



# September 2012 Newsletter

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# Monsignor McCoy High School

## McCoy Monthly Newsletter

Please subscribe to our school newsletter on the McCoy website [www.mccoyhighschool.ca](http://www.mccoyhighschool.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.

Welcome	9:00 am
Spiritual Kick Off	9:15 am
Teacher/Grad Competitions	9:50 am
Activities and Contests	10:15 pm
Lunch (Supplied)	11:00 am
GFX Dance/Hypnotist	1:00 pm
Video Dance	9-12 pm

# Red Day

**Friday, September 7th**  
**All day at the**  
**Field House**

## School Photos



School photos  
will be taken on  
Thursday,  
September 6th  
Please mark your  
calendar!

## WELCOME NEW STAFF

Mrs. Monica Braat  
Mrs. Tara Enszt  
Mr. Nick Gale  
Miss Kate Litvak  
Mrs. Katie Rosen  
Mr. Tom Shemko

Miss Kaley Sulz  
Mrs. Karen Geiger  
Mrs. Diane Hope  
Mrs. Yolanda Kilback  
Mrs. Patti Wagman  
Mrs. Carolyn Zimmer

## 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.

**McCoy Band Parents' Association Meeting**  
will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm.



**McCoy School Council's Annual General Meeting**  
All parents of McCoy students: The first School Council meeting for the 2012-13 school year will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the school library. Everyone welcome.



## SCHOOL FEES

All School Fees must be paid by Monday, October 15, 2012. Outstanding Fees from last year will be added onto this invoice. Fee payments can be made at the school office by cash, cheque, 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. Wagman)

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 - Mr. Hendricks
- (2) Personal Referral Counselling - Mrs. Patti Wagman
- (3) Career Planning - Mr. Hendricks

## Grade 12

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

## 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. Bauche (Principal)  
Mr. Burzminski (Vice Principal)

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## Yearbooks

2012-2013 yearbooks can be purchased for \$40. **RESERVE YOUR COPY TODAY.** There will be a number of 2011-2012 yearbooks which will be available for purchase for the same price. (Available on a first come, first served basis at the front office once they arrive.) Mr. Immel is looking for students to assist in the production of this year's yearbook. If photography, graphic design, or desktop publishing interest you, please see Mr. Immel for more info.

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## Locks & Lockers

Please make sure that you are using the locker that was assigned to you. If you have lost or misplaced your lock, you may purchase another lock from the school office. Replacement locks cost \$10.00. These locks are owned by the student and must be kept throughout their high school years. **School Issued locks are mandatory!**



## School Busses

Totem Transportation provides transportation for students to and from school. Parents/guardians may contact Totem at 403 527-6986 or [www.totemtransportation.com](http://www.totemtransportation.com) for pick up times and locations or any other concerns.

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## Work Experience Students

Are reminded that their **August timesheets** are due to the work experience office by September 4. **If you have questions or concerns in meeting this deadline, you must speak with Ms. Rebbeck or Mr. Immel.**

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# ***BACK TO SCHOOL A MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY***

***“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.” – Mother Teresa***



Together as we venture into the 2012-13 school year, I would like to extend a sincere welcome to all our students, staff, and the entire school community to another exciting year. I hope that everyone had a chance to relax, rejuvenate, and spend time with your family and friends on this well-deserved summer break.

Congratulations to all the students and staff on their continued success in building our Division into an educational family based on faith, morals, and academics. It is your enthusiasm, determination and collaborative working habits that have resulted in our outstanding Accountability Pillar Report from Alberta Education.

This year will be particularly special as we embark on many new programs throughout the Division. Our Elementary Schools are working together on offering ***Levelled Literacy Intervention*** which aligns with our new Division Cycle 5 AISI project on “***Differentiated Instruction***”. Our Middle Schools are extending their successful ***Academy Programming*** by offering classes in Career and Technology Studies along with discovery classes that are engaging, motivating and intellectual for all students. Monsignor McCoy High School has also expanded their programming which correlates with the academy focus at the middle and elementary schools by offering both a ***Fine Arts and Sports Excellence Program***. They also offer dual credits with the Medicine Hat College in English, Math, and Studio Art Advanced Placement accelerated programs. Community partnerships have been formed with the ***Medicine Hat College*** and ***Hometown Acting Studio*** to enhance program selection and instruction. ***French Immersion*** has also been extended this upcoming year with 40 minutes of oral French provided to our students each day. St. Michael’s School in Bow Island has significantly expanded their ***Virtual Learning Programming*** to include ***One-on-One Computing***; and in addition have expanded programming options in the area of Career & Technology Studies including work experience and job preparation in ***Agriculture*** and ***Process Operations, Construction and Foods & Recreation***.

