

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

APRIL 2011



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PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be travelling by bus to the Esplanade in Medicine Hat on April 5 to see "Pirates of Penzance" performed by St. Mary's School students. Students will leave the school at approximately 10:40 and will return by 2:30. We would like to thank School Council for providing the transportation for our students.

P.A.R.T.Y. PROGRAM

Thank you to Mr. Stroh and Mrs. Mastel who took the Grade 9 class to the P.A.R.T.Y. Program (Prevention of Alcohol Related Trauma in Youth) on March 14th in Medicine Hat. The students enjoyed an extremely valuable learning opportunity.



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten will be increasing to three days per week beginning the week of April 11th. Kindergarten students will be attending school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week for the remainder of the 2010/2011 school year. This will better prepare them for the transition to Grade One.

30-HOUR FAMINE

Several students in Grades 7 to 12 will be participating in a 30-Hour Famine on April 15th and 16th. World Vision promotes the 30 Hour Famine to give students an opportunity to help world hunger. Only \$30.00 a month or \$1.00 a

day will help feed and care for a child. Students participating in the famine will try to raise money and awareness through pledges. Students will spend 30 hours at the school without food so that they can have a real sense of what hunger is

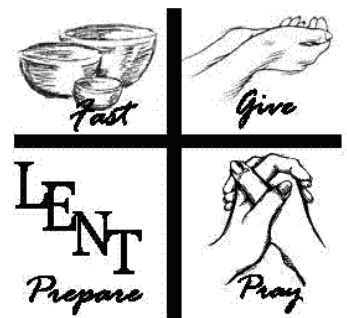


like. They will be participating in various activities while under the supervision of parents and staff. You can support these students by helping them with pledges. Thank you to Adrianna Hansen for once again organizing this very worthwhile event.

PRAYER FOR LENT

God of infinite love, I thank you for this reminder of your love and your call that we be more patient, gentle and compassionate with others.

Here in the middle of Lent, I turn to you to beg for your help. Please soften my heart. Help me to let go of judging others. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



GRADE 8, 9 & 10 PARENT MEETING

A Field Trip meeting for all parents with students in Grades 8, 9 & 10 is scheduled for Monday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m. in the School Library. At least one parent from each family must attend. Students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Bow Island Golf Lessons - 2011

Trevor Moore has agreed to teach lessons in Bow Island this year. Trevor is a CPGA Professional and Titleist® Certified Golf Fitness Instructor who has been teaching and coaching golf since 1994. He is the founder and Head Teaching Professional of Advantage Golf Academy.

Since we are limiting the size of the groups, I suggest that you register early to avoid disappointment. You may register by calling Lowell at the Proshop at 403-545-2718.

Dates:

Monday, May 2nd, 2011
Monday, May 9th, 2011
Monday, May 16th, 2011
Monday, May 30th, 2011

Times:

4:00-4:30
6 years and under (Maximum of 6 students)

4:35-5:10
7-10 years (Maximum of 8 students)

5:15-5:50
11-12 years (Maximum of 12 students)

5:55-6:35
13+ Years (Maximum of 14 students)

6:45-8:00
Adult Group 18+years
(Maximum of 8)

Student Cost:

\$30 + GST per student

Adult Cost:

\$150 + GST per golfer
Please let me know which of the following 3 programs you would be interested in for the adult lessons.

A Beginner's Look

This four week program is ideally suited for anyone over the age of 18, with little or no golf experience. Students will receive a basic introduction to the games swing fundamentals

Swing into the Season

This four week program is ideally suited for anyone over the age of 18, with previous golfing experience. Students will receive a review of the games swing fundamentals

Short Side of the Game

The four week program is ideally suited for anyone over the age of 18, with previous golfing experience. It is targeted at those players who want to take strokes off their game by addressing putting, chipping and pitching.

H.E.A.L. Hot Lunch

The H.E.A.L. committee is once again offering a free hot lunch to all students and staff. On April 21st they will be serving Chicken Quesadillas and frozen yogurt tube. We would like to thank all those who help with the hot lunches each

month as well as those who volunteer their time in our concession. Your commitment to the school is appreciated.



Student Council News

Student Council has once again been busy planning activities for the month of April. Every Tuesday and Thursday of April students will have an opportunity to participate in "Guess Who". A morphed picture of a staff member or student will be placed on the Student Council Board. Students will try to "Guess Who" the picture is of.

Bridge Night

WOW! The family bridge night was a great success and students built amazing bridges. Thank you to the evening judges for your time and expertise.



Library News

In 127 days of the AR Program, students have read 1322 books and have passed 1258 quizzes.

Missoula Children's Theatre

Missoula Children's Theatre will be at St. Michael's from May 2nd to 6th with their production of "King Arthur's Quest". A permission slip for auditions will be sent home prior to May 2nd. Please remember that

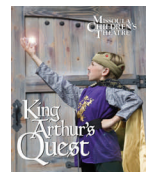


April 14th is Anti-Bullying day. All schools are affected in some way by bullying. We would ask that everyone wear pink that day to show they recognize the problems bullying causes. By wearing pink you can stand up to bullying.



