

# BOARD BULLETIN

September 11, 2012 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

## PRESENTATION – AMBASSADOR AWARD



The Board of Trustees expressed sincere gratitude to **Mrs. Jodi Churla** for her years of service as a **Catholic School Board Trustee**. The Board received Mrs. Churla's letter of resignation at the September 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. They wish her well in her new home as she and her family relocates to another community in Alberta. Mrs. Churla began her Trusteeship term for the Medicine Hat

Catholic Board of Education in 2007 and since that time, she has diligently served the members of our school community in **advocating for Catholic education** and **promoting programming excellence** within our Division. The Board thanked her for answering her **call to be a faith leader** in our community. Mrs. Churla was acknowledged as an Ambassador for Catholic Education.

**BY-ELECTION 2012** - The Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20 is holding a **By-Election** in accordance with section 26 of the Local Authorities Election Act to fill 1 vacancy in the Medicine Hat Ward. Complete details are available from the City of Medicine Hat website <http://www.medicinehat.ca/> under the **Government** tab, then **City Clerk / Municipal Elections**.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS – for the By-Election



**Nomination Day – Thursday, October 4, 2012.** Nomination Packages are available at the City Clerk's Office, the City's website or at the Catholic School Board Office at 1251–1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW., Medicine Hat.  
**Election Day – Thursday, November 1, 2012** – details to follow from the City of MH

**PETITION FOR PLEBISCITE** – The Board of Trustees received a **petition for a plebiscite** filed with the Secretary-Treasurer on June 20, 2012. The petition was filed in accordance with 228(3) of the School Act, requesting that Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No 20 hold a plebiscite in conjunction with **next year's general election** for Catholic School Trustees in October 2013 in which the **Bow Island Electors** will be asked a **ballot question regarding their support to withdraw** from Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES** – The Board received a number of Administrative Procedures either newly developed or revised as follows:

AP 132 - *Inclement Weather/Bus Cancellation* (letter to parents)  
AP 423 – *Studies Incentive Program*  
AP 417 – *Division Administrative Quality Standards*  
AP 418 – *School Based Admin PD and Growth Plans*  
AP 140 – *Technology and Use of Technology*  
AP 260 – *Field Trip Supervision*  
AP 112 – *Nutrition*

Administrative Procedures will be finalized and posted on the Division Website under *Documents & Publications*.  
[www.mhcbce.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbce.ab.ca)

**BISHOP'S DINNER** – The Board along with members from our Clergy and School Based Administrative team will attend the **Bishop's Dinner on October 18, 2012** in Calgary, the Board supported the Bishop's Dinner by purchasing a table of 8. Proceeds to the *Bishop O'Byrne Housing for Seniors Association, Acadia Place-Calgary Homeless Foundation and Elizabeth House*.

## Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."

**RATIFICATION** - The Board of Trustees ratified the appointments and contracts for the Superintendent of Schools, *Mr. Clyde Pudwell*; Deputy Superintendent, *Mr. Wayne Schlosser*; Secretary-Treasurer, *Mr. Greg MacPherson* and Associate Superintendent Learning Services, *Mr. Hugh Lehr*.

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE DIVISION – Inspiring Students thru Innovation–

The Board is excited to acknowledge just some of the many exciting new things happening in our Catholic Schools for 2012-2013:

- ★ **Modular Classrooms** at St. Patrick's St. Michael's Medicine Hat & École St. Thomas d'Aquin;
- ★ **Notre Dame Academy:** Foods Lab; Career & Technology Foundations CTS Course; Simulated Skating Machine; Off-Campus Education at the *MH College* in *Office Technology, Woodworking & Welding*;
- ★ **Video-Conferencing Partnership** with Alberta Distance Learning Centre for High School French Immersion including oral French;
- ★ **Leveled Literacy Intervention Programming** - improving student reading skills with amazing results;
- ★ Expanded **FNMI & ESL** programming division-wide;
- ★ **St. Michael's School Bow Island** has significantly expanded their **Virtual Learning Programming** to include **One-on-One Computing**; and in addition, have expanded programming options in the area of Career & Technology Studies including work experience and job preparation in **Agriculture** and **Process Operations, Construction** and **Foods & Recreation**;
- ★ **Monsignor McCoy High School:** *French Immersion*; *Advanced Placement* in Calculus & English Literature; *Athletics Excellence Program*, *Fine Arts Excellence Program* and *Advanced Acting in partnership with HomeTown Acting Studio*;
- ★ **Classroom Learning Coaches** in all Division schools supporting Teachers to support students.

Our Innovation is showing. Did you know we **scored #1** in the Province of Alberta (out of 62), with the least percentage of students dropping out of High School; and we **scored 2<sup>nd</sup>** in High School Completion rates. In fact, last year the Minister of Education was so impressed he paid us a visit to find out what we are doing right. WOW!

We are achieving excellent results. Our students are **excelling well above the Province** in many areas. Why is this important? It means we are **engaging students** and our **students are happy**. This is an accolade to our students, our staff, our parishes and our parents. Great Job!

## World Teacher's Day! October 5<sup>th</sup>

Every day in millions of classrooms around the world, the universal endeavor of teaching and learning takes place. October 5 is set aside by the world community to celebrate teachers and the central role they play.

We celebrate our teachers and we say thank you for all that you do.  
Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge. Proverbs 23:12

The next regular Catholic School Board Meeting is SCHEDULED for  
Tuesday, October 09, 2012 @ 6:00 pm @ the Catholic School Board Office,  
1251 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW., Medicine Hat. Everyone is welcome to attend.