A special welcome to all our new students; those just starting out in Pre-School and our Kindergarten classrooms and to all others that might be joining us for the first time or returning to our Division.

As we journey into the 2012-13 school year we will continue our mission: “***In partnership with family, church and community we will provide Catholic Education of the highest quality to our students.***”

God Bless and welcome back!

Clyde Pudwell, Superintendent of Schools  
Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education  
September 2012

## Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance

For your convenience, we have made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance offers protection against the unexpected costs of injury from accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- The full school year (September to September), 24 hours a day, whether at school or at home;
- Expenses that are often limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or Provincial Health Insurance Plans - such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more;
- Injury-related dental treatment (including future dental treatment up to age 26);
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses.

If your address changes during the school year, your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance plan is transferable from school to school, anywhere in Canada.

Insurance premiums are \$13.50 and \$31.95 per year, depending on the plan selected, and your child is covered all the time, not just while at school. A discounted premium is available for families with 3 or more children.

For more information or to apply online, please visit [www.kidsplus.ca](http://www.kidsplus.ca), or speak with a Kids Plus™ Client Service Administrator at 1-800-556-7411.



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## HomeLogic

If you had a HomeLogic account last year, your username/password will continue to work here at McCoy. Please continue to access this site for information regarding marks, fees, attendance, etc.

If you do not have a HomeLogic account, please follow these step-by-step directions for getting a password:

Step by step directions for registering for Homellogic:

1. Go to Homellogic home page at <http://homellogic.mhcbe.ab.ca>
2. Click on New User?
3. On the new user screen, click next.
4. Select Parent/Guardian tab, click next
5. The self registration fields derive from the information provided on registration forms:
  - a. Enter your first name/last name.
  - b. Enter your child's Legal First name/Last name
6. Click on the register button. You will then be prompted to enter your e-mail address.
7. Once completed, you will see a message stating:  
***Self registration successssful.***

***Your new Login Name and Password have been emailed to your email address on file***

***Please contact the school if you don't receive the email***

## MY BASKETBALL

Grades 3 - 6 Programs



A six week introductory program consisting of quality instruction and extensive game play.

### Grades 3/4 Session

Mondays and Thursdays 6-7 pm

### Grades 4/5 Session

Wednesdays 6-7 pm and Thursdays 7-8 pm

### Grades 5/6 Session

Mondays and Wednesdays 7-8 pm

### Location and Dates

All sessions @ South Ridge YMCA  
Runs Sept 24 – Nov 1

### Cost

\$100 for MY Basketball Program only  
(includes reversible jersey and basketball)

\$250 for MY Basketball Program +  
MHCBA League

(includes reversible jersey, basketball & uniform)

## MY BASKETBALL

Grades 7 – 12 Prep Camps



Designed for those who wish to hone their skills and get in shape for the upcoming school season.

### Junior High "B" (grades 7/8)

Sundays 1:00-2:15 pm

### Junior High "A" (grades 8/9)

Sundays 2:15-3:30 pm

### Senior High (grades 10 – 12)

Sundays 3:30-4:45 pm

### Location and Dates

Sundays from Sept 23 - Oct 28 (except  
Thanksgiving weekend Oct 7) @ South Ridge  
YMCA

### Cost

\$50 for Prep Camp only

\$220 for Prep Camp + MHCBA League  
(available for grade 7's only)

## MEDICINE HAT COMMUNITY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



A fair play house league consisting of one team practice and one game per week.

### Grades 5 to 7 MHCBA League

Season runs Nov 26/12 – March 10/13

Each team will practice one week night evening per week and play one game per week on Sunday afternoon.

All participants receive a game uniform.

### Cost

\$200 for MHCBA League only

\$250 for MY Basketball Program +  
MHCBA League

(available for grade 5's & 6's only)

\$220 for Prep Camp + MHCBA League  
(available for grade 7's only)

### Help Wanted!

The MHCBA requires volunteer coaches and minor officials in order to operate. No formal experience is required. Training will be provided and each coach will receive a coach's package.

Please contact us if you or someone you know is interested in getting involved. The success of our program depends on you!

### TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:



[www.rangersbasketballclub.ca](http://www.rangersbasketballclub.ca)  
[rbchoops@telus.net](mailto:rbchoops@telus.net) or 403-548-7286  
Space is limited! Register early!

