

BOARD BULLETIN

December 2018 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION @ mhcbe.ab.ca

FEBRUARY REGISTRATION -



Just around the corner...February is Registration Month in all Catholic Schools in Medicine Hat for **all grades K – 12** including all **Early Learning Programs** for the **2019/20 school-year**. Registration is for **students currently enrolled** and for **new students** to the School District. Follow us on social media @[mhcatholic](https://www.facebook.com/mhcatholic)

for all the details. For returning students, pre-populated student registration forms will be sent home in the backpacks mid-January 2019.



PROPERTY TAXES – The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education reminds our community of the

importance of declaring your PROPERTY TAXES in support of Catholic Education. **How do you declare your support?** - Visit the

Taxation Office at the City of Medicine Hat, or the Town or Municipal Office in your area. Changes made on or before **Dec 31** will be in effect for the next taxation year. Choose **"Separate"** on your annual property assessment notice. **Learn more** about declaring your Support for Catholic Schools and How your Taxes Work with Catholic Education. Protecting our Catholic Schools at this link:

Your Taxes



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Schools

<https://www.acsta.ab.ca/resources/how-your-taxes-work-with-catholic-education>

BISHOP McGRATTAN from the DIOCESE OF CALGARY, visits MH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS -



Bishop McGrattan made his first *Parish Pastoral visit* to *St. Patrick's Parish* in *Medicine Hat* on Friday, Dec 14th. The Bishop also visited Catholic schools within the Parish: **St. Louis School, St. Michael's School & Monsignor McCoy High School**. It was a wonderful day!

[See more](#) of his visit.

ANNUAL TRUSTEE & DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM RETREAT

– District Principals, Vice-Principals, Central Office Administration and Trustees met on Dec 13th for a Retreat to focus on the professional development topic: **Catholic Education and the 5 Marks of an Excellent Catholic Leader**. The retreat was facilitated by **Ms. Bonnie Annicchiarico, Executive Director of GRACE-GRATEFUL ADVOCATES for CATHOLIC EDUCATION** - a grassroots initiative to advocate for Catholic Education.

Our Motto:



"Showing the face of Christ to all."

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Marks of an Excellent Catholic Leader:

1. Embrace the Dignity of All;
2. Advocate for Catholic Education;
3. Foster Faith Permeation;
4. Called to be a witness of hope and proclaiming the Gospel;
5. Recognize God in each other.

"Leadership in Catholic education is not a career; it is a vocation...intended to serve the Catholic education community". Mulligan

Read about the Marks of an Excellent Catholic Leader in the document published by the *Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta*:

<https://www.ccssa.ca/public/download/documents/47426>

ALBERTA EDUCATION CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

– An updated K-4 curriculum will be piloted in Alberta schools from September 2019 to June 2020, with implementation by September 2020. Take a look at the [journey of K – 12 Curriculum Development](#) in Alberta Schools.

PLAYGROUND PILOT PROJECT

– The Ministry of Education is piloting a project for the **construction or replacement of school playgrounds across the province**. \$25 million has been set aside for the project. Medicine Hat Catholic Schools conducted an assessment of our playgrounds and compared the results to the criteria outlined. **Playground proposals** have been submitted for **St. Patrick's School, Mother Teresa School and St. Michael's School**.

SCHOOL & PLAYGROUND ZONES TRIALS

–The City of Medicine Hat has completed their **school and playground zone trials**. The City determined there was no improvement to driver and pedestrian awareness or compliance from the school & playground zone enhancements. The City's plan is to **re-establish the zones to their original condition** and **implement an education campaign**. The Board of Trustees noted they would like more information about the results and findings from the School & Playground Zone Trails and have extended an invitation to the City of Medicine Hat to an upcoming Board Meeting.

VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT PACKAGE

– The Board voted to extend a **Voluntary Retirement Package** to all certificated Teachers who are members of ATRF who by January 7, 2019 submit a letter of resignation effective January 31, 2019; such employees will be offered a temporary contract effective February 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 commensurate with their current contractual status.

Upcoming Catholic School Board Meetings, Public Welcome.

- January 8, 2019 6pm Regular Meeting

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