

BOARD BULLETIN

April 2014 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENTATION - 2014 EDWIN PARR NOMINEE-[\(Watch her nomination video\)](#)

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Left to Right: Dwayne Unreiner, Alysha Kopec, Neal Siedlecki, Dick Mastel (Board Vice-Chair)

- The Board of Trustees acknowledged Alysha Kopec, nominated for the **2014 ASBA Edwin Parr - 1st Year Teacher Award**. The award recognizes excellence in 1st yr. teaching. Alysha will now represent our Division at the upcoming Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) – Zone 6 Awards Ceremony on May 14th! Alysha was nominated by Notre Dame Academy

Administration; Dwayne Unreiner, Vice-Principal & Neal Siedlecki, Principal. The Board of Trustees presented Alysha with an **Ambassador for Catholic Education Award**. *Congratulations & Good Luck Alysha!*

PRESENTATION- St. Michael's School MH -Learning Intervention Block

- Ron Blackmer, Principal and Monica Braat Teacher/Inclusion Facilitator from St. Michael's School highlighted the **Intervention/Enrichment Block Program**. The Program is designed to provide **flexible small group targeted instruction**. By changing the timetable, opportunity is created to support students in more inclusive and flexible learning settings. The School is also involved in **Genius Hour**-where students work on just about any project that suit their interest. St. Michael's is living **Inspiring Education** with this project.

MLA MEETINGS - As part of the Board's Annual Work Plan, the Board meets with local MLA's to keep them informed about **School Division successes and challenges**. Meetings are scheduled with **Mr. Drew Barnes MLA for Cypress/Medicine Hat** and **Mr. Blake Pedersen MLA for Medicine Hat**. Meetings are scheduled for April 30th and May 20th.

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY - *School Board Chairs* from Medicine Hat Catholic and Medicine Hat Public will meet to *develop a strategy to contact the City of Medicine Hat* to discuss school zone safety. Topics may include **congestion, distracted driving, parking, cross-walk markings** and **digital speed signs**.

ASBA BARGAINING MODEL - Four members from our Board and Senior Administration attended a session in Calgary hosted by the Alberta School Boards Association to discuss future bargaining models with Teachers in Alberta.

PARENT ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP - *Thank you to the Parent Association* for hosting a workshop facilitated by the AB School Councils Assoc. on March 31. The group reviewed the School Board's Annual Plans and Priorities **to look at ways parents can assist the Board** in reaching its goals.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT - The Board ratified the *Appointment and Contract* for Mr. Joe Colistro; the newly appointed Deputy begins his term August 1, 2014.

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."

MOTHER TERESA SCHOOL - The Board approved an Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (**IMR**) Heating & Ventilation contract for Mother Teresa School in the amount of **\$379,625**.

JANUARY DIPLOMA EXAMS -Jan 2014 Diploma Exam results were highlighted. The results include marks from both **Monsignor McCoy High School & St. Michael's School Bow Island**:

- **MHCBE** students were **above the province** in **5 of 9** exams in the Acceptable Standard; MHCBE was **above (or within 1%) of the Province** in **5 of 9** exams in the Standard of Excellence;
- **Over 33% of MHCBE** students achieved the Standard of Excellence in Physics 30; **100%** of MHCBE Physics students achieved the Acceptable Standard; **24.0% of MHCBE** students received the Standard of Excellence in Social 30-1;
- **100% of MHCBE** students achieved the Acceptable Standard in Social 30-1; **100% of MHCBE** students achieved the Acceptable Standard on the English Language Arts 30-2 Diploma Exam; **98.9% of MHCBE** students achieved the Acceptable Standard on the English Language Arts 30-1 Diploma exam.

COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER (CCT) - Good News! **Funding** was renewed for Community Coming Together (**CCT**) to support **Mental Health** programs for another 3 years.

INSPIRING EDUCATION Video - [Because the World is Changing](#) - (Watch the video message from Alberta Education).

MONSIGNOR MCCOY PRESENTS - Toad of Toad Hall - Tickets \$7 in-advance, \$8 at the door. Rush Seating. Cultural Centre, Black Box Theatre May 1st & 2nd @ 7 pm; May 3rd & 4th @ 1 & 7 pm. Tickets call **403.527.8161**.



SE Alberta Skills Competition April 29 MH College -**Good Luck Monsignor McCoy Students!** (**Cosmetology/Hairstyling**) Brooklyn Getz; Madiana Kenneh; Mama Sumo; Meagan Perry; Riley Hole, Maria Chany; (**Culinary**) Shaydel Brigden, Melissa Halderson; (**TV/Video Competition Teams**) Josh Philips & Brayden Layton; Brady Sehn and Matt Jackson

Education Week in Alberta MAY 5-9 [Link](#)

MHCBE Division-Wide Spelling Bee hosted by St. Louis School May 10 @ 1pm Grades 2-6
Come Cheer on your School!

World Catholic Education Day MAY 29

School Art 2014 Esplanade April 26-June 14

- **Next Catholic School Board Meeting:** Tues., May 13, 2014 3:00 pm
- **Special Board Meeting:** Tues., May 20, 2014 1:00 pm
 - **Agenda:** Approval of the 2014 – 2015 Preliminary Budget