# Holy Family Parish

September 2012

## Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm



1451 Strachan Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1B-4V3 Phone: 403-527-6933 Fax: 403-526-2482

email: [contact@holyfamilymh.ca](mailto:contact@holyfamilymh.ca)

website: [www.holyfamilymh.ca](http://www.holyfamilymh.ca)

Office Hours: Monday to Friday - 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Closed on Statutory Holidays

Calgary Diocesan: [www.rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca](http://www.rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca)

Pastor - Rev. Philip Le

[frphilip@holyfamilymh.ca](mailto:frphilip@holyfamilymh.ca)

Associate Pastor -

Rev. Matthew Emmelkamp

[fmatthew@holyfamilymh.ca](mailto:fmatthew@holyfamilymh.ca)

Deacon - Rev. Mr. Robert Risling

Deacon - Rev. Mr. Bill Schnitzler

## Registration for First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation

Parents, please attend any one session to register your children for catechism classes in preparation to receive the above Sacraments. Parents take the responsibility to register their children, bring them to catechism classes and Mass, and to help them with their preparation. If your child was not baptized at Holy Family, please bring a certificate of Baptism with you.

### First Communion and First Reconciliation -

Children are usually in grade 2 or older and have received the sacrament of Baptism.

Confirmation - Children are usually in grade 6 or older and have received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Baptism - Parents are required to attend a Baptism preparation class and have a meeting with the priest or deacon. For more information on any of the Sacraments, please contact the parish office.



## Registration for First Communion First Reconciliation & Confirmation

Holy Family Parish Hall

Sunday Sept. 16 & 23 - 1:00 to 3:00 pm

St. Patrick's Church Hall

Sunday Sept. 19 & 23 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**PARENTS ONLY PLEASE.**

## ADULT MINISTRIES

"Catholics Coming Home" If you have been away from the Church for any reason, maybe it is your time to come home.

"RCIA" Do you desire to learn about The Catholic faith or are considering joining the Church. RCIA can help you on your journey.

"Rediscovering Catholicism" Learn more and grow in your faith as a Catholic.

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

All sacrament candidates will be asked to attend on average 2 classes a month, as well as participate in a NET (National Evangelization Team) activity such as Family Fun Day or Equip Night.

**Family Fun Day** - Saturdays 1:00 - 4:00pm alternating between St. Patrick's & Holy Family Parish's. Yup! The title says it all! Open to all families, twice a month the NET gang will be planning some great family activities that will be like Zany Fun! Come check it out!!

**Equip Night** - Friday Nights 7:00- 9:00pm alternating between St. Patrick's & Holy Family Parish's. For students Grades 6 to 9. Equip Night is a totally amazing time of high energy fun, hanging out with some pretty cool NET people, hearing some great music and oh yeah... FOOD!! I am so Not kidding you!!! You'll even learn a little more about Catholic faith! See ya there!!

**Unchained** - Sundays starting at the 6:00pm Mass at Holy Family Parish's. For Gr. 10 & Up. Fun & Fellowship!!!

# Monsignor McCoy High School June 2011 Honor Roll



**CONGRATULATIONS**

## HONOUR ROLL—REPORT 4 2011- 2012 GRADE 10

Specht, Jacinta — 95.71  
Hao, Angela — 95.00  
Stroh, Kiera — 94.33

Jackle, Daniel	Badry, Kendra	Swennumson, Taryn
Labbe, Matthew	McCrea, Sydney	Debler, Brandon
Steinke, Melissa	Votta, Jadeyn	Webb, Jaydan
Wittrock, Bryce)	Janzer, Lauren	Allison, Hannah
Pisoni, Tiana	Koch, Jessica	Etherington, David
Dodd, Kendra	Zimmer, Kirby	Thompson, Madison
MacKay, Zachary	Adams, Taylor	Gaetz, Anthony
Votta, Dominic	McGarry, Nicole	Chopek, Kevin
Wright, Madison	Volk, Alyssa	Johnson, Madison
Ball, Chantelle	Steinke, Amanda	Jeffrey, Sydney
Kennedy, Megan	Brown, Chris	Hole, Riley
Norris, Kristen	Zukowski, Colton	Getz, Aaron
Wandler, Maddie	Lachapelle, Branden	Wallace, Bryce
Eisenbarth, Sarah	Nunweiler, Amy	Leahy, Kathryn
Schottner, Francesca	Cross, Nicole	Dalla Longa, Austyn
Dupas, Sierra	Dookhun, Akshya	Schibler, Austin
MacPhail, Shelby	Fritzke, Danielle	Bohnet, Rebecca
Bielle, Danika	Ough, Gwen	Huband, Meagan
Churla, Ryann	Kagume, Saxon	Aasman, Jayna
Andrus, Madison	Hong, In-Tek	Watz, Alex
Myers, Stephen	Sharpe, Katie	Harty, Angelina
O'Fuarthain, Colm	Harvey, Samuel	Schafer, Brenden
Zubrecki, Mikala	Neilson, Danielle	Tumbach, Kayden
Lukacs, Travis	Leipert, Carissa	Red, Andre
Munro, Cassidy	Miller, Mackenzie	Whiskeyjack, Cree
	McBain, Shaelyn	

