



November 2011 Newsletter

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Monsignor McCoy High School

McCoy Monthly Newsletter

Please subscribe to our school newsletter on the McCoy website www.mccoyschool.ca to keep up-to-date on what is happening around our school. Hard copies will be available for pick up at the front office window counter. Parents/guardians and/or students can pick up a hard copy at the beginning of each month.

Academic Awards Night

Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 pm @ the Medicine Hat College Theatre

Congratulations to the Monsignor McCoy Cross Country Team!

We had a team of twelve athletes who participated in events such as the Eagle Butte Invitational Run, Redi Run, Breast Cancer Awareness Run, Zone 6 Meet as well as the Alberta Provincial Cross country Meet in Elkwater, AB. Three of our athletes qualified to represent McCoy at Provincials. WELL DONE!!

Team Members:

Jessie Hoffart- top 6 finish at Zones; qualified for Provincials- ran personal best 5km time

Fofie Kamara- top 13 finish at Zones; qualified for Provincials

Victoria King- top 15 finish at Zones; qualified for Provincials

Braden Weisgerber **Shane Lewans**

Yallah Sumo **Hardy Ufo**

Blake Stark **Kang Buong**

Dylan Harnack **Niko Ehmann**

Megan Shupe **Coach: Deanna Burzminski**



Work Experience Students - are reminded that their **October timesheets** are due to the work experience office by November 4. **If you have questions or concerns in meeting this deadline, you must speak with Ms. Rebbeck or Mr. Immel.**

Band Parents Meeting - Monday November 28, 2011 @ 7 pm in the band room.

The Friends of McCoy Society is holding their General Annual Meeting on November 23, 2011 at 7:00pm in the board room at Monsignor McCoy High School. We would like to welcome all parents that would like to come out and be part of the Friends of McCoy Society.

Attention Parents!

Have you moved? Changed jobs? Changed your home or cell phone number? Please make sure the school has the most up-to-date information. In the event of an emergency, it is imperative that we are able to get in touch with you.

SCHOOL FEES



Thank you to all who have paid their school fees.

Parents, if you have not yet paid your child's school fees, please do so asap or call the McCoy office to make arrangements for payment. Fee payments can be made at the school office by cash, cheque, MC or VISA. Parents/guardians must clear up school fees promptly. If you have any concerns, please contact McCoy Administration at 527-8161.

Student Services (Counsellors: Mr. Hendricks & Mrs. Richard)

Student Services are available to all students for the purpose of facilitating learning that results in intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual and physical growth. The following counselling services are available:

- (1) Academic Advising
- (2) Personal Referral Counselling
- (3) Career Planning

Grade 12

Post-secondary Scholarship info is available in the counselors office.
For graduation requirements see Mr. Hendricks or Mrs. Richard.

School Resource Officer

City of Medicine Hat Police Officer Const. Roberts is available to assist in classes, to provide confidential consults to students and staff and to serve as a liaison between the local police force, school and community.

Mental Health

There will be a Mental Health Counsellor at McCoy one day per week providing confidential support to students through a school counsellor referral. They counsel students dealing with a variety of emotional and mental health issues.

McCoy Administration

Administrators have the following responsibilities:

Mr. Pudwell (Principal)	Students with last names beginning with M-Z
Mr. Bauche (Vice Principal)	Students with last names beginning with A to L

MONTHLY MASS AT MONSIGNOR McCOY

Monsignor McCoy will be holding an optional monthly mass for all students, staff, and parents on the first Wednesday of each month. The mass will begin at 11:00 am in the drama room.

Catholic Education Sunday

Please join the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association and the Alberta Conference of Catholic Bishops in celebrating Catholic Education Sunday on November 6, 2011. This is a time for rejoicing in the gifts of our Catholic Schools. This year's theme is 'Open Wide the Doors'.

Academic Awards

Congratulations to our Academic Award recipients! We would like to acknowledge and thank all of our partners who contributed to Monsignor McCoy academic award winners.

