

BOARD BULLETIN

April 2013 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."



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AMBASSADOR FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION – The Board of Trustees recognized three staff members as Ambassadors for Catholic Education: **Mr. Steven Russell, a Teacher** for his provincial recognition as the **2012-2013 Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) Men's Volleyball Coach of the Year**; **Mr. Drew Loehndorf, a Teacher at St. Michael's School** for receiving provincial recognition as the regional winner of the **Certificate of Commendation for Health and Physical Activity** and **Mr. Rob Grisonich, Principal of Notre Dame Academy** for receiving provincial recognition in being nominated for the prestigious **2013 Excellence in Teaching Award from Alberta Education. Congratulations!**

ROTARY MUSIC FESTIVAL – The Board congratulates the **Performers at the 2013 Annual Rotary Music Festival**. Many groups and individuals received awards for high achievement. The Board acknowledges the significant contribution made by Catholic Schools to the overall success of the Music Festival. The accomplishments and recognition received by the students is certainly a reflection of the dedication and commitment demonstrated by the Teachers and Support Staff who prepare the students to represent our Division; the Board acknowledges their effort and hard work. **Highlights:** A number of schools and individuals received **Honours and Gold Seal Performances** with nomination(s) to perform at the **Provincial Music Festival** including **St. Mary's School, Monsignor McCoy High School, St. Michael's School, MH, Mother Teresa School and St. Louis School.** Wow!

REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR - The Board acknowledges the **2013 Regional Science Fair Winners** for individual and group entries. Congratulations to all students who received awards and to all students who entered a project into the Science Fair. Thank you to the Teachers and Support Staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing the students for this exciting regional event. **Highlights:** Congratulations and the best of luck to regional winners **Adam Dumanowski and Jordy Sehn** from **St. Mary's School** for their winning Robot Project. They will now compete at the **Canada-Wide Science Fair from May 11-18, 2013** held at the **University of Lethbridge**. MHCBE was well represented with 39 projects out of 86 in total at the Regional Competition. Wow! **Best of luck Adam and Jordy!**

SCHOOL ART 2013 – **MH School Art 2013** competition is now underway. Artwork has been juried and students with winning pieces will receive recognition. **WHERE & WHEN: Esplanade Art Gallery Public Reception Sunday, May 12, 2013 @ 1:00 pm with the Awards Ceremony at 1:30 pm.** All are welcome. Those students receiving an award will be contacted by the school. School Art will remain on display at the Esplanade from **April 27-June 09**. The winning School Art will be highlighted in the May Board Bulletin. Good Luck Students!

COMMUNITIES COMING TOGETHER (CCT) PROJECT

– A presentation by Mrs. Patty Wagman CCT Coordinator highlighted the **school-based mental health program** which focuses on prevention and early intervention strategies. The program is offered at Monsignor McCoy High School, Notre Dame Academy & St. Mary's School. CCT website @ www.communitycomingtogether.weebly.com

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA/ATA FRAMEWORK PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT

– The Board of Trustees unanimously ratified the Framework Agreement between the Government of Alberta, the Alberta Teachers' Association and the ASBA subject to the terms as outlined in the Framework Agreement. The Board issued a [media release](#) on March 25th & April 17th.

DIPLOMA EXAM RESULTS SUMMARY

- Once again, Medicine Hat & Bow Island Catholic Schools demonstrated excellent January Diploma Exam Results in provincial testing. Our **Teachers, Students and Support Staff** continue to focus on "learning as a priority" and are commended on a great job. A snapshot of the provincial results:

- **MHCBE** is above the province in the area of "**Acceptable Standard**" in **7 of the 9 diploma exams**;
- **MHCBE** is above the province in the area of "**Level of Excellence**" in **6 of the 9 diploma exams**;
- **MHCBE** is above the province in the area of "**Diploma Average**" in **6 of the 9 and tied in 1 of the 9**.

The Board further acknowledges the support of our parent and church community in the overall success of our school results.

THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN 2014-2017

– The Board unanimously voted in favor of **Option 1** as presented in the 3 Year Capital Plan as follows: "**THAT the modernization of Monsignor McCoy High School is the 1st priority and construction of a New Elementary School in Sector 5 is the 2nd priority**".

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

– The Board unanimously voted to hold a **Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 3:00 pm**. to approve the 2013 – 2014 Preliminary Budget. The meeting is open to the General Public & the Media.

REGIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION

– Best of luck to the high school students participating in the **Southeast Alberta Regional Skills Canada Competition** at the **MH College on April 30th** competing in various categories: <http://www.seaskills.ca/>

- **Videography:** Mackenzie Penrod, Kaitlyn Watz, Raedon Hill, Josh Phillips, Braxton Downs, Troy Stadnyk, Jason English, Michael Fritzler
- **Culinary Arts:** Austin Doyle, Shaydel Brigden
- **Hairstyling:** Billie Spencer, Riley Hole, Becca Sehn, Carissa Leipert, Maria Chany
- **Cabinetry:** Jordan Bixby, Aaron Szola



WORLD CATHOLIC EDUCATION DAY, May 9, 2013

"You will be my witness"
"Vous serez alors mes témoins"

[WCED Link](#) or www.ccsta.ca

The next regular Catholic School Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 2013 @ 3:00 pm @ the Catholic School Board Office, 1251 – 1st Avenue SW., MH

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – As part of the Board of Trustees ongoing effort to keep our school and stakeholder community informed, a Bulletin is published following the monthly Catholic School Board Meeting. The Bulletin highlights just a few of the School Division's many Initiatives, Projects & Activities.

We hope you find this publication of interest and value to you.