## HONOUR ROLL—REPORT 4 2011- 2012 GRADE 11

Penrod, Morgan — 98.20  
Loewen, Ada — 95.50  
Ball, Brianna — 93.60

O'Fuarthain, Daragh	Johnson, Tori
Hoffart, Jessie	Klaudt, Haley
King, Victoria	Sehn, Becca
Gill, Celine	Sehn, Wyatt
Hanson, Sean	Leist, Rebecca
Ho, Calvin	Rieger, Brian
Locke, Jillian	Burghardt, Bronwyn
Barth, Morgan	Noga, Anndee
Baadsgaard, Sydney	Hernandez Carrizales, David
Dolron, Tanner	Seitz, Kadon
Ogden, Ian	Talty, Maureen
Hoffman, Leanne	Frelick, Samantha
Plante, Ashley	Kunz, Scott
Stark, Blake	Sehn, Colin
Miller, Brayden	Harty, Dylan
Schmaltz, Tanner	Weinkauf, Chandler
Redden, Layne	Finley, Christian
Dattenberger, Shelby	Aldred, Amy
Delwo, Jared	Valk, Richelle
Hope, Shelby	Fandrick, Kennedy
Gloin, Quinlan	Spencer, Billie
Weinkauf, Chelsea	Marshall, Katrina
Beatty, Laurel	Anton, Rielen
Wandler, Nathaniel	Ufo, Hardy
Pahl, Madison	Velcoff, Kyle
Hellman, Mark	Schafer, Cole
Swaren, Logan	Heller, Mason
Gourlay, Luke	Calzadilla Cardenas, Luise Mar
Wenzel, Jackson	Ehret, Cassie
Glauser, Cherlee	Halldorson, Ashleigh
Geiger, Andrea	Sehn, Nathan

## HONOUR ROLL—REPORT 4 2011 - 2012 GRADE 12

MacKay, Marni — 93.67  
Ehmann, Nicholas — 93.00  
Kuntz, Jessica — 92.40

Arthur, Jacqueline	Sutton, Damon
Dooley, Alexandra	Cook, Dana
Lewans, Shane	Toresdahl, Austin
Gourlay, Amanda	Letskeman, Kelci
Kinch, Paul	Fausser, Nicole
McLeod, Brandon	Labbe, Marc
Anhelher, Tori	Matsalla, Cierra
van der Sloot, Katherine	Shupe, Megan
MacNeil, Kaylee	Smithdorf, Noelle
Sheardown, Brock	Harty, Jared
Miller, Ryan	Minor, Jake
Stull, Melissa	Ring, Tyler
Ulmer, Kody	Schaap, Kristine
MacKinnon, Brent	Singh, Kaylee
Albrecht, Shyanna	Murray, Logan
Fritzke, Mikayla	Young, Connor
Jaffray, Rianna	Bizio, Erik
Bodnaruk, Logan	Babyn, Eryk
Steiert, Jeffrey	Wagner, Brenden
Weisgerber, Austin	Bulac, Vlad
Bruised Head, Jade	Okrainec, Courtney
Jeffrey, Taylor	Romanluk, Tanner
Bacelonias, Joshua	Hoffman, Julie
	Johnson, Cordell

## Advantages of being in Work Experience

Any student who is currently working or will work is eligible for work experience credits. There are many benefits for students who earn credits in work experience.

### High School Diploma and Graduation Benefits

- 15 credits may be used to earn a high school diploma
- Grade 12's can use up to 15 credits of work experience to help them be on the first grad list ( 90 earned credits by the end of semester one of their graduation year)
- Students can fulfill the high school diploma requirement of needing 10 credits in Grade 12 level courses other than English and Social by completing Work Experience 35.



