

BOARD BULLETIN

April 2017 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION @ mhcbe.ab.ca

EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARD 2017 -



In Photo: Elizabeth Zalucki, Teacher, École St. Thomas d'Aquin. Mr. Dick Mastel, Board Chair

The Board of Trustees recognized **Elizabeth Zalucki** as an **Ambassador for Catholic Education** as the nominee for the **2017 Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Edwin Parr First Year Teacher Award!** Elizabeth will represent Medicine Hat Catholic Schools at upcoming ASBA Zone 6 Awards Banquet in May. **Congratulations Elizabeth!**

Our Motto:



"Showing the face of Christ to all."



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – A Special Board Meeting is set for Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to approve the Budget for 2017-2018.

CAPITAL PLAN – The Board approved the **Capital Plan** for 2017-2018. Find the plan at www.mhcbe.ab.ca under Resources/Plans & Reports. The plan details **proposed future Modernizations and Expansions** for our schools. The Board also annually evaluates its **Lands and Buildings** in accordance with **Board Policy 19**; and has declared the **Saamis Heights Phase 6 School Site** is surplus to the Board's needs. The City of Medicine Hat will be advised of the Board's motion.

SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUND ZONES – The City of Medicine Hat presented their findings and analysis of their **School and Playground Zone Trials**. The Board appreciates the work of the City of Medicine Hat in continuing to work toward better road safety measures in our community, and in particular, **in and around our school locations**. The City advised they plan to continue the trials, including engaging in a public consultation process.

DIPLOMA EXAM RESULTS – Our Monsignor McCoy High School students scored **at or above the provincial average** in **8 out of 9 subject areas** in the Acceptable Category on their exam results! Wow! Great Job! Congratulations McCoy Students & Staff.

Shrek Jr. & 13 "The Musical"



The Reviews are in... PHENOMENAL!

Congratulations **St. Mary's School & Monsignor McCoy High School** for the fantastic fine arts performances of **Shrek Jr. & 13 "The Musical"**, Thank you to our very talented and enthusiastic student **Actors, Performers, Dancers & Singers!** We are so very proud of you! Thank you to our **Theatre/Drama Directors, Staff & Volunteers** for your hard work and dedication. Bravo!

**Monsignor McCoy High School
Modernization Fundraising, Thank-you Donors!
You've helped us raise \$231,525!**

[Donations to Date](#)

*Your donation supports the Chapel Space, Ancillary Classroom, Fitness Space, Drama Space, Technology and Furniture & Equipment. Donation [Forms](#) online at www.mccoymodernization.ca or call us at 403.527.2292.

Upcoming Catholic School Board Meetings, all are welcome.

- May 09, 2017 at 6pm Regular Meeting
- May 15, 2017 at 6 pm Special Meeting

For information www.mhcbe.ab.ca or call us at 403.527.2292

ERIP – The Board approved **7** Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) applications for June 30, 2017 as outlined in Article 14 of the Alberta Teachers' Association Collective Agreement.

AUDITORS APPROVED – The Board approved the appointment of **MNP LLP** as the **Board's Auditors** for the provision of the Audited Financial Statement and for the Local Authorities Pension Plan as required under the School Act for a **five-year term** commencing August 31, 2017.

BECOME A SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE – School Board Elections will take place in October as part of the Municipal General Election in Alberta. The election occurs once every 4 years. **Nomination Day is Sept 18, 2017. Election Day is Oct 16, 2017.** Are you passionate about Catholic Education? Do you have ideas for positive change in education? **Think about putting your name forward as a School Board Trustee.** Election packages will be available soon at the School Board Office. Information posted at www.mhcbe.ab.ca under Latest News. It is the Board's intention to have a **5th Trustee in place** for the upcoming Election, pending **Ministerial Approval**.

PHYSICAL LITERACY INITIATIVE – We are very excited to work alongside our community partners (**Alberta Health, Be Fit for Life, Jumpstart** and **Ever Active Schools**) to promote physical literacy in our elementary schools. This is a fantastic opportunity to engage schools to promote student well-being. Inquire how the Physical Literacy Initiative is being implemented at your child's school! [Media Release](#)

MODERNIZATION & CONSTRUCTION - St. John Paul II construction is progressing well. The school is now beginning the stage to enclose the building. Monsignor McCoy Modernization continues including demolition of the **Central Gathering Space, Auxillary Gymnasium** and **Exercise Facility** as soon as possible. Anticipated **completion is set for Sept. 2017.**

DRESS IN RED & WHITE ON MAY 30th – Staff & Students are encouraged to wear RED & WHITE to celebrate **Canada 150!** as a school community. Watch for a note home in the backpack!

MHCBE Celebrates Canada!
Tuesday, May 30th is the **150th day of the year** and Medicine Hat Catholic Schools are ready to celebrate!