

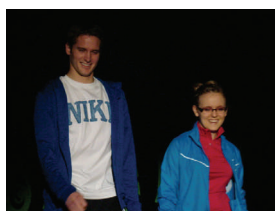
# St. Michael's School

## March 2011

### 10th Annual Fashion Show

"A Decade of Fashion" was the theme for this year's 10th annual fashion show. February 11th saw several students and staff members model clothing from stores in Medicine Hat

**Mr. Lutz & Amanda Roth strut their stuff!**



and Taber. A huge thank you goes out to all those who helped organize this event. It takes many hands and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank our emcees for this year, Mr. Bauche and Mrs. Robertson for taking time out of their busy schedules to help make the night special. Thank you as well to Master's School of Hair Design for donating all their time to do all of the girls' hair and Char's Make-Up Artistry—Char Rosse for doing the models make-up. Please support the stores who gave us the clothes that were modeled: Ricki's, Warehouse One, Penner's, West 49, Bluenotes, Sport Chek, Jersey City, One Tooth, Le Chateau, and Moore's Clothing for Men. We appreciate the support they have given us over the years. We would like to thank our

many door prize sponsors: Warehouse One, Bow Island Greenhouse & Flower Shop, Rainbow Gas Bar, Len's Foods, Servus Credit Union, Van Ham Auto Body, Roth Land Grain, Treasure Island, Apple Drugs, Town of Bow Island, Hair Depot & Chelsea's Hair Designs, Tony Croymans & Sons, Bow Island Hardware Ltd.—Robin & Connie Knibbs, Avon—Anieta Kienzle, Everyday Style—Jane Ficiur, A & H Body & Paint Shop, Lia Sophia Jewelry—Tara Robertson, and Norwex—Cindy Hume. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

### Report Cards/Parent-Teacher Interviews

Report Cards for students in Kindergarten to Grade 9 will be sent home with students March 9th. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on a first come basis on March 17th from 4:00 to 8:30 p.m. for all grade levels. Please respect the time for interviews as

teachers must be allowed time to prepare their classrooms after a full day of teaching. All interviews will be held in your child's classroom. Parent/Teacher Interviews are a vital part of your child's education. Please plan to attend.



### **Parent Council**

The next Parent Council meeting is set for Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m. Free babysitting is available. Your opinions matter, plan to attend!

### Newsletter Highlights

- > Fashion Show
- > Ash Wednesday
- > P.A.R.T.Y. Program
- > 100th Day Celebration
- > Library News
- > Bridge Night
- > Report Cards/Parent-Teacher Interviews
- > HOJA
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### 100th Day of School

The Grade One's and Two's recently celebrated the 100th day of School. Their day was packed with a variety of activities including collecting loonies for Mission Mexico. Thanks to the donations of students and staff, they were able to collect \$116.00. **FANTASTIC!**

### P.A.R.T.Y. Program

The Grade 9 class along with Mr. Stroh will be attending the P.A.R.T.Y. Program (Prevention of Alcohol Related Trauma in Youth) in Medicine Hat on Monday, March 14th. More information will be sent home with the students prior to March 14th.

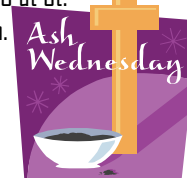
### Happy St. Patrick's Day

May your blessings outnumber  
The shamrocks that grow,  
And may trouble avoid you  
Wherever you go.

An Irish Blessing

### Ash Wednesday

Everyone is invited to join us for our Ash Wednesday Celebration with Father Fred on Wednesday, March 9th at 9:30 at St. Michael's Church.



## Grade 3/4 Bridge Night

In correlation with the Grade 3/4 Science program, the class is having a "Family Bridge Night" on Tuesday, March 15th at 6:00 p.m. in their classroom. It is a home/school collaborative bridge building project.



### 2011/2012 SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS NOW DUE

Please return your child's registration form to the school as soon as possible. Additional registration forms are available at the school office.

## Library News

The January winners of the Medicine Hat Tigers and CIBC Read-to-Succeed program were: Lauren Ladders, Wade Mastel and Wyatt Pahl. February's winners will be announced in March.

In 106 days of the AR Program students have read 1141 books and have passed 1085 quizzes. This gives the school an average of 85.8% with 57/86 participants.

We are excited to bring Sigmund Brouwer to St. Michael's School on March 10th in the afternoon with his presentation of "The Rock & Roll Literacy Show".



