

BOARD BULLETIN

Nov. 2016 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

@ mhcbe.ab.ca

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FALL BUDGET + AERR APPROVED

The Board approved the *2015/16 Audited Financial Statement*, the *2016/17 Fall Budget Update* and the *2016/19 Annual Education Results Report & Three Year Education Plan* at a Special Board Meeting on Nov 23, 2016. Approved documents can be found on the website at www.mhcbe.ab.ca under Resources (Plans & Reports) & (Finance).

SCHOOL ED PLAN PRESENTATIONS

This year, each of our 9 Catholic Schools will present their 2016/17 School Education Plans to the Board. St. Michael's School & Notre Dame Academy presented their plans at the November Board meeting. The Schools focused their presentation 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.

Thank you to the staff, parents & students at **St. Michael's School** and **Notre Dame Academy**; the Board is impressed with your commitment and the exceptional work being done at your schools to integrate the strategic priorities.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY OUTDOOR FITNESS CENTRE

A proposal to construct an outdoor fitness centre at Notre Dame Academy in the amount of \$50,000 was presented to the Board. The Board tabled the discussion for the December 2016 Board meeting.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PD continues to be a focus in the Division. Recently, Teachers & Support Staff attended a session facilitated by [Dr. Jodi Carrington](#) on *relationship-based assessment*. Teaching staff & Administration met with representatives from AB Education in a *Provincial Curriculum Development Engagement Session* to gain insight into the province's K-12 *curriculum redesign*. Instructional Leadership sessions are being held throughout the year for school-based administration to focus on *literacy, numeracy, Catholicity, high school re-design & classroom management*.

MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT

Leaders from within our *education & community partners*, including staff from Med Hat Catholic Schools, recently held a *Mental Health Summit*. The focus was to *review our practices on how we support the mental health needs* of students. We looked at our *current model*, our *resources* and *community support*, including identifying gaps in service delivery. We *focused on stress factors, promotion of mental health, reducing stress at school and parent education*.

KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The *Knights of Columbus* is *sponsoring a poster contest until Dec 16th* with the theme *"Keeping Christ in Christmas"*. Students can write a story, a poem or letter of the *reason for this Holy Season*.

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."

MONSIGNOR MCCOY HIGH SCHOOL

Modernization Update

The \$9.2M High School modernization is well underway. Through the summer and fall 2016 much of the school has seen significant improvement. The *Cosmetology Room was enlarged and improved; New Drama Room was completed* including a *new performance area* with increased instructional space and storage; the *New Foods Room is close to completion*, its new location and technology will provide tremendous learning opportunities including future apprenticeship opportunity in *Culinary Arts; Band Room will feature new practice areas* with modernized performance area; *Many classrooms have been newly painted* with modernized new heating and cooling systems as well as *upgraded wireless infrastructure and interactive white boards* with a *new Mac Lab to enhance CTS programming including Photography, Videography & Design Studies*. Future construction will see a *fully modernized Science Lab and refreshed Science & Math classrooms*. We are excited about the next phases of the modernization including the construction of a *Large Gymnasium, Fitness Area, Common-Area including Chapel Space, a Modernized Library, Construction & Mechanics Shop and Counseling Offices*. Throughout this modernization, careful planning has taken place to accommodate our students and staff. The modernization completion is proposed for the spring of 2017. Photos & Donation updates www.mhcbe.ab.ca under Latest News.



Donations as of Nov 2016 = \$229,425! Thank you!

Online donation available through schoolcashionline! Call us at 403.527.2292 to find out how you can help us build our school.

- FRIENDS OF MONSIGNOR MCCOY up to \$499
- BRICK DONOR \$500-\$999
- BRONZE DONOR \$1,000-\$9999
- SILVER DONOR \$10,000-\$19,999
- GOLD DONOR \$20,000*
- PLATINUM DONOR \$50,000*
- SPONSORSHIP \$75,000*
- ANONYMOUS & SILENT DONORS



www.mccoymodernization.ca

Invest in OUR KIDS, invest in OUR SCHOOLS!



*Wishing all of you a blessed **Advent** Season. May your hearts be filled with Joy, Love and Peace during this time of preparation and anticipation.*

Upcoming Catholic School Board Meetings, all are welcome.

- December 13, 2016 6:00 pm

For information www.mhcbe.ab.ca or call us at 403.527.2292