

APRIL 2011



“ A COMMUNITY OF FAITH DEVOTED TO STUDENTS ”

St. Michael's School

Missoula Children's Theatre



Missoula Children's Theatre will be at St. Michael's School from May 2 to May 6th. This year the directors and students will be performing "King Arthur's Quest". Auditions will be held in the school gym on Monday, May 2 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Only students who have returned a signed permission form are eligible to audition. Remember, students participating in the production must attend all rehearsals and both performances. Two performances are scheduled for Friday, May 6 at 3:30 and again at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 adult, \$2.00 student, \$10.00 family, and under six free. This always proves to be an enjoyable time. Plan to attend.

About the directors:



Andy Pokel is honored to call himself a veteran Tour Actor/Director with MCT. A Neenah, Wisconsin native, Andy has enjoyed the arts from an early age. After years of encouragement & prodding, Andy gave in and tried out for his first musical at age 13. Andy's first MCT experience came at age 16, when he attended their Performing Arts Camp and fell in love with the company.



Alisha Eberhart is thrilled to be touring with MCT. Born in Clear Spring, Maryland, one of her first theatre experiences was with MCT as a munchkin in THE WIZARD OF OZ. Alisha is ecstatic to be working with one of the companies that is responsible for her love of acting and is excited to tour and share that love through MCT.

30-Hour Famine

Congratulations to all those students who participated in the 30-Hour Famine on April 15th and 16th. Participants with help from St. Michael's congregation raised \$3365 for World Vision. The money is used to help feed and care for

children all over the world. GREAT JOB EVERYONE! We would like to especially thank Adrianna Hansen for once again organizing this worthwhile project. Thank you also to those who volunteered their

time to chaperone the participants.



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EDUCATION WEEK

MAY 2 - 6

Education Week 2011

Education: The Heart of our Communities
- Engaged, Ethical, Entrepreneurial
May 2 to May 6





Graduation

Four students will be graduating from St. Michael's this year. The ceremonies are set for Saturday, May 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. On behalf of the students and staff of St. Michael's School we send our best wishes to the Graduating Class of 2010: Sarah Crooymans, Lucas MacDonald, Amanda Roth and Katie Van Leeuwen.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Camp McCoy

The Grade 5/6 class will be going to camp McCoy from May 25 to 27. The students along with Mr. Morrison will be participating in hikes, parks educational programs and other activities. Thank you to Mr. Morrison for organizing this trip.

Achievement Testing

If you have a child in Grades 3, 6 or 9 you will be receiving a parent Guide to Provincial Achievement Testing. These guides are intended to assist you in discussing the upcoming achievement tests. The guide for each of these grades includes samples of curriculum standards and samples of test questions for the particular grade, in addition to information about the testing program. An achievement test schedule is attached.

Dress Code

As the warmer weather approaches we would like to remind parents and students of St. Michael's Dress Code. We are a Kindergarten to Grade 12 school and must remember the young impressionable students who look up to the older students for guidance and as role models. We would like everyone to set a good example. The dress code is attached for your review.



Safety Patrollers

The Grade 5/6 Safety Patrol students along with Mr. Morrison will be joining patrollers from Medicine Hat and the surrounding area at the Family Leisure Centre on May 11 for swimming and pizza. This is a thank you from the

AMA School Safety Patrol for the hard work patrollers do throughout the year. Thank you to Mr. Morrison and the patrollers for their time and involvement in the program



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

Several students at St. Michael's School competed in the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. The top three students in each category advanced on to the District Level in Medicine Hat. The top three shooters then advanced on to the Regional Level and again to the

Provincial Level. 149 youth ages 10 to 14 from across Alberta and the North West Territories participated in the Provincial Championships. Congratulations to Jessica Perin, Michael Grol, Lisa Harrison, Jessica Crooymans, Tanya Harrison and Dennis Drader for all ranking in the

top 14 at the Provincial level, with Dennis Drader placing 3rd in his category and Michael Grol placing 2nd in his category. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!



Library News



The AR program has been running for 137 days as of April 12. Students have read 1422 AR books and passed 1355 quizzes. The school average is 86.7%. AWESOME!

Many older books have been pulled from the library shelves as they are no longer being read. Anyone interested in these books can stop by the school to have a look and let Mrs. Mastel know what you are interested in.

First Communion

Two students from St. Michael's School will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 15th at the 9:00 mass. We would like to congratulate Lauren Ladders and Karsten Van Tryp.



Concession/H.E.A.L.

The concession will continue to offer its Fabulous Fish Fridays until the end of the school year. Fridays only, the concession will be serving Tuna Quesadilla, Tuna Wrap, Fish Stick Wrap, Grilled Cheese and Kraft Dinner. Thank you to all who help with the different jobs in the concession.

The H.E.A.L. committee's hot lunch for may will be subs and frozen fruit bars. FREE hot lunch will be Thursday, May 19th.

Student Dress Code

General

Students at St. Michael's School are expected to project in their appearance and dress a standard of modesty and courtesy that is appropriate and fitting for the educational environment of the school and for making a smooth transition to the work place. Clearly not appropriate for school are: torn pants, exposing underwear; sleeveless tops exposing underwear; spaghetti strap tops; abbreviated shirts/blouses/shorts that expose the midriff, buttocks, obvious cleavage; and clothing with symbols, insignias, and printed messages that are inconsistent with the District Mission Statement.