### Timetable Advantage

- Students may have up to a 3-credit spare in grade 11, if they have completed or are completing 10 credits of work experience. Otherwise, Grade 11's are not allowed any spares. (work experience credits earned in grade 10 qualify for the grade 11 spare)
- Grade 12 students are required to carry a minimum of 30 credits in courses in their grade 12 year, but students may use 10 credits of work experience to assist in meeting this 30 credit load requirement. ( credits earned in grade 10 or 11 can be banked for the grade 12 year)

### Alexander Rutherford Scholarship

\*see back of sheet for requirements

\*this scholarship is open to all students in Alberta

- The mark in Work Experience 15, 25, and 35 can be used to help students qualify for the Alexander Rutherford Scholarship (\$300 to \$400 for grade 10) (\$500 to \$800 for grade 11) and (\$700 to \$1300 for grade 12) (the lower amount is for a 75% average and the higher amount is for an 80% average)

### Financial Incentives Work Experience Bonus and Credit Completion Scholarship

- Students can also work toward the work experience bonus or use the work experience credits to qualify for the credit completion scholarship of up to \$500



***Please read the FAQ's in your registration booklet.  
For detailed information about work experience or see the  
work experience supervisor.***

# REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (RAP)

## For High School Students Monsignor McCoy High School

The Registered Apprenticeship Program (called RAP) is a modified apprenticeship program that permits a high school student to become an apprentice while attending high school.

A RAP apprentice accumulates hours of on-the-job training as credit toward his or her apprenticeship, and credit toward a high school diploma.

### Why RAP?

- Skilled trades people are in short supply. A RAP apprentice begins learning a skilled trade.
- RAP gives employers an opportunity to find quality young employees, and to participate in their educational process.
- RAP offers an enriched high school education and provides an opportunity to learn the skills industry needs.
- A RAP apprentice gets a realistic look at the work world and learns employability skills.

### Who can employ a RAP Apprentice?

Anyone who is eligible to employ an apprentice can employ a RAP apprentice.

### How is a RAP Apprentice different from a regular apprentice?

- A RAP apprentice is a full-time high school student.
- A RAP apprentice must be paid at least minimum wage.
- Apprenticeship's formal or technical training is delayed until the RAP student completes high school.
- Alberta Education is responsible for Worker's Compensation coverage for RAP apprentices.

### Employer Benefits:

- Builds a community based work force
- WCB – covered by Alberta Education
- Guidance by workplace mentor
- Participate in the development of your future work force
- Integrates trade training in high school education process
- Develops employability skills, feedback and performance review
- Participates in education process
- Assists with shortage in trades
- Minimizes cost of training

### How much time does a RAP apprentice spend on the job?

The employer, the student/parent, and the school determine the hours of work.

- Grade 10: Majority of the students begin in the summer following Grade 10 with a 125 hour pre-RAP internship prior to registering with Apprenticeship and Industry Training. They work full time during the Grade 10 summer.
- In Grade 11, students may continue as a RAP apprentice working after school, weekends, and holidays, and returning full time during the summer following Grade 11.
- In Grade 12, students may continue as a RAP apprentice working after school, weekends, and holidays. Most try to arrange their timetables to accommodate in one semester a half-day at the workplace during the Grade 12 school year.

### What are the entrance requirements?

- Good academic standing, particularly in Math, Science and English
- Excellent attendance at school, good citizenship and attitude
- HCS 3000 Job Preparation Module
- CSTS Safety Training prior to placement
- 125 hours Work Experience (pre-RAP Internship, pay optional)



**If any students are interested in RAP – contact Mr. Immel by  
phone 952-6061  
or e-mail [warren.immel@mhcbe.ab.ca](mailto:warren.immel@mhcbe.ab.ca)  
Selection by application, screening and interview !**

## **FAIR NOTICE PROCEDURE**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The safety of our children is a top priority. The staff of the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education has been involved in intensive safety training with our community partners including the Medicine Hat Police Service, Child and Family Services and Alberta Health Services - Mental Health. Together we have developed a protocol for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

The Division has developed a protocol regarding responding to threat making and high-risk student behaviors. In order to enhance a sense of safety and security in all our schools, the Division has zero tolerance for not responding to high-risk behaviors. Should any student engage in behavior which threatens or appears to threaten the safety of others, our protocol for dealing with threat making and high-risk behaviors will be activated. Administrative Procedure 355: Assessing Violence Potential of Threat Making and High-Risk Student Behaviours is available on the division website at [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca). Further information may also be obtained about the protocol by contacting Mr. Hugh Lehr, Associate Superintendent Learning Services @ 403-502-8361 or Mr. Clyde Pudwell, Superintendent of Schools @ 403-502-8347.

This letter complies with the procedure 2, which states that parents/guardians will be provided with “fair notice” that each threat will be taken seriously. This notice will be posted in school newsletters on an annual basis.

