28

#### **Playground Builds and Rebuilds: Getting it Right!**

PlayWorks Inc.

#### **Conflict Resolution**

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Institute of Alberta

## SESSION TOPICS PREVIEW \*

Saturday April 29

School Councils and Climate Leadership

Respectful Schools Toolkit

Becoming a Trustee

Managing Child and Adolescent Anxiety

Active Kids = Active Minds

Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose

Supporting Students with Exceptional Needs

Preventing Online Exploitation of Youth

School Strategies for Gender Inclusion

Practical Supports for Inclusion

Education for Reconciliation

School Council Purpose

Meeting Management

Creating Healthy School Communities

Is the Golden Rule the Bullying Antidote?

An Introduction to Gender Diversity at School

Learning Technology Policy Framework

Supporting Engagement in Literacy

Tools for Effective School Councils

Exploring Career Option Resources

Curriculum Development

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**1. CCSSA Marks of an Excellent Catholic Leader:**

The leadership team has worked closely with the first two marks of this document: (Mark 1) embracing the dignity of all and (Mark 2) expressing and developing a living Catholic worldview. Two of the purposes for creating this Catholic leadership framework is to inspire Catholic leaders in their service of Catholic education and to create conversations around Catholic leadership. These purposes are being achieved during these leadership sessions. In addition to deepening an understanding of each Mark, the group considers current societal beliefs that may challenge their service to Catholic school communities. Finally, the group works collaboratively to provide concrete examples for addressing specific indicators. Discussions have been affirming and inspiring, but also challenging as leaders recognize that the roles and responsibilities of Catholic schools goes far beyond the academics.

**Recommendation: Receive as Information**

**2. Excellence in Catholic Education:**

The Excellence in Catholic Education award was established by the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta to communicate clearly and convincingly the benefits of Catholic education and its value to society. This prestigious award recognizes Catholic Teachers in Alberta who have done an exemplary job in preparing our youth to grow into outstanding Catholic citizens. In our Division, a recipient is awarded annually. We established a committee composed of a Teacher, a Trustee, a Parent, two Administrators and two Members of the Parish Community to determine the winning recipient. This year we have two nominees. Both of the nominees are passionate about Catholic education, inspire their students, and demonstrate a strong commitment to youth. The committee will be meeting on **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 3:45 to determine the winning recipient. To congratulate each of the nominees for their outstanding contribution to Catholic Education, they will be individually recognized as an Ambassador for Catholic Education at the March 14th Board meeting.

**Recommendation: Receive as Information**

**3. Religious Education Congress:**

The Religious Education Congress is the largest gathering of its kind. The three day event is held at the Anaheim Convention Centre and offers more than 200 speakers presenting over



300 workshops, 16 Liturgies. Medicine Hat Catholic has 16 staff members attending including 5 administrators. Following the Congress, staff members will be asked to share their experiences with the school community at the March staff and leadership meetings.

**Recommendation: Receive as Information**

#### **4. School Sponsored Masses:**

To date, seven out of nine of the schools have sponsored a Mass at Holy Family or St. Patrick's Parishes. The parish community continues to express their appreciation for the students and staff who take on the various ministerial roles as well as preparing refreshments in the hall afterwards. Many thanks goes out to all of those involved! Final school sponsored masses:

St. Patrick's School – March 19<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Parish (10:30)

St. Mary's – June 11<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Parish (10:30)

**Recommendation: Receive as Information**

#### **5. Ash Wednesday Prayer Services:**

The schools would love to have you join them at a prayer service. Each service is being held at individual schools:

Monsignor McCoy @ 8:15

Notre Dame TBA

St. Mary @ 9:00

St. Francis @ 9:05

St. Patrick @ TBA

St. Michael @ 10:45

St. Louis @ 11:00

École St. Thomas @ 1:00

Mother Teresa @ 2:00

**Recommendation: Receive as Information**

# FEBRUARY REGISTRATION

**\*FEBRUARY IS REGISTRATION MONTH in all Catholic schools in  
Medicine Hat for the 2017-2018 School year.  
(K – 12 including all Early Learning Programs for little ones starting at age 3)**

School Open Houses, Orientation & Information Evenings held throughout February.

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