

# BOARD BULLETIN

February 2014 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

## PRESENTATION- AMBASSADOR FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION



Left to Right: Mr. Rob Grisonich, Mr. Paul Bauche, Mrs. Janice Laing, Mr. Peter Grad

The Board acknowledged **Mrs. Janice Laing**, as an **Ambassador for Catholic Education** for her **commitment and dedication to Athletics**. Janice was nominated by Mr. Rob Grisonich who was in attendance to highlight the nomination

along with Monsignor McCoy High School, Principal Mr. Paul Bauche. **Congratulations Janice!** ...Do you know someone deserving of an Ambassador for Catholic Education Award? Nominate them. Several award categories exist for groups or individuals for staff, students & parents who are “difference makers” in your school community. See details in [Administrative Procedure 491](#).

## 2014 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD NOMINEES – PRESENTATION



Left to Right: Mrs. Erika Bodnaruk, Mrs. Diane Cartier, Mr. Peter Grad



Left to Right: Mrs. Fritzsche, Student Group with Mrs. Janice Laing

The Board of Trustees acknowledged two nominees of the prestigious *Province of Alberta Excellence in Teaching Award*; recognizing innovation, creativity & teaching excellence. The first nominee: **Mrs. Diane Cartier**, a **Teacher at Mother Teresa School**. Mrs. Cartier was nominated by Mother Teresa School Principal, Mrs. Erika Bodnaruk who was in attendance to highlight the nomination. The second nominee: **Mrs. Janice Laing**, a **Teacher at Monsignor McCoy High School** was nominated by the Fritzsche family who were in attendance to highlight her nomination. Both nominees were acknowledged by the Board as **Ambassadors for Catholic Education**. The Teachers may be chosen as semi-finalists in April with finalists & award recipients honored in May 2014 by the Province of Alberta.

The Board is very excited to learn there are **two additional Teachers nominated** for this year's Excellence in Teaching Award. Congratulations to **Mrs. Heather Irvine & Mrs. Michelle Miller** both from St. Mary's School. Mrs. Irvine & Mrs. Miller will be acknowledged at the March 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. This is certainly a record setting year for our School Division to have a total of 4 nominations in one year. Congratulations & Good Luck to all Nominees!

## MONSIGNOR MCCOY HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

– Since the Modernization announcement on January 27, 2014, a number of meetings have

## Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."



been held to define the processes for the modernization. A scheduled teleconference with Alberta Education will reveal more details about the announcement. A moving forward strategy will be developed to outline the next steps including *engagement with staff, parents & students*. Discussions will include a review of programming options and modernization considerations and the possibility of fundraising. We are excited as we *embrace this modernization opportunity* as a school community to *enhance the educational experiences of our students!*

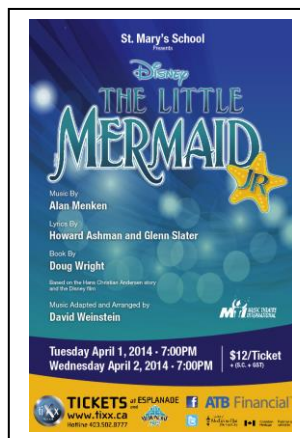
**TECHNOLOGY NEEDS** – The Superintendent of Schools highlighted the need for **additional technology infrastructure** in the division overall. In particular, the *increased demands of fulfilling the Inspiring Education agenda* and the increased technology demand to implement **Curriculum Re-Design**. This is a priority for the Board in the upcoming budget considerations and assumptions.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH INSPIRING EDUCATION

– Looking ahead with Alberta Education...“We are inspiring education and we’re changing the way we “think” because everything is changing.” Albertans are invited to *Join the Movement* to collaborate and participate as the education system in Alberta evolves to meet the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner.

<http://education.alberta.ca/departments/ipr/inspiringeducation.aspx>

## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PRESENTS! –



Tickets available online at [www.tixx.ca](http://www.tixx.ca) click on “Buy Tickets”. This is a must see performance. Presented by St. Mary's School, see this wonderful adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen Story and the Disney film. Disney's – “The Little Mermaid Jr.” awaits you!

April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm @ the Esplanade \$12



\* REGISTRATION CONTINUES in all Catholic schools in Medicine Hat & Bow Island for the 2014-2015 School year.

Early Learning Programs and Kindergarten to Grades 1-12

Registration Forms & Programming Information @ [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca) Click on the **Parents Tab**

The next regular Catholic School Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 2014 @ 3:00 pm @ the Catholic School Board Office, 1251 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW., Medicine Hat. Everyone is welcome to attend.