Alberta Heritage Fund	Medicine Hat Hockey Hounds
Auto Star CompuSystems Inc.	Medicine Hat Kiwanis
Cactus Communications	Medicine Hat Musical Theatre Scholarship
Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 829	Medicine Hat Rotary Club
Cancarb Ltd.	Merit Contractors
Catholic Education Foundation	MNP LLP
City of Medicine Hat	Monsignor McCoy Band Parents' Association
Community View Lions Club	Monsignor McCoy Marketing
DQ Grill and Chill - Crescent Heights	Moritz Masonry and Tile Supply
Dean Fitzpatrick Council - Knights of Columbus	Nexen
Dynamic Hair Studios	Niwa Crane
Dynamic Industrial Solutions	Pharmasave
Enerplus	Rob Stroh's Plumbing and Heating
Father Seewaldt #7325 Knights of Columbus	SC Photo
Firehall Theatre Award	St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League
Goodyear Canada Inc.	Studio Select
Holy Family Parish Catholic Women's League	Traxx Coachlines
Joe McKenna Council - Knights of Columbus	U.N.D.E. Local 911 Non Profit Society & Fire Fighters of C.F.B. Suffield Fire Dept
Medicine Hat 5 Pin Bowling Association	Western Financial Group
Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education	Shirley Cybertowicz Trust
Medicine Hat Catholic Teachers	



Medicine Hat Musical Theatre Presents
Its 50th Anniversary Production...

the SOUND of MUSIC

November 18, 19, 23, 24, 25 & 26
at 8:00 p.m.
One Matinee on November 20 at 2:00 p.m.
\$30.00, plus GST & Esplanade Service Charge

Dinner & Show Package on
Opening Night-November 18
\$65.00, plus GST & Esplanade Service Charge
Dinner Served in The Esplanade Studio Theatre

NET TEAM

We are still looking for Host Family's who would welcome 2-3 NET members into their home for a 2 week period. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Dianna Frey at (403) 527-4338 or hdfrey@shaw.ca and, we are also looking for volunteers who could provide snacks for the activities which the NET ministries have planned for the Youth of our Parish's. If you are able to volunteer please contact Trish Carr at (403) 529-6824 or btcarr@shaw.ca. Any other inquiries regarding the National Evangelization Team please direct to Donna Schmunk at (403) 527-9661 or donnaschmunk@gmail.com, or Ray Bosch at (403) 526-7262 or rayboschlifeteen@yahoo.ca. Thank you for your support.

the GRINCH
a pantomime by limelight scripts

2011 show dates:
DEC 9th, 10th - 7:30 PM
DEC 11th - 2:00 PM
DEC 15th, 16th, and 17th
Medicine Hat - 7:30 PM
1221 10th Ave SW
Musical Theatre Playhouse

Tickets: www.mhmttheatre.com
Della Jesse 403-502-3477

Children \$10 Adults \$20
(under 12) must be accompanied by an adult

sponsored by: Medicine Hat Musical Theatre
CELEBRATING MHMTs 50th ANNIVERSARY

Celebrate!

On Monday, November 28th the students and staff of Monsignor McCoy will gather to celebrate the beginning of the new liturgical year and the start of the Advent season. Our liturgy committee is busy behind the scenes crafting a multi-media presentation to help move our hearts towards a renewed sense of Christ's coming into our world. It is at this time we also do our yearly kickoff for the Children's Christmas Tree and fund-raiser for the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter.

Information Session

As part of Addictions Week, there will be a parent information session presented by Maria Mwaura on Addiction/Drug use November 16th at 6:30-7:30 p.m at Monsignor McCoy High School. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Keep Voting

Please keep voting for the outdoor classroom for St Patrick's School until 9 am on November 4th. Voters have one chance of winning \$10,000 for every vote submitted! They are in second place! www.majesta.com

LOTS Fundraiser

The LOTS class has established a Web Store with Regal Products to fundraise much needed funds for their Ottawa trip. Family and Friends can shop at www.mmhs.shopregal.ca Thank you for your support!

Foods Class

The MMHS FOODS CLASS needs clean ice cream pails or small/medium/large food safe containers or jars for the Foods lab. Please bring them to the school office or the Home Ec Room.

