

St. Michael's School - B.I.

# June 2011 Newsletter



## Elementary Track Meet

The Elementary Track and Field Day will be held on Wednesday, June 1st beginning at 12:30. Students in Kindergarten to Grade Six will compete in various events. School Council is once again hosting a barbecue lunch for all students and staff which will begin at 11:45. Each student and staff member will receive one free single hamburger. Parents attending the

track meet can purchase hamburgers. Anyone who is able to help during the barbecue is asked to call the school at 545-2131. Parents are invited to attend the track meet and cheer on our young athletes.



## Year End Mass

Everyone is invited to join us at St. Michael's Church for our year end mass on Tuesday, June 7th at 11:00. Students are reminded to be respectful and participate in the liturgy.

## Concession

Be reminded that as the school year winds down the concession may not be completely stocked as we need to have all items gone by the end of June. If your child has any

outstanding IOU's, please have those cleared up by June 17th.

A huge thank you goes out to all those parents who helped in the concession this year.

It was greatly appreciated.



## Camp Columbus

The Grade 9 and 10 classes will be travelling to Waterton National Park and staying at Camp Columbus from June 5th to the June 7th. While there they will be participating in many activities from canoeing and horseback riding to hiking and fire building. There will also be many Team Building and Faith Building activities beginning with 9:00 mass at St. Michael's

Church on Sunday, June 5th and returning in time for the school's year end mass on Tuesday, June 7th at St. Michael's Church.



## H.E.A.L. COMMITTEE

The H.E.A.L. Committee would like to thank all those parents and grandparents who have supported them this past year with financial donations, meal preparation or food donations. With your help the committee was able to provide nutritious and delicious free hot lunches to all students and staff once a month.

## County Track Meet

The County of 40 Mile Junior High Track Meet was held at Crescent Heights High School on May 30th. Congratulations to all those who competed.

## Swimming Schedule

A swimming schedule is attached. Students will swim in a variety of different weather conditions. Students should come to school prepared with their swim suit and a towel.



## Field Trips

May and June always prove to be very busy months for field trips. We would like to thank Parent Council for their continued support with funding for these trips.

### May:

May 18—Kindergarten in Medicine Hat visiting Safety City, Pioneer Village and Medalta Potteries.

May 25-27—Grade 5/6 at Camp McCoy.

## Student Council Activities

June 9: "Opposite Gender Day" Students are encouraged to dress up as the opposite sex as a Scoreboard wrap-up event.

June 9: "Drive-In Movie Theatre" Winners of the Scoreboard Race will be treated to a free movie in the School gym at 1:15. If you group did not win and



## Library News

In the 159 days of the AR program, 65/84 students are participating in the program. The students have read 1802 books and passed 1713 quizzes. This gives the school an average of 86% which is the highest percentage the students have ever achieved by year end. The AR program will continue until Friday, June 10th. The draw for the WII will be at the awards day in June, so there is still time for students to get their name into the bucket. Those who have participated in the program will receive a treat during

## The Mikeys



The "Mikeys" are special awards that will be handed out to each Grade 7 to 12 student on June 24th at 12:30 in the school gym. These are light-hearted recognitions. Only students who have returned a signed permission form will be recognized. The theme this year is "Super Hero". Parents are welcome to join the fun and will be receiving a formal invitation soon. We are asking everyone attending to embrace the theme.

### June:

June 5-7—Grade 9/10 at Camp Columbus in Waterton.

June 10—Grade 5/6 in Edmonton at the Alberta Legislature and then the Edmonton Science Centre

June 16—Kindergarten & Grade 1/2 at the Etzikom Museum.

June 22—Kindergarten to Grade 6 at Echo Dale Park



you would like to attend you must ask a member of the opposite gender to take you with them. You may also bring a toonie for Japan relief.

June 21: "Formal Day" The last day of school = Formal Wear!!! Remember, regular classes for Jr./Sr. Students.

Student Council's "Movie Day".

We would like to send out a great big thank you to Olivia Van Tryp who donated many of her chapter books to the school library. We would also like to thank Karsten Van Tryp who also donated his "Roscoe Riley Rules" chapter books to the school library. These books have been very popular with the students.

The last day to sign out books is Thursday, June 2nd. All books must be returned to the library by Thursday, June 16th.