Yours truly,



Clyde Pudwell  
Superintendent of Schools

Reference: Administrative Procedure 355 – Assessing Violence Potential of Threat Making and High-Risk Student Behaviors  
<http://new.mhcbe.ab.ca/docs/library/AdministrativeProcedure355.pdf>



# SILENT AUCTION AND TAILGATE FUNDRAISER



**SEPTEMBER 21 @ METHANEX BOWL  
5 pm CHHS VS COLTS**

**Come on out and grab a burger at the tailgater and the bid on the Auction  
All proceeds to the COLTS FOOTBALL PROGRAM!**

**BRING YOUR BOTTLES FOR THE BOTTLE DRIVE**

## Rangeland Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>
Fri, 31 Aug 2012	League Bye		
Sat, 01 Sep 2012	League Bye		
Fri, 07 Sep 2012	5:00 PM	MHHS	CHHS
Fri, 07 Sep 2012	7:30 PM	McCoy	Brooks
Sat, 08 Sep 2012	TBA	Strathmore	Taber
Fri, 14 Sep 2012	7:00 PM	Brooks	Strathmore
Fri, 21 Sep 2012	5:00 PM	CHHS	McCoy
Fri, 21 Sep 2012	7:30 PM	MHHS	Strathmore
Fri, 21 Sep 2012	7:00 PM	Taber	Brooks
Tue, 25 Sep 2012	7:00 PM	MHHS	Taber
Tue, 25 Sep 2012	5:00 PM	Chestermere	Strathmore
Fri, 28 Sep 2012	7:00 PM	Brooks	CHHS
Sat, 29 Sep 2012	TBA	Strathmore	McCoy
Fri, 05 Oct 2012	7:00 PM	CHHS	Taber
Thu, 04 Oct 2012	7:30 PM	McCoy	MHHS
Fri, 12 Oct 2012	7:00 PM	Brooks	MHHS
Fri, 12 Oct 2012	7:00 PM	Taber	McCoy
Fri, 12 Oct 2012	7:30 PM	CHHS	Strathmore
Sun, 14 Oct 2012	5:00 PM	MHHS	Balfour, Regina
Tue, 16 Oct 2012	7:00 PM	3th	RFC Quarter Final
Tue, 16 Oct 2012	7:00 PM	4th	RFC Quarter Final
Fri, 19 Oct 2012	5:00 PM	1st	RFS Semi Final
Fri, 19 Oct 2012	7:30 PM	2nd	RFS Semi Final
Fri, 26 Oct 2012	5:00 PM	Rangeland Final	SFW vs SFW at Hi Seed
Fri, 26 Oct 2012	7:30 PM	3rd Place Game	SFL vs SFL at Hi Seed
Fri, 02 Nov 2012	7:00 PM	Zone Championships	
Sat, 10 Nov 2012	tba	Prov Quarters	
Sat, 17 Nov 2012	tba	Prov Semi	
Fri, 23 Nov 2012	tba	Prov Finals	



# STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

Our goal is to ensure the safety of our students, and in partnership with our transportation provider, we are providing you with the general rules for school bus conduct. We want to work together to create a positive school bus experience for our students.

## **PRIOR TO GETTING ON THE SCHOOL BUS** (on the road and at school)

- Be on time at your designated bus stop.
- Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus. Students must conduct themselves in a safe manner while waiting and must not interfere with other students who are also at the bus stop.
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter.
- Students should wear clothing that is appropriate for the outside weather. If a breakdown or collision occurs the bus may have to be evacuated, regardless of the outside temperature.

## **WHILE ON THE SCHOOL BUS**

- The bus driver is in full charge of the school bus at all times and students must obey the driver promptly.
- The bus driver may assign a seat for which the student will be held responsible and he/she will retain this seat until directed otherwise by the bus driver.
- Unnecessary conversation with the bus driver is not allowed.
- Classroom conduct is to be observed on the school bus and any disturbance which may take the bus driver's attention and endanger the safe operation of the bus is prohibited.
- Passengers may not eat on any school bus. This is a shared environment and can potentially cause a severe allergic reaction in other students.
- There is no smoking or the use of alcohol or drugs on any school bus.
- Students must not litter the bus with paper or other garbage or throw any articles out of the school bus windows.
- Students must not extend any part of their body out of the windows.
- Students must remain seated while the school bus is in motion.

## **LEAVING THE SCHOOL BUS**

- Students are responsible for getting off the bus at their designated stop.
- When leaving the bus, students must remain on the sidewalk until the bus has moved safely away.
- The driver will not discharge passengers at places other than a designated bus stop.

## **SPECIAL TRIPS** (Extracurricular & Field Trips)

- The same rules apply to all school trips and all passengers on such trips.
- Passengers on special trips shall additionally respect the wishes and directions of school appointed chaperones provided for the bus.