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## Student Council Activities

Student Council has another busy month planned. Friday, March 4th is "St. Mike's Got Talent" show. 16 different acts performed by students and staff from 12:50 to 2:00. Everyone is invited to join us for a fun afternoon of entertainment.

March 14-17 is Spirit Week. We encourage everyone to participate in the following

events:

- ◆ March 14—Hat Day. Wear a hat of any kind
- ◆ March 15—Western Day. Put on your best western duds. We are looking for full-out "cowboy".
- ◆ March 16—"What You Want To Be When You Grow Up Day". Dress up



to show your future career. Be creative, not just a name tag.

- ◆ March 17—Green Day. Dress for St. Patrick's Day. Your clothing must be fully green to count (i.e. q whole t-shirt not just a green logo or green socks). GO ALL OUT GREEN!



## HOJA

HOJA is a Canadian acappella group originally based out of Saskatoon, SK. Over the past decade, HOJA has recorded five CD's and performed for more than 3,000 audiences from British Columbia to Ontario. Their repertoire is filled with favorite songs from the 50's to the present that span every style of music—

from doo wop to rock, country to disco— no genre is safe from Canada's acappella hereo!

St. Michael's School is fortunate to have HOJA perform for us on Wednesday, March 2 at 2:00. The show will be an hour long. Parents are invited to join us.



## Free Hot Lunch

### Homemade Macaroni & Cheese with Green Jello March 17/11

Thank you to all those who have volunteered in the concession and/or helped with the hot lunches. Your help is appreciated!

## Youth Night

March 16, 2011  
6:30-8:00 at  
St. Michael's School

### The Season of Lent

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (Mar. 9). There are three simple—and sensible—things to do as Lent begins.

*Pray.* Find that quiet, private space where you can be alone with your thoughts and alone with God.

*Fast.* Think about what you eat and drink, and why. Try to make healthy choices and support local producers. Consider fasting from criticism, impatience, inflexibility. Thoughtful self-denial cleanses both the body and the spirit.

*Give alms.* With a generous spirit, share what you have with those who have less. And share often. Know the acts of justice and compassion bless both the giver and the recipient.

Three simple things: prayer, fasting and alms-giving. They stand the test of time because they are pleasing to God and they are good for us as well.

Susan Eaton, Antigonish, NS

## Grade 1/2 News

The Grade One class will host a Parent Day on Monday, March 14th from 8:35–10:45.

Leprechaun's have been known to show up at the school from time to time. The Grade 1/2 class are building traps to try and catch these sneaky fellows. Everyone is invited to have a look at their traps during the Leprechaun Trap Showcase Day on Wednesday, March 16th from 11:15–12:15. Maybe this will be the year they catch a Leprechaun!





# St. Michael's School - Bow Island

## March 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Birthday Assembly 2:30 Parent Council Meeting @6:30	2 HOJA 2:00	3	4 "St. Mike's Got Talent" 12:50	5
6	7	8	9 Ash Wednesday Ser- vice 9:30 St. Michael's Church  Report Cards Home	10 Author Visit— Sigmund Brouwer	11	12
13	14 P.A.R.T.Y. Program "Hat Day" Grade 1 Parent Day	15 Gr. 3/4 Bridge Night 6:00 "Western Day"	16 "What You Want To Be When You Grow Up Day"  Grade 1/2 Leprechaun Trap Showcase 11:15 YOUTH NIGHT 6:30-8:00	17 "Green Day" Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00-8:30	18 NO SCHOOL  STAFF PD DAY	19
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# BOARD BULLETIN

February 08, 2011 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

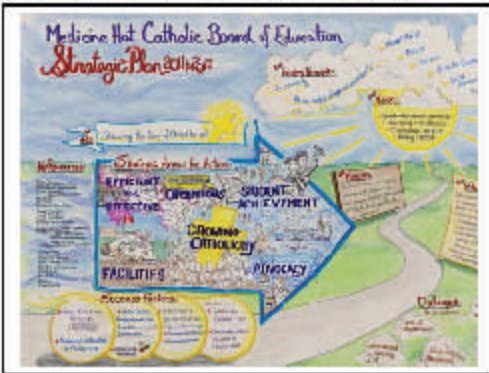
**CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS** – Education Week 2011 is May 02 - May 06, 2011. Celebrate the wonders of learning during Education Week; a great opportunity to come to your child's school and take part in activities, events or celebrations.