## Graduation 2011



Congratulations to our 2011 graduates, Sarah Croymans, Lucas MacDonald, Amanda Roth and Katie Van Leeuwen. The Graduation ceremonies were held on Saturday, May 28th in the school gym. The Grad Committee would like to thank the students, staff and parents who helped with the decorations. Your talents and time were greatly appreciated. Also a huge thank you to Natalie Noel for all her help with decorating. Thank you also to those parents and staff members who agreed to speak at the banquet and ceremonies. The grads appreciate the time you have given to help make their evening special.

## Graduation Prayer

Father,

I have knowledge, so will You show me now, how to use it wisely and find a way somehow

To make the world I live in a little better place, and make life with its problems a little bit easier to face.

Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days, and show me how to serve Thee in effective ways.

So my education, my knowledge and my skill, may find their true fulfillment as I learn to do Thy will.

And may I ever be aware in everything I do, that knowledge comes from learning, and wisdom comes from You.

Amen

## Wheel to School Day

Get out your bike, scooter, roller blades, skate board or whatever has wheels and join us by wheeling to school on Wednesday, June 1 as we celebrate "Wheel to School Day". This event is sponsored by SHAPE (Safe, Healthy Active People Everywhere).

**A JUNIOR/SENIOR  
EXAM SCHEDULE  
IS ATTACHED**

# June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 BBQ @11:45 Elementary Track &amp; Field @12:30</p> <p>Jr. High Zone Track Meet—Lethbridge “Wheel to School Day”</p> <p>Parent/Community Meeting @7:00 p.m update 2011/12 program</p>	<p>2 1-2-3 Fun Time</p> <p>Last day to sign out library books</p>	<p>3 NO SCHOOL</p> <p>STAFF PD DAY</p>	4
5 Gr. 9/10 Leave for Waterton	6	7 Gr. 9/10 return from Waterton Year End Mass @11:00	<p>8 Spring Concert Pot Luck @5:00 Concert @6:30</p>	<p>9 “Opposite Gender Day” K-Gr. 6 Healthy Lunch Activity Jr/Sr. Drive-In Movie @1:15</p>	<p>10 1-2-3 Fun Time</p> <p>Gr. 5/6 in Edmonton</p>	11
12	13 World Catholic Education Day	14 Parent Council Meeting @6:30	<p>15 Gr. 7/8 at Calgary Science Center in Calgary</p>	<p>16 K-Gr. 2 at Etzikom Museum</p> <p>All Library books due</p>	17	18
19 Happy Father's Day <small>The Greatest Gift I Ever Had Came From God, And I Call Him <b>DAD</b></small>	20 1-2-3 Fun Time	21 “Dress Formal Day”	<p>22 K-Gr. 6 at Echo Dale Park</p>	23	<p>24 Gr. 1/2 Celebra- tion @9:00</p> <p>Mikey Awards @12:30</p>	25
26	27	28 Year End Awards @12:30	29	30		

# June 2011 Swimming Schedule

				1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Kindergarten - Gr. 2 1:00 - 2:00			10	11
12	13	14 Grade 3 - 6 12:30 - 1:30	15	16	17 Grade 7/8 10:00—11:00	18	
19	20	21 Grade 3 - 6 12:00 - 1:00 Kindergarten - Gr. 2	22 Grade 7 - 12 1:30 - 2:30	23 Grade 1 - 4 12:30 - 1:30 Grade 5/6 1:30 - 2:30	24	25	
26	27 Grade 1 - 6 1:45 - 2:45	28	29	30			

# June 2011 Final Exam Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		LA 3 PAT pt B Soc 6 PAT Soc. 30 DIP	LA 6 PAT	Math 3 PAT Math 6 PAT	Science 6 PAT Soc. 30 DIP pt B	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Last day of regular classes (Jr/Sr)	LA 7/8 LA 9 PAT pt B Math 10 Bio 30 DIP	Sci 7/8 Sci 9 PAT Sr. DL & Virtual	Math 7/8 Math 9 PAT Eng. 10/20	
26	27	28	29	30		
	Soc 7/8 Chem. 20					