We would also like to thank everyone who attended. A great big thank you also goes out to Mrs. Van Ham who organized the evening. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

This gives the school an average of 86.3%. We have 58 out of 86 students participating. WAY TO GO!



students must attend all scheduled rehearsals and both shows. There will be two performances. May 6th at 3:30 and again at 6:30. More information will come home in the May newsletter.

Mini Basketball

The Mini-Basketball season is winding down. We would like to thank Mr. Stroh for once again organizing this activity. Thank you also to the student coaches for the time they have given to

enhance the program. The mini-ball finals will be held on Thursday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come out and cheer on our young athletes.

Stations of the Cross

Everyone is invited to join us for the Stations of the Cross on Thursday, April 21st at 11:30 in the school gym.

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees are past due. If you have not paid your school fees please do so as soon as possible.

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' EDUCATION FOUNDATION

9TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 3

1 PM Shotgun Start - Best Ball Format
Cottonwood Coulee Golf Course
Medicine Hat, Alberta



Entry Fee - \$125 per person

- Green Fees & Power Cart
- BBQ Lunch
- Hole Competitions & Prizes
- Wind Up Dinner
- Tee Gift & Welcome Package
- Team Photo

To register
or for more information
please call Colleen
at the Catholic Board
Office - 403-502-8351

Sponsorship Package & Registration Form available
on our website at www.mhcb.e.ab.ca
Click on Education Foundation tab

An opportunity to support Catholic education in your community!

**CENTENNIAL
STUDENT
LOGO
CONTEST**

ONE ENTRY PER STUDENT
Any size paper using *any medium* (Pencil, Felt Marker, Crayon, Paint) etc.

We are celebrating our **100th Birthday** and we need your help.
Design a LOGO celebrating CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

Show us in a picture...what Catholic education means to you! You might think about a: Cross; Bible; School; Church; or Prayer and Helping Others ... use your imagination!

Your winning art work will be published as the Official CENTENNIAL LOGO. You will be recognized at your school assembly; you will receive a special certificate and a \$100 Gift Card to Cole's Books Store!

Art Work will be judged more on the idea and thought versus pure artistic presentation. *We want all students to enter* the contest and to *HAVE FUN*! The winning student will be given an opportunity to work with a graphic artist to finalize the logo. **WOW!**

DETAILS

SUBMIT YOUR ART WORK TO YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER BY WED. MAY 4, 2011.

SIGN THE FRONT OF YOUR ART AND WRITE A SENTENCE OR TWO DESCRIBING IT (ATTACHED TO THE BACK). INCLUDE YOUR NAME, SCHOOL & GRADE.

PARENTS MUST SIGN THE BACK OF THE ART TO DENOTE PARENT APPROVAL TO PUBLISH THE ART.

IF ART WORK IS CREATED IN CLASS, A PARENT SIGNATURE WILL BE REQUIRED IF THE ART WORK IS CHOSEN.

We are having a Birthday! Celebrating 100 Years of Catholic Education & Service

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
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						1 April Fool's Day	2
3	4 1-2-3 Fun Time Grade 8, 9 & 10 Parent Meeting @5:00 School Library	5 Pirates of Penzance at Medicine Hat Esplanade	6 1-2-3— Fun Time	7 1-2-3 Fun Time Birthday Assembly at 2:30 Team/Group/Grad Photos	8 NO SCHOOL STAFF PD DAY	9	
10	11	12 Kindergarten Day	13 Kindergarten Day	14 Kindergarten Day ANTI-BULLYING DAY wear pink	15 30-Hour Famine Begins	16 30-Hour Famine Ends	
17	18 County Badminton Playoffs	19 Kindergarten Day County Badminton Playoffs	20 Kindergarten Day YOUTH NIGHT 6:30-8:00	21 Kindergarten Day Stations of the Cross @11:30 Free H.E.A.L. Hot Lunch Mini-B.Ball Finals @2:00	22 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL	23	
24	25 EASTER SUNDAY	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30	

BOARD BULLETIN

March 08, 2011 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENTATIONS – EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD NOMINEE Mrs. Annette Graf a Teacher from St. Louis School was in attendance to be recognized by the Board as an Ambassador for Catholic Education. Mrs. Graf was nominated by Mr. Andy Fune, Principal of St. Louis School. The Government of Alberta 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes creativity, innovation and exceptional teaching practices. Mrs. Graf is one of 100+ semi-finalists of which 23 will receive the Award in May. *Good Luck Mrs. Graf. Congratulations on your nomination!*

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."



extend a *thank you* to the Teachers that inspire students to create their **WORKS of ART**. School Art continues to be on display at the Esplanade Gallery until April 17, 2011. **Gallery Hours:** M-F 10am-5pm; S&S Noon-5pm; Admission: \$4 Adults; \$7 Youth; Free under 6. Thursdays are Free Admission.



