

BOARD BULLETIN

January 2015 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION - www.mhcbe.ab.ca

MISSION MEXICO – A thank you letter was sent to Father Fred Monk along with a cheque from funds raised by our schools in the amount of **\$3,609.77** in support of *Mission Mexico*. Supporting humanitarian needs of the marginalized mountain communities of Southern Mexico and “Alex’s Welding Shop” in Champagnat High School of the Mountain; we are grateful to be part of this important missionary work.

REGISTRATION 2015-2016 – FEBRUARY IS REGISTRATION MONTH in all Catholic schools in Medicine Hat for the 2015–2016 school year for all grades.

Are you a new resident to Canada, new to our City, transferring or have a new learner getting ready to start school?
All are Welcome. Register now!

Watch for **Open Houses, Orientation & Information Evenings** held throughout February. Contact Your Local Catholic School to register or call the Catholic School Board Office 403.527.2292. **Student currently enrolled? Parents please watch for the pre-populated student registration form coming home with your child the first week of February.**

DONATE TO MCCOY - Did you know we are modernizing our Catholic High School?



The modernization *Project Plan, Concept & Design* is well underway for Monsignor McCoy High School with construction tentatively scheduled to begin **March 2015** with completion targeted for **September 2016**. We need your help in making our school modernization a reality. We have a fundraising goal of \$500,000 to cover enhancements not covered by the grant. Learn more about the project and how you can help @ www.mccoymodernization.ca. You can find web links right on your child’s school website home page.

HOW TO INVEST

Invest online. Cash and Cheques accepted at any Catholic School or Catholic School Board Office.

For more information call 403.527.2292 Investment Options:

“Bronze, Silver, Gold”
“Purchase a Brick Program”
“Friends of McCoy Modernization”
or “Sponsorship”

Log onto the [modernization website](http://modernizationwebsite.com) for details about the Modernization Floor Plan, View the interactive map & Video including details about investing in the modernization project.



Monsignor McCoy High School
– MODERNIZATION –
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Invest in OUR KIDS, invest in OUR SCHOOLS!
www.mccoymodernization.ca

Pick up a fundraising brochure at your Child’s School or the Catholic School Board Office

All donations graciously accepted! Thank you!

Our Motto:

“Showing the face of Christ to all.”



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – The Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education received a letter of resignation from Dr. Garry Andrews, Superintendent of Schools effective January 31, 2015. The Board thanked Dr. Andrews for his excellent work during his term with our Division. In the interim, the **Board appointed Mr. Joseph Colistro, Acting Superintendent** effective **February 1, 2015**. A media release was issued.

COMMUNICATIONS – Mrs. Dominique Hirsch was introduced as the **Communications Coordinator**. A media release was issued introducing Dominique.

BOARD RETREAT – The Board is holding a **strategic planning day** on Saturday, February 7, 2015. The day will be facilitated by Positive Culture Company. Trustees & Central Office Senior Administration will participate.

NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RESOURCES
– Mrs. Jill Wilkinson reviewed the new Religious Education resources series titled: **Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ**. The resources will be phased in over the next three years for Grades 1-8. The cost of the resources will be approximately \$2100 per class (\$995 per teacher and \$55 per student). Resources have been approved and vetted by the **Western Bishops and Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario**. We are very excited to begin using these resources. There will be a Professional Development component for our teachers as well.

LEARNING ASSISTANTS CONFERENCE - PD DAY – Mr. Hugh Lehr, Associate Superintendent for Learning Services reported on the **Learning Assistants Conference** recently held at St. Mary’s School. This is a unique **professional development event** specifically held for support staff that work hand in hand with teachers supporting students each and every day. **As a bonus, the lunch was hosted by Grade 9 students from the school providing catering services through their school foods program! THANK YOU!**



*2015 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Nominate your **favorite Teacher or Principal**
Nominations Open from Oct. 17, 2014 – Feb. 6, 2015
www.education.gov.ab.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx

Upcoming Board Meeting:

Tues. February 10, 2015 at 3:00 pm Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Meetings are held at the Catholic School Board Office, 1251-1st AVE SW, Medicine Hat. Everyone is welcome.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – This Bulletin is published following monthly Catholic School Board Meetings. The Bulletin highlights just a few of the School Division’s many activities & events. **We hope you find this publication of interest and value to you.**