# BOARD BULLETIN

May 12, 2011 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

**PRESENTATION** – The Board recognizes the action the Catholic Schools in our community are making to meet the guidelines set out in the Alberta Nutrition Guidelines for Children and Youth. Mr. Wayne Schlosser Deputy Superintendent has been active in moving this provincial initiative forward in the Catholic Schools in Medicine Hat and Bow Island. He has been instrumental in developing policy around the importance of school health. Mr. Schlosser was recently awarded the Alberta Healthy School Communities Award of Distinction in the Individual Champion Category; nominated by Mrs. Amy Risk Richardson, a School Outreach Coordinator with the "BE FIT FOR LIFE CENTRE". In recognition of this accomplishment, The Board of Trustees presented Mr. Schlosser with an Ambassador for Catholic Education Award. Beginning in September 2012 our Schools will ensure they are meeting the nutrition guidelines for food and beverages being served as outlined in Administrative Procedure #112. AP 112 is located on the division website at [www.mhcbpe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbpe.ab.ca) under Documents and Publications click on Policy & Procedures. The Provincial Nutrition Guidelines can be found @ <http://www.healthyalberta.com/HealthyEating/ANGCY.htm>



In Picture: Mr. Wayne Schlosser, Deputy Superintendent & Mr. Peter Crad, Board Chair



Supporting Schools & Families to promote Healthy Lifestyle Choices

## Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."

**COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETING** – The Board extends a thank you those in attendance at the Town Hall Meeting held on Monday, May 09, 2011 at Holy Family Parish. Discussion for the evening focused on the Budget for the upcoming school year; changes to the Education Act (School Act) the Board's Strategic Plan and Centennial Celebrations.

**ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR RESULTS** – Reports have been released by Alberta Education showing "good" to "excellent" results for our schools. These will now be shared with parents and staff and schools will work to address those results that reflect an issue or concern. Overall, division-wide results are very positive. View the Accountability Pillar @: <http://education.alberta.ca/aimn/division/accountability.aspx>

**POLICY 19 – SURPLUS LANDS AND BUILDINGS** – The Board approved first and second reading of Policy 19. School Boards are required to have a policy in effect in order to determine whether a closed school is surplus to a Board's needs; and whether unused school reserve land is surplus to a Board's needs. Surpluses will then be utilized by the Province.

**ALBERTA TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION (ATA) SALARY INCREASE** – The Board accepted the Alberta Average Weekly Earnings Index from 2010 of 4.54% thus granting a 4.5% increase to salaries and allowances for certificated staff effective for 2011–2012 as required under the ATA Collective Agreement.

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (CUPE) SALARY INCREASE** – The Board accepted the Alberta Average Weekly Earnings Index from 2010 of 4.54% thus granting a 4.5% increase to salaries and allowances for CUPE staff effective for 2011–2012 as required under the CUPE Collective Agreement.

**REGISTERED CHARITY STATUS** – The Division has engaged the application process to obtain Registered Charity Status; if successful, additional options for fundraising will be available.

**TRANSPORTING STUDENTS TO NOTRE DAME ACADEMY** – Further to the Board's decision at the April 12, 2011 Board Meeting, another meeting was subsequently held with the City of Medicine Hat and a new proposal resulted in the decision to contract City Transit for \$20,000 so that; City Transit will continue to do a loop around the Saamis & Vista Heights area - one run before school and one run after school. Funded students will be issued a bus pass; unfunded students will purchase a monthly bus pass. The Board is pleased with this arrangement.

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS** – The response to the Student Logo Contest was phenomenal with well over 100 submissions. WOW! Thank you to all the students that put a significant amount of time and thought into their works of art. The winner will be formally announced in the June 2011 Board Bulletin. The committee is now in the selection process and the student with the winning art work will be recognized at their school assembly; will receive a special certificate and a \$100 Gift Card to Cole's (Chapters/Indigo) Book Store!

**CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS** – "SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS" is a monthly publication included in the Board Agenda Package highlighting accomplishments of former & current students. Parents/Guardians or Staff are encouraged to forward "Good News" submissions to [communications@mhcbpe.ab.ca](mailto:communications@mhcbpe.ab.ca) on an ongoing basis for this publication. Here is a sampling from this month's acknowledgements:

- ★ **Kate Van der Sloot and Rachel Brown from Monsignor McCoy High School** were again Regional Science Fair winners for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row; and were once again invited to the NATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR in Ottawa in May!
- ★ **Three (3) Notre Dame students** were drafted to the WHL. The boys were part of the hockey program at Notre Dame Academy for the last 5 years:
  - **Connor Clouston** – drafted to the Kamloops Blazers
  - **Nathyn Morlock** – drafted to the Medicine Hat Tigers
  - **Ryley Risling** – drafted to the Kootenay Ice
- ★ **Amanda Steinkey from Monsignor McCoy High School** won second prize (\$1750) in the Calgary Stampede Western Art Showcase. Amanda's artwork will be on display at the Calgary Stampede this summer!
- ★ **Ryan Kennedy and Shawn Norris of Monsignor McCoy** recently won 1st at the Southeastern Alberta Skills Competition in the TV/Video event. These 2 students were invited to the Provincial competition in Edmonton!