## **SCHOOL BUS DRIVER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- School bus drivers are responsible for the discipline of passengers while entering, leaving and riding on the bus.
- School bus drivers may recommend to the principal that a passenger be suspended from riding the bus for a specified period of time for breaking any of the busing rules.

*Students violating these rules may be reported to the school principal and may be suspended from riding the bus until assurance is received from parents and the student that these rules will be observed.*

## Canadian National Science Fair

(submitted by Oliver O'Reilly,  
Science Fair Consultant &  
MHHS Science Fair Club)

Canadian National Science Fair was held from May 12 to 19 in Charlottetown, PEI. The grades 7 to 12 students were vying for prizes and awards worth a total of \$1 million. The week-long event is a chance for the top scientific and technical students to show off their work. They'll also have a chance to network with industry officials.



Canada Wide Science Fair Winners with their medals! L to R: Rachel Brown, Katie van der Sloot, Jasveen Brar & Kate Berger

### Results from Canada-wide Science Fair in Charlottetown, P.E.I.:

#### Kate Berger, Jasveen Brar

##### *Environmental Distribution of Giardia and Cryptosporidium*

Kate Berger and Jasveen Brar, were winners of a Challenge Award, in the Environmental category. They also won a gold excellence medal in the Environmental category. These individuals received a blackberry playbook from RIM. Also Kate and Jasveen were given entrance scholarships of \$4,000 to Western University, \$4,000 University of British Columbia, \$5,000 Dalhousie University, \$5,000 University of Manitoba and \$4,000 University of Ottawa.

#### Rachel Brown, Katie Van der Sloot

##### *Triclosan: Double Danger Take 2*

Rachel Brown (MHHS) and Katie van der Sloot won a silver excellence medal and were given an entrance scholarship of \$2,000 to Western University, Ontario.

## 2012/2013 Curriculum Express for Parents series and My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource

The general and Catholic 2012/2013 *Curriculum Express for Parents*, Kindergarten to Grade 3 and the new digital parent resource, *My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource* are now available.

The *Curriculum Express for Parents* series is available in English and gives a short explanation of the curriculum for parents who are English language learners. The Catholic version of the *Curriculum Express* includes additional text reflecting the faith and values as understood by the Catholic Church. The *Curriculum Express* series is available on the Education website at [www.education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/express.aspx](http://www.education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/express.aspx) and may be downloaded for viewing and printing as required. The series is also available for purchase from the Learning Resources Centre at 780-427-2767 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000). An order form is also available on the website.

While the *Curriculum Express for Parents* series remains available in print, we are exploring other methods of sharing the information the series contains so that we may continue to effectively meet the needs of our diverse parent population.

The print versions of the *Curriculum Handbook for Parents* and *Curriculum Summaries* were phased out and replaced by a new digital resource, *My Child's Learning / Apprentissage de mon enfant*, launched in February 2012. This new interactive digital resource provides parents with the most up-to-date information about what their child is learning, resources to help their child and how their child might be assessed for every subject and grade. This resource is available on the Education website in English at [www.mychildslearning.alberta.ca](http://www.mychildslearning.alberta.ca) and in French at [www.apprentissagedemonenfant.alberta.ca](http://www.apprentissagedemonenfant.alberta.ca).

For further information, please contact Programs of Study and Resources sector at 780-427-2984 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000).

# BOARD BULLETIN

**Tuesday, June 26, 2012 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## PRESENTATIONS-AMBASSADOR AWARDS



The Board acknowledged several students & teachers as Ambassadors for Catholic Education. Congratulations!

★ **Monsignor McCoy High School Boys Baseball Team** for winning Gold at the 2012 Provincials; the Board further acknowledged coaches **Mr. Paul Schlosser** and **Mr. Rob Aberle**.

★ **Miss Tiana Pisoni**, Monsignor McCoy Grade 10 student, for winning City Championships and Gold at the Provincials in Long Jump and Triple Jump. The Board further acknowledged Tiana's coach **Mr. Boyd Block**.

★ **Miss Shaydel Brigden**, Monsignor McCoy Grade 10 student, for winning Gold at the Regional Skills Competition in Culinary Arts. The Board also acknowledged **Miss Anne Tomcala** for her leadership and mentorship in promoting the Culinary Arts.

