BOARD BULLETIN

February 2019 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION @mhcbe.ab.ca

FEBRUARY Registration Month for the 2019-2020 School year **Medicine Hat Catholic Schools** "Great Schools" "Fantastic Staff" "Exceptional Programming"

February is Registration month in Catholic Schools for the 2019-2020 School-Year-All Grades K-12 & Early Learning (for little ones starting at age 3)

Register Now! Are you new to Canada or new to our community, transferring or have a new learner getting ready to start school for the first time? Register now at any one of our 9 Catholic Schools. Registration forms at www.mhcbe.ab.ca click on Registration.

Listen to our newest Radio Ad promoting February Registration in MH Catholic Schools.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PRESENTS! Disney's Aladdin JR.



The story you know and love has been given the royal treatment. This new adaptation of the beloved story will open up "a whole new world".

On stage at the Esplanade April 10th & 11th Tickets \$15 <u>www.tixx.ca</u>

SFX ACADEMY @ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL – Mr. Nick Gale, Principal of St. Francis Xavier School



gave a presentation to the Board of the "new" Sports Academy starting in September 2019 for grades 4-6. The academy will focus on physical literacy offering skill development in *Volleyball, Soccer, Baseball* and *Basketball*. Find

out all about the program and how to register at <u>www.mhcbe.ab.ca</u> or call the school at **403.527.7223**. In addition, an *Excellence Program* will be offered focusing on numeracy & literacy with enrichment activities in robotics and computer programming.

EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARD – The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce *Mr. Ron Blackmer*, Principal of St. Michael's School as the recipient of the **2019** <u>Excellence in Catholic Education Award</u>. Mr. Blackmer will be formally recognized at the March 12th, 2019 Board Meeting at 6 p.m., general public is welcome to attend. Congratulations Mr. Blackmer.

SCHOOL FEES – The Board's begun the process to approve the School Fees for the **2019-2020 school year** including consultation with

"Showing the face of Christ to all."

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Schools and School Councils. The Board also approved 1st reading of **Policy 2-Role of The Board** replacing article 9.12: "Annually approve instructional/general fees for all students" with "*Approve school fees as defined by the Minister of Education*". School fees will be approved at an upcoming Board Meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

RENEWAL (IMR) PLAN – The Board amended the 2018-2019 IMR plan to include the construction of a *barrier free washroom at St. Francis Xavier School* with the project total cost of \$180,000 not including non-refundable GST.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE – An RFP was solicited for grounds maintenance of Medicine Hat Catholic School District's properties for the 2019 season (May 1, 2019 to Oct 31, 2019). The RFP closed February 15, 2019. Results will be shared with the Board.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE REVIEW – Our School District is engaging in an Out of School Care Review that will look at programs currently being offered *before & after school* in each of our Catholic elementary schools. The objective is to *provide consistency* and *effectiveness and efficiency* within the programs. Over the next several months we will collect and *compile data relating to programming, fee structure* and *registration processes*. Results and recommendations will be presented to the Board and shared with stakeholders once completed.

Catholic Schools are a publicly funded, vibrant part of the public education system in Alberta. There is no tuition to attend a Catholic School in Alberta. We welcome both Catholic and non-Catholic students to enrol in any one of our 9 Catholic schools. We offer a full complement of English & French Immersion programming from Kindergarten to Grade 12 including many programs of choice. In addition, Early Learning Programs are offered in each of our Elementary Schools.

Come, Experience Catholic Schools. All are Welcome!

