

BOARD BULLETIN

Dec/Jan 2017 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION @ mhcbe.ab.ca



EVALUATION—The Board of Trustees hired Consultant, Dr. Garry Andrews to facilitate the Board's self-evaluation and the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools. The Board passed two motions: **"THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Board's**

Self-Evaluation in accordance with Policy 7" and **"THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Evaluation for Mr. Joe Colistro, Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with Policy 2"**. Dr. Andrews was pleased to announce that both evaluations receive high grades. This is a tribute to the Board, Administration, Staff, School Councils and Parent Association in working together to meet the goals of the School Division.

SCHOOL EDUCATION PLANS—During the school year each of our 9 Catholic Schools will present their 2016/17 School Education Plans to the Board. Presentations will focus 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.*

St. Patrick's School & École St. Thomas d'Aquin presented their plans at the December Board meeting. Thank you to their staff, parents & students; the Board is impressed with your commitment and the exceptional work being done at your schools to integrate the Strategic Priorities.

ST. JOHN PAUL II—Lots of construction activity **on-site in Southridge** at our new Catholic Elementary School. Installation of the deep services for water and sewer will begin soon; the piling for the main building is complete. The school project completion is scheduled for November 2017. Visit the website for [Construction Photos](#).

FIELD TRIP APPROVAL—The Board **approved the Monsignor McCoy High School Baseball Trip to Phoenix, Arizona** in April 2017, contingent on receipt of the final itinerary and review of travel arrangements. It is noted the Board may cancel a trip at any time in accordance with AP 260.

FINANCE—The Board approved the use of internal restricted reserves in the amount of **\$50,000** for the purchase of the Outdoor Fitness Equipment at Notre Dame Academy; **\$16,500** for St. Mary's School for Furniture & Equipment and Teacher FTE and **\$11,500** for St. Patrick's School for Learning Assistant FTE.

PARISH COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS—We've created a unique opportunity for parish community members to volunteer in our schools to share their skills, talents and time. **INTERESTED in volunteering?** Please contact our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs. Jill Wilkinson at 403.527.2292.

Our Motto:



"Showing the face of Christ to all."

BE "FUTURE READY"—The Province of Alberta has launched a series of initiatives to help **improve education and skills training** to better prepare kids for success in a changing economy. The initiative began with the "HAVE YOUR SAY" survey. The next phase of the initiative is the **NEW MATH SUPPORTS**—with **bursaries up to \$2,000 per Teacher** to help cover tuition costs for post-secondary courses designed to strengthen Teacher knowledge, skills and confidence in teaching math! [Media Release](#).

MONSIGNOR MCCOY Modernization Update -

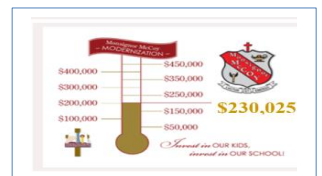
Work continues on the **Gymnasium Addition and Reconstruction**. All steel work is in place and exterior concrete block walls are in position with steel decking and the roof to follow. With the completion of the enclosure, the interior work can begin. The concrete floor will be poured in the Gymnasium followed by Ventilation Ducting, Electrical and Lighting Installation, Flooring, Bleachers, Backboards and Divider Curtain. Work continues on the main floor of the **North Wing** with new Change Rooms, Washrooms, Classrooms and Kinesiology Lab including the installation of the elevator. The next phase will see heavy demolition of the existing Weight Room and transformation of the small gymnasium into additional **Student Gathering Space** along with a new **Ancillary Gymnasium and Exercise Facility**. The **CTS Shop** will be modernized during the last phase of the project. Modernization completion is proposed for the spring of 2017. Visit the website for updated [Modernization Photos](#) & [Donations](#) at www.mhcbe.ab.ca.



Donations as of Dec 2016 is \$230,025, thank you!

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Watch for February Registration!

February is Registration Month in all Catholic Schools in Medicine Hat for **all grades K – 12** including all **Early Learning Programs** for the **2017/18 school-year**. Watch for details!

Upcoming Catholic School Board Meetings, all are welcome.

- January 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm

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