► **Accountability Pillar Surveys** are conducted by Alberta Education which survey all Teachers; Students in Grade 4, 7 & 10 and Parents of those students. The survey results paint a picture of how well we are doing as a School Division from their perspective in the areas of **Student Achievement, Safe & Caring School Environments, Parent Involvement and Satisfaction with the Education Experience.** Survey results are posted on the Division Website [www.mhcbce.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbce.ab.ca) under Documents & Publications/Accountability Pillar Summary.

► **Substitute Teacher Week is March 14 – March 18, 2011.** The Board of Trustees acknowledges their tremendous contribution to our Catholic Schools in Medicine Hat & Bow Island.

► **SCHOOL ART 2011** on display at the Esplanade Gallery from Feb. 26 – Apr. 1, 2011; **700 Works of Art** from all area schools in an array of media were chosen by jurors. Catholic students with chosen art will be acknowledged with a **Division Sponsored Art Scholarship** presented by a Board representative @ the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, March 06, 2011 @ 1:30 pm at the Gallery. Winners will be announced in the April Board Bulletin. **Gallery Hours:** M-F 10am-5pm; S&S Noon-5pm; Admission: \$4 Adults; \$7 Youth; Free under 6. Thursdays are Free Admission.

**BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING OUTCOME** – The Board of Trustees presented their strategic plan for the next (3) years. There are (5) major strategic areas of action identified as priorities: **Growing Catholicity, Student Achievement, Efficient & Effective Operations, Facilities and Advocacy.** In addition, Trustees have outlined a number of key success factors for the strategic areas of action: **Continued Strong Performance in Annual Education Results; Balanced Utilization of Facilities; High School Programming for Bow Island and French Immersion; Growing Catholicity, Communicating the Value of Catholic Education and Effective Implementation of School Act Changes, Inspiring Action and Action on Inclusion.** A visual display located at the Board Office highlights the 2011-2013 Strategic Plan.



**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – The Superintendent presented a mid-year review of the strategies identified in the Three Year Education Plan. Successful implementation of strategies includes:

- The **Religious Education Retreat** in which (3) key areas of action were identified - **Knowledge of Faith; Living Faith and Responsibility for Sharing the Faith;**
- Continuation of **Faith Formation for new Teachers and the Division Leadership Team** including Principals & Vice Principals;

## Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."



- AISI Project "Assessment to meet Student Needs & Increase Student Engagement" including effective Professional Development;
- French Immersion Program Review;
- Implementation of Alberta Education "Inclusion" strategies for students with specialized learning needs;
- Turning Points Program Review;
- Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) Scholarships – Monsignor McCoy continues to be a leader in the Province of Alberta in the number of students registered in the Apprenticeship Program;
- First Nations, Métis, Inuit Program Development including hiring a FNMI Support Teacher.

**TOWN HALL MEETING** – The Board of Trustees will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Monday May 09, 2011 @ Holy Family Parish 7:00 pm. Topics will include: Budget; Board Strategic Plan and Centennial Celebrations. An invitation will be sent home with students.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** – The Board of Trustees have received notification from the local Parishes that their financial support of the Youth Ministry Project will not be continued beyond this school year. The Board believes the Youth Ministry Project is a *rich opportunity* to bring another level of *faith to our students.* The project is currently funded in partnership between the Catholic School Board and the Parishes. A comprehensive evidence based evaluation was done this year and the project has demonstrated significant success resulting in student engagement. The Board would like to re-establish goal setting and identify clear outcomes for the project along with Parish Priests; Parish Council & the Youth Ministry Committee.

**2011 – 2012 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS** – The Board of Trustees unanimously approved Budget Assumptions at the January Board Meeting, with the exclusion of (3) items; the Board amended that motion and determined that all of the Budget Assumptions identified in January will be included in the upcoming budget. Link: [Budget Assumptions](#). The Budget Assumptions are found on the Division website as an enclosure to the January 2011 Board Agenda Package located @ <http://www.mhcbce.ab.ca/BoardMinutes.php>

**STUDENT SERVICES** – The Board will write a letter to the **Minister of Health** to inform him that the Division *did not* receive the additional funding referred to in the announcement from Health; but rather had to reduce services in order to stretch the Student Services Budget through to June 2011.

Education Week 2011

EDUCATION: *The Heart of our Communities* – ENGAGED, ETHICAL, ENTREPRENEURIAL

Celebrate Education Week 2011 May 2 to May 6

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 08, 2011 at the Catholic School Board Office @ 6pm, 1251-9<sup>th</sup> AVE SW, Medicine Hat. All are welcome to attend.

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