**BUDGET 2011 – 2012** – The Board of Trustees was presented with a Draft Budget that reflected a budget deficit of (\$768,572). The Board passed a motion that directed Senior Administration to provide sufficient staffing to support a Kindergarten Program at St. Michael's School in Bow Island. The Board will approve the Budget at the Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.; additionally the Board will also approve the 2011-2012 School Fees.

THANK YOU



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The next regular Catholic School Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2011 @ 6:00 pm @ the Catholic School Board Office, 1251 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW, Medicine Hat. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

## Knights of Columbus

The Medicine Hat Knights of Columbus are holding a prayer service at **Holy Family Parish on June 13th at 7:00 p.m.** which they would really like to encourage families to attend. The service is to mark the **Silver Rose Run** and they will be providing refreshments after the service for all those who attend.



# Social Skills Group

Summer 2011

Join other 'scientist' kids in the

## **FRIENDSHIP LAB!**

We're investigating what it takes  
to be a good friend.

- Conversation basics
- Handling emotions
- Thinking about others –  
what are they thinking??!

July 11-15 or August 8-12  
(identical content)

Come each day for 1.5 hours of  
exploration and fun!

## **Drama Art Experiments!**

We'll have sensory breaks and  
a focus on strategy building.

For students with social skill  
needs who have just completed:

Grades 1-3 (8:30-10 am)

Grades 4-6 (10:30-noon)

Grades 7-9 (1-2:30 pm)

Lead scientists will be Speech-  
Language Pathologists.



Taking registrations until June 21<sup>st</sup>. For  
more information or to register, call  
(403) 528-8175.

St. Michael's Parent Council meeting

May 10, 2011

In Attendance:

Mr. Weisgerber, Miss Gregus, Mitch Hansen, Stephanie Hlady, Cindy Hansen, Melinda Mastel, Warren Bridge, Natalie Van Tryp

Warren called the meeting to order at 6:35

Mike led us in prayer

Review and acceptance of April 5th minutes

Old business from minutes:

- Curtis - Apple Drugs school supplies. School supply lists will accompany report cards, then parents can go online and order supplies. Should be at school for children on first day of school.
- Bar-b-que - Gwen will pick this up. Warren motioned to give her "gas" money, Stephanie seconded.

Trustee report: Mr. Van Ham was absent.

Treasurer report:

- various bills for last month, see Mrs. Mastel for further details if interested
- will write a cheque to cover the rest of the budgeted money for field trips. Mitch motioned, Warren seconded.
- Bank balance as of April 30 is \$30,149.11 plus \$10,000 GIC

Teacher report:

- please check your newsletter calendars for events for the remainder of the year.

Principal report:

- waiting on Board to approve the budget, until then nothing is known about next year.
- talked about Town Hall Meeting held on May 9th
- registrations for 2011-2012 still outstanding

Town Hall Meeting:

- 6 people from St. Michael's Bow Island attended. We had the best representation.

HEAL:

- Thanks again for all your help with running the concession and with hot lunches.

IGA bucks:

- Gwen is retiring and looking for anyone to take her job.
- we've made about \$3400 to date

New Business:

- 2010-2011 Missoula went well for this year. Directors were very impressed with the depth of our children. Commented that our children learned so quickly. Pictures will be sent to Commentator from this. Next year is Cinderella from April 23-28.

- Track and Field for Elementary students is June 2– Grade 3/4 parents are in charge of organizing/cooking.

- Shirts from 50th anniversary will be given to Junior and Senior High students participating in Track and Field this year. Motioned by Stephanie, seconded by Mitch.

- Thank you from Adrianna Hansen for donating to the 30 Hour Famine. \$3000 was donated.

Dismissed at 8:15

Next meeting: June 14th 6:30 - see you there!