2011
- Excellence in Teaching -
Award Nominee

In Picture Left to Right:
Mr. Andy Fune Principal, St. Louis School, Mrs. Annette Graf Teacher, Mr. Peter Graf Board Chair

► **Youth Ministry** – Mr. Lance Rosen, Youth Minister was in attendance to provide the Board with an overview of activities of the **Youth Ministry Project**. Lance prepared a visual presentation that clearly relayed in pictures, video and audio the engagement of students in activities offered within the project. The presentation was memorable, with highlights of student testimonials' describing what youth ministry means to them.

► **First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) Support Teacher** – Mrs. Raevon McKenzie reviewed this new role to the Division; her focus is creating awareness of the curriculum support available to Teachers, Resource Development, Liaise with Community Partners & FNMI Program Development. The hiring of this position is exciting, in that the Division identified hiring a FNMI Support Teacher as a key strategy in its Three Year Education Plan in order to meet the **Provincial Goal of: Success for FNMI students.**

► **SCHOOL ART 2011** - Students from our School Division were awarded at the **School Art Awards Ceremony on March 08, 2011**; Mrs. Jodi Churta, Board Vice-Chair presented the Division Scholarship Awards as follows:

Division Sponsored School Art Scholarships

Cassandra Forbes	Grade 3	École St. Thomas d'Aquin School
Margaret Massini	Grade 6	Mother Teresa School
Carissa Wilcox	Grade 7	St. Mary's School
Brittany Webb	Grade 12	Monsignor McCoy High School

Winners of other Art Awards

Austin Thies	Grade 4	St. Michael's School MH;
		Open Range Art Association Award
Brittany Webb	Grade 12	Monsignor McCoy High School;
		Hat Art Club Award
Jamie Kopet	Grade 12	Monsignor McCoy High School;
		Hat Art Club Award
Griffon Klaus	Grade 5	St. Michael's School MH;
		TREX Program Award
Joel Keisick	Grade 2	Mother Teresa School;
		Esplanade Arts Education Award
Willow Hordas-Goyer	Grade 6	St Michael's School MH;
		Esplanade Arts Education Award
Jenna Hoffart	Grade 10	Monsignor McCoy High School;
		Esplanade Art Gallery Award

Congratulations to all Students in the Division who created works for the **School Art Competition**; the Board wishes to

BUDGET 2011 – 2012 – The provincial Budget did see an Increase in funds allocated to Education, however, almost all of the increased funding will be used to support a wage increase for Teachers. Due to cuts to programs like AISI, enhanced ESL and stability funding, preliminary estimates show that the Division is looking at a shortfall of approximately (\$800,000) for the 2011-2012 Budget. No new funding was announced for severe disabilities; this is the third year in a row with no increase despite the rising cost of services and support. The Budget will need to be approved by May 31. The Board unanimously passed the following motion: *"THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education continues to evaluate and review programs in the Division and specifically at this time do a review of the high school programming at St. Michael's School Bow Island to be completed by the November 2011 Board Meeting"*.

SCHOOL FEES 2011 – 2012 – The Board directed Senior Administration to **engage in a public consultation process** relating to School Fees; and to present a proposal to the Board in May; and that the approval of school fees for 2011-2012 be postponed until the Board reviews that proposal.

MAY BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE – The Board moved the May Board Meeting date from May 10 to **Thursday, May 12, 2011 @ 8pm.**

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR – The Board approved the 2011–2012 School Year Calendar; available on the [Division Website](#) under the PARENTS tab then click on School Calendars. Two calendars were approved; (1) specific to Catholic Schools in Medicine Hat and (1) specific to St. Michael's Catholic School in Bow Island.

EDWIN PARR TEACHER AWARD – The Board announced that **Mr. Ian Rattan**, a first year teacher at Monsignor McCoy High School, was nominated for the **ASBA Zone 8 2011 Edwin Parr First Year Teacher Award**. The winner of the award will be announced in May. The Board wishes Mr. Rattan good luck; he will be invited to an upcoming Board Meeting.

JANUARY 2011 DIPLOMA EXAM RESULTS – The **Diploma Exam Results for Monsignor McCoy High School and St. Michael's School Bow Island** are posted on the Division website under Documents and Publications then click on [Achievement and Diploma Exam Results](#).

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS – A student handout was circulated announcing details of the Centennial in 2011–2012 along with information about a **STUDENT LOGO CONTEST open to all students in all grades**. Watch for entry details!



Next Board Meeting is **Tues, April 12, 2011** at the Catholic School Board Office @ 6pm, 1251-1st AVE SW, Medicine Hat. All are welcome to attend.

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