Such judgment will be the responsibility of all staff members. In such cases the student may be asked to change at school, asked to go home to change, or the parents called to bring more appropriate clothing.

Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. Dirty or wet footwear must be cleaned, dried, or changed before entering the main hallways of the school.

The wearing of hats inside a school building during the school day is not proper etiquette. Students may not wear hats and headwear in the school during the school day. Confiscated hats will be returned on or after the following dates: October 29, 2010; December 21, 2010; March 17, 2011; June 17, 2011.



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!

Student Council

Student Council has planned to Spirit days for the month of May. May 12th will be Hippy Day and everyone is to dress like a hippie and on May 19th everyone is asked to dress like a nerd for "Nerd Day". Participation means points on the scoreboard. JOIN IN, HAVE FUN!



Grade 10 Orientation

There will be a Grade 10 orientation meeting on Wednesday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Students entering Grade 10 in September are encouraged to attend with their parents. The meeting will focus on Alberta Education's Senior High Program in general, St. Michael's Senior High Program, graduation requirements, CTS courses, sports and extracurricular programs. There will also be a question & answer period. If you know anyone who will be entering Grade 10 in the fall please feel free to invite them to this meeting as well or have them call the school as soon as possible.

LIQUOR BAN

MAY LONG WEEKEND AT CYPRESS HILLS


INTERPROVINCIAL PARK - ALBERTA.

PLEASE NOTE-a liquor ban will be in effect in all campgrounds at Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park-Alberta from noon on Thursday May 19, 2011 until 6:00 pm on Monday May 23, 2011. It is anticipated that this proactive approach will aid in making one of Alberta's most popular parks a safer and more enjoyable place for families to camp on the long weekend. Our Provincial Parks belong to everyone and we all have a role in ensuring they remain protected and accessible for all Albertans to enjoy.

Help us to ensure Cypress Hills continues to be a safe place for everyone to enjoy and appreciate. We hope and expect all park users including youth to act and behave responsibly and be prepared and able to deal with adverse weather and emergencies. We encourage you to discuss the issues with your children.

May 2011

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	Missoula Children's Theatre auditions 9:00	3 Birthday Assembly @11:00	4	5 Student Leadership Conference - Red Deer	6 MCT performs King Arthur's Quest 3:30 & 7:30 Student Leadership Conference - Red Deer	7 Student Leadership Conference - Red Deer
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		10 Parent Council Meeting 6:30	11 AMA Safety Patroller's at Medicine Hat Leisure Centre	12 "Hippie Day"		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
First Communion 9:00 Mass St. Michael's Church	16 1-2-3 Fun Time	17 1-2-3 Fun Time	18 1-2-3 Fun Time	19 "Nerd Day" 1-2-3 Fun Time	NO SCHOOL	
		Gr. 3 Achievement Test - Language Arts Part A 9:00 - 11:00	Gr. 6 Achievement Test - Language Arts Part A 9:00 - 11:00	Gr. 9 Achievement Test - Language Arts Part A 9:00 - 11:00	STAFF PD DAY	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		24	25 Youth Night 6:30 Gr. 5/6 Leave for Camp McCoy	26	27 Gr. 5/6 Return from Camp McCoy	28 Grad Ceremonies 7:30
29	30	31	June 1	June 2	June 3	
			Grade 10 Orientation Meeting @6:30	Elementary Track & Field Day 12:30	Kindergarten Graduation	

BOARD BULLETIN

April 12, 2011 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENTATION –



Mr. Ian Rattan, a first year Teacher at Monsignor McCoy High School was in attendance to be recognized by the Board for his nomination for the Alberta School Boards Association Edwin Parr "First Year Teacher" Award. Mr. Rattan was introduced by Mrs. Drew a fellow teaching colleague. The winner will be announced on May 11, 2011. Good luck Mr. Rattan!

PRESENTATION – The Board recognizes the significant contribution the Catholic Schools in our community make to the Annual Rotary Music Festival. The following individuals are recognized for their contribution in the success of the student performances which positively represent our Division locally and provincially. The Board recognized the following individuals as Ambassadors for Catholic Education: Mrs. Helen Scotland, Mrs. Maureen Woelffe, Mrs. Patricia Swan, Mrs. Dana Bruins, Mrs. Erika Bodnaruk, Mrs. Grainne Concagh, Mrs. Grace Heilman, Mr. Corbie Dornier and Mr. Jim Schmid.



In Picture Left to Right:
Mrs. Patricia Swan, Mrs. Maureen Woelffe, Mrs. Helen Scotland, Mrs. Grainne Concagh, Mrs. Grace Heilman, Mr. Jim Schmid, Mr. Peter Graf, Board Chair
(Missing: Mrs. Erika Bodnaruk, Mrs. Dana Bruins, Mr. Corbie Dornier)

PRESENTATION – Mr. Rolf Tralchel, Director of Information Systems was in attendance to provide the Board with an overview of the Information Systems in the Division. It is evident that the Division Information Technology profile has expanded exponentially in the last number of years including both the quantity and type of equipment supported as well as the extent of services offered to both students and staff. The Division is proud of the State of the Art technologies in both the hardware and software applications available to Division students and staff. Future plans are to continue to consolidate infrastructure services including, but not limited to, the Student Information Reporting System and the Division phone system. Preparation continues to support the use of Student Owned Devices. The goals for the IT Department remain challenging; but we continue to be excited about adapting new technologies to better the Division overall.

BUDGET 2011 – 2012 