NEXT CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 @ 4:30pm Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education 1251 1 Ave SW, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8B4

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD BULLETIN

FAITH FORMATION DAY



On August 25, our division gathered together for our first <u>Faith Formation Day of the 2022-2023</u> school year.

We started our day by meeting at the Medicine Hat College where we had Catholic musician and speaker, Chris Bray, sing and speak to us on 'How God Wants to Transform Our Hearts' and 'How God Wants to Use Us to Reach Others.'

In the afternoon, we gathered together for a division-wide mass at Holy Family Parish where mass was led by Bishop William McGrattan. We recognized and welcomed our new staff (from September 1, 2021 - August 25, 2022) We finished our Faith Formation Day with Swirls and socializing.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The division is implementing a new Administrative Procedure called 'Disconnecting from Work.' This AP is a way to respect the work-life balance of staff, students, and families. Employees are not to be expected to engage in business activity outside of work hours. For more information: Click Here.



One of the four strategic priorities of the Board is "Health and Wellness" for staff and students. The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education is committed to the health, well-being, and the work-life balance of its employees, as well as the continued safety and efficiency of its operations. The purpose of this administrative procedure is to identify the Divisions expectations and requirements with respect to the ability of employees to disconnect from work.

SCHOOL START-UP!



Back to school has been very exciting in our division. September has been a busy month full of activities. It is wonderful to see our staff and students back in our hallways again!

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION & ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools dedicate September 30 as a day of reflection and education.

The month of September schools has been used to promote knowledge and understanding on reconciliation and learning about the history of Indigenous history & culture while acknowledging residential schools.



From September 26-30, our Indigenous Support Worker, Rod Willier, will be visiting each school to share a presentation on Truth and Reconciliation.

On September 30, each student will hang a paper orange shirt on a designated bulletin board to recognize and remember those affected by Residential Schools. A moment of silence will be held across the division at 2:15 p.m. followed by a prayer.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION UPDATE

The <u>International Education Program</u> currently has 72 students for the 2022-2023 school year! We welcome them all to Canada!