Thanking you in advance!
Ms. Tomcala (Foods Teacher)



Medicine Hat Community Basketball Association
Youth Basketball League

- A fair-play house league consisting of one practice and one game/week
- For boys and girls in grades 5-7
- Does not conflict with school basketball
- Runs Nov 22/11 – Mar 11/12

*Register online at www.rangersbasketballclub.ca or call 403-548-7286
Spots are limited, register early to guarantee your spot.*



MONSIGNOR McCOY HIGH SCHOOL WORK EXPERIENCE SATUTES



KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN

**Thank you Ken and Laura and
assistant Damon (WE Grad 2009)
for your continued support!**



Youth Ministry News

Bulletin Board

November 2

Mass at Monsignor McCoy
in the Drama Room at Lunch
with Father Roque (Rockstar)

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November 11-13

SEARCH @ Monsignor McCoy High School
Grades 10-12

For more info, go to www.mmhsym.com

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Team Kinect Meetings Every Wednesday at
3:00pm in the Lounge

November 9

November 16

November 23

November 30

For more info on Team Kinect
visit www.mmhsym.com

Journey of Faith for Teens

A letter was sent out to every Monsignor McCoy Student inviting them to a program called Journey of Faith for Teens which will allow them to catch up on any Sacraments they've missed (Baptism, First Communion, Reconciliation, or Confirmation) in a comfortable setting with youth their own age.

The sessions are tentatively set to begin on Thursday, November 17 at Lunch and continue weekly. If you are interested, please contact Lance Rosen - lance.rosen@mhcbce.ab.ca

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Monsignor McCoy Youth Ministry Website -
www.mmhsym.com



Jesus said to his disciples:

"Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge,
each with his own work,
and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

First Sunday of Advent – A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Advent: A Time of Preparation:

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and thus refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily. (cont. on next page)



The Symbols of Advent:

The Advent wreath is a commonly recognized symbol. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the mid-point of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. Every other Sunday of Advent, the priests wear purple vestments. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead. The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Some modern day adaptations include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. Another tradition is to replace the three purple and one rose candles with four white candles, which will be lit throughout Christmas season.

Celebrating Advent:

We can better enjoy Christmas - all 12 days of it, from Christmas Day to Epiphany (Jan. 6) if we revive Advent as a period of preparation. We can incorporate such customs as the Advent wreath, the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena, and the Jesse Tree into our daily ritual, and we can set some time aside for special scripture readings for Advent, which remind us of the threefold coming of Christ. Holding off on putting up the Christmas tree and other decorations is another way to remind ourselves that the feast is not here yet. Traditionally, such decorations were put up on Christmas Eve, but they would not be taken down until after Epiphany (Jan 6), in order to celebrate the Christmas season to its fullest!

But, the bottom line is...

Keep Watch!

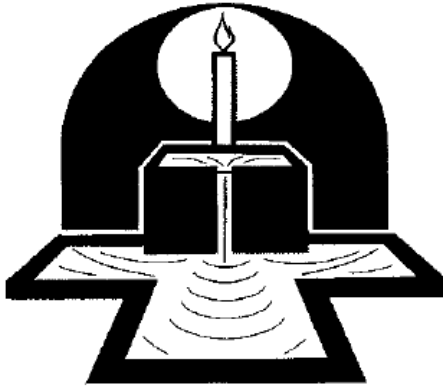
We don't want to end up like these guys...

Happy Advent!

Sources:

www.catholiceducation.org
catholicism.about.com





WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY PARISH

1451 Strachan Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1B 4V3

Phone: 403-527-6933 Fax: 403-526-2482

e-mail: contact@holyfamilymh.ca

website: www.holyfamilymh.ca

MASS TIMES: Saturday - 5:00 pm; Sunday - 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm or by appointment with priest

Pastor - Fr. Philip Le; **Associate Pastor** - Fr. Roque Pereira

Parish Office open Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (closed Statutory Holidays)

PRAYING FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Traditionally in the Catholic Church in November, we pray in a special way for all who have died. Everyone is invited to come and pray for departed loved ones, relatives, friends and the souls in Purgatory.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

beginning after 7:00 pm Mass on Tuesday, November 1 (All Saint's Day)

to 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 2 (All Soul's Day).

During Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament someone must be present at all times with Jesus.

If you can be present during the Adoration time, please sign-up on the schedule in the Greeting Area.

Memorial Mass on Wednesday, November 2 in Holy Family Church at 7:00 pm.

At this Mass all the names will be read of those who had a funeral in our parish in the past year.

Have you met the NET Team yet? Come to Mass and meet Kyle, Isaac, Joel, Rachel, Bernadette, Gloria, Tanya and Lauren. They have planned great events: **EQUIP** for students in grades 6 to 9 (November 25 and December 9 from 7 - 9 pm in the hall) and **UNCHAINED** for students in grades 10 to 12 (November 20, 27 and December 4, 11 after 6:00 pm Mass in the hall). We are looking for **host families** to accommodate 2 or 3 members at a time for two weeks. Please call Dianna (403-527-4338) or Anabelle (403-458-2699) for further information.

FAMILY GIFT SHARING SUNDAY will be held on the **First Sunday of Advent November 26 and 27**. Every year Holy Family Parish tries to make the Christmas season more enjoyable for families and individuals in need in our community by donating gifts of either unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items or monetary donations. Bring your gifts to the altar that weekend. Thank you.

CATHOLICS COMING HOME: Confused Catholic? Inactive Catholic? Alienated Catholic? If you are away from the Church or are drifting away from it, if you've been hurt by the Church or are confused or angry, please consider this an invitation to come and talk to us. The program is held on **Tuesdays** in the Faith Room at 7:30 pm. Please call Fr. Philip (403-527-6933) or Kathy (403-529-9731) for more information.

PARISH BREAKFAST: Come to the parish breakfast on **Sunday, November 20** in the parish hall after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses. The Knights of Columbus always put on a great breakfast!

REDISCOVERING CATHOLICISM is held in the parish hall on **Thursdays** from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Come and join us when you can! The first seven sessions will focus on the different aspects of the Eucharist, God's gift for the world.

For more information, please check the weekly bulletin at the church or on our website.

BOARD BULLETIN

October 11, 2011 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – The Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education *re-elected* Mr. Peter Grad for Board Chair and Mrs. Jodi Churla for Board Vice-Chair for the 2011 - 2012 school year. Congratulations were extended to both Trustees.

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."



In Picture: Miss Ayaka Boris & Mr. Peter Grad, Board Chair

AMBASSADOR FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION – The Board of Trustees acknowledged Miss Ayaka Boris a student from Notre Dame Academy for winning the *Government of Alberta's "Great Kid" Award*. Ayaka was introduced by Mr. Kelly Wilkinson, her former Principal from St. Francis Xavier School. Ayaka was recognized for her outstanding community contribution in the work she did for victims of last year's earthquake and tsunami disaster in Japan; by folding and selling paper cranes - a symbolic item in Japan representing good luck and wish fulfillment - Ayaka raised **\$1,053** for **Red Cross** disaster relief. The Board presented her with an Ambassador for Catholic Education Award. **Congratulations Ayaka!**

ranked as excellent in specific areas. The Board has directed Administration to celebrate this success by communicating these results to our School, Parish & the larger community of Medicine Hat, Bow Island, Dunmore & Redcliff. The Board commends our students, staff & parents for these fantastic results.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL BOW ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMING REVIEW & COMMUNITY MEETING – The Consultant will present the report of the *St. Michael's High School Programming Review* at the Tuesday, November 8th, 2011 Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. This board meeting will be video-conferenced to St. Michael's School in Bow Island and will be broadcast in the Library; this will allow the parent community in Bow Island to hear the report first-hand from the Consultant. The Board of Trustees has scheduled a **Parent Meeting for Wednesday, November 30, 2011 @ 6:30 pm @ St. Michael's School** to review the Consultants report.

FINANCIAL AUDIT – The Board received the *Audit Engagement* letter from Meyers Norris Penny. MNP will return in November to present the Audited Financial Statement (AFS) for Board approval at the November 24, 2011 Special Board Meeting.

ATA LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING - The Board unanimously ratified the *Letter of Understanding* from the ATA regarding limited negotiations to address certain items within the current Collective Agreement.