**RETIREES 2011 - 2012** - The Board of Trustees held a very special evening on June 18, 2012 to honour those retiring from the Division. The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education congratulates the following individuals:



### \*RETIREES:

Left to right back row: \*Anne Tomcala, \*Alan Matisz, \*Mel Deydey  
Left to right front row: \*Colleen Steinley, \*Colleen Livingston, \*Lorraine Stotz,  
\*Kathleen Beierbach, \*Anne-Marie Thomas (Absent: \*David Leahy)

**TRUSTEES:** Dick Mastel, Peter Grad, Kelly Van Ham, Stan Aberle (Absent: Jodi Churla)

**PRESENTATION** - Students from St. Mary's School French Immersion Program were in attendance with Teacher, Ms. Renee Houle to share their **Quebec Exchange Program** experience.

**PRESENTATION** - Mrs. Ashley Day, Spirit Coach from Notre Dame Academy, along with students from the **BLAST PROGRAM** created a commercial in partnership with CHAT-TV to promote students against smoking. The commercial highlights the dangers of second-hand smoke. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIC8-JMPPw>

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 472** - The Board is pleased to announce that the designation for Mr. Hugh Lehr will change from Director of Student Services to **Associate Superintendent**. In addition, Student Services will now be known as **Learning Services**. The change will bring into alignment the direction from Alberta Education and will merge Student Services and the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AIS) Initiative. The change to **Associate Superintendent Learning Services** is effective June 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Our Motto:

**"Showing the face of Christ to all."**

**SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2012 - 2013** - The Board previously approved a combined school-year calendar for Medicine Hat & Bow Island. The Board has now approved (2) separate calendars; one specific to Medicine Hat and one specific to Bow Island. Additionally, the June 7<sup>th</sup> PD day was changed to June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The calendar is posted at [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca) under the Parents tab.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE- 419** - **Administrative Procedure 419** - Local Authorities Pension Plan was received by the Board for information; the AP outlines eligibility and procedural issues.

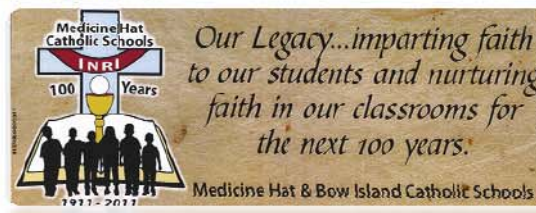
**FAITH DEVELOPMENT DAY 2012 - 2013** - The Faith Development Day is **Monday, Sept. 24, 2012** for all division staff; keynote speaker, Mr. Jerry Goebel (Southside Events Centre), Mass at Holy Family Parish 8:30 am.

**FRENCH IMMERSION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM** - Grade 10 French Immersion for 2012 - 2013 will be taught in partnership with **Alberta Distance Learning** via **Video Conferencing**. Students will also receive 82-84 minutes per day verbal oral skills in French, preceded by the written/reading component. The Board is pleased about this partnership and considers it a stepping stone to a continued and enhanced French Immersion Program in our Division.

## Thank you

The **Centennial Homecoming Weekend** June 8 - 10, 2012 was a huge success. We wish to thank all those that made this celebration possible from our **Sponsors, Volunteers, Staff, Students** and **Parents, Community Members** and; to all those that participated in the weekend events and the many events held throughout the year in celebration of 100 years of Catholic Education in Medicine Hat and Bow Island Catholic Schools; we are grateful to all of you.

From our humble beginnings in the year 1911 to the present day, we honour and thank those who have come before us allowing us to exalt the virtues of Catholic Education. As we celebrated our Centennial, we **remember that Catholic education is a gift and we must endeavor to keep it alive and thriving for generations to come**. We believe that the light of Christ is visible in every one of our schools and as we "Open Wide the Doors" we invite the children to shine with the light of Christ now and in the future.



**Celebrating 100 Years of Catholic Education & Service (1911-2011)**

**Thank you Sponsors.**

The next regular Catholic School Board Meeting is **SCHEDULED** for **Tuesday, September 11, 2012 @ 6:00 pm** @ the Catholic School Board Office, 1251 - 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW., Medicine Hat. Everyone is welcome to attend.

# Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

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**"Making a difference now and for generations to come".**



# September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day No School	4 Day 2	5 Day 1	6 Day 2 School Photos	7 Day 1 Red Day McCoy Dance 9pm-12am	8
9	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 1 Last Day for Course Changes	15
16	17 Day 2	18 Day 1	19 Day 2 School Council Mtg. 7 pm  Band Parents' Association Mtg. 7 pm	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22
23	24 Faith Formation/ PD Day No School	25 Day 1 Grocery Cart Challenge Begins Grads 4 Groceries	26 Day 2	27 Day 1	28 Day 2 Bright and Tight Day	29
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