BISHOP'S DINNER – The Board purchased 4 tickets for the Annual Bishop's Dinner in Calgary. The proceeds from the event will support elder care with funds to: **Assisted Living Project for Priests** and **Father Lacombe Health Care Foundation**. Trustees will report on the event at the November Board Meeting.

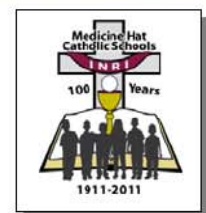
ASBA PARAMETERS FOR A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT – The Board unanimously agreed to allow the ASBA to represent the Board's interests in discussions with the *Government of Alberta* and the *Alberta Teachers' Association* with the aim of concluding a provincial framework agreement addressing: *Terms, School Board Funding, Teacher Salaries* and a Dispute Resolution Mechanism.

PREMIER'S DINNER – The Board purchased 5 tickets for the Premier's Dinner held in Medicine Hat. Trustees will report on the event at the November Board Meeting.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMUNITY MEETING – The Board will host a community meeting to engage the *Parish, the School Division* and *Community Group Members* on important topics including: **Sacramental Preparation, Bill 18** & the pending **New School Act, National Evangelization Teams (NET)** and **Youth Ministry**. This meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2011 and is extended by invitation.

★ **CENTENNIAL BISHOP'S DINNER (JUNE 09, 2012) TICKETS** are now on sale. Purchase now and secure a table for yourself and your family or close friends. Either purchase individually or become a "Friend of the Centennial" and as a Sponsor, receive complimentary tickets. Proceeds to: *Youth Ministry & A Retirement Residence for Priests*.



★ **History Book Launch – Watch for details;** reserve your History Book today; call the Centennial Office.

★ For **Tickets, Events Information & Sponsorship** opportunities call the Centennial Office @ 403.502.8356 or log onto www.mhcbce.ab.ca

PARISH PRIEST MEETINGS – The Board and the Parish Priests from *Holy Family, St. Patrick's* and *St. Michael's Parish* in Bow Island will meet to discuss topics relating to Catholic education and relationship building of the Home, School, Church partnership.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL SURVEY & COMMUNITY MEETING – The Superintendent of Schools circulated a survey to parents & guardians of students @ St. Patrick's School to determine **their view on the issue of over utilization** (over crowding). Currently there are schools in the Division under-utilized which could accommodate students from St. Patrick's School. Parents were asked to express their opinion on a number of different questions including: *Transferring to another School, the use of Modulars, Grade Configuration and Boundary Changes*. The Board will hold a Public Meeting at St. Patrick's School to discuss the results of the survey and a moving forward strategy. The Meeting is scheduled for **Tues. Nov 1 @ 7pm** at the **School**.



2012 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Nominate an outstanding Teacher or Principal today.

Nomination packages are available on line @

www.education.gov.ab.ca/teachers/excellence.asp

✠ Remembrance Day - Nov 11 ✠

We Pray and Give Thanks to our Country's Veteran's

For the Nations of the World: "that they may come to work together in harmony and peace for the good of all, we pray to the Lord".

ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR RESULTS – The Board wishes to celebrate the **success of the results of the Accountability Pillar**, this report is the school division's "Report Card". The results are very good and indicate that we are a **High Performing School Division in Alberta!** Many schools and programs are

The next regular Catholic School Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 08, 2011 @ 6:00 pm @ the Catholic School Board Office, 1251 - 1st Avenue SW., Medicine Hat. Everyone is welcome to attend.



November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Day 1 Academic Awards Night 7 pm at the College Theatre	2 Day 2	3 Day 1	4 Day 2 WE Timesheets Due	5
6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 1	10 Day 2 Report cards Sent Home	11 Remembrance Day No School	12
13	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 1 Wouldn't be caught dead in dress up day	19
20	21 Day 2 Bubble Campaign Kick Off	22 Day 1	23 Day 2 Friends of McCoy General Annual Mtg. @ 7pm in the Board Room	24 Day 1	25 PD Day No School	26
27 First Sunday of Advent	28 Day 2 Band Parents Mtg. 7pm in the Band Room	29 Day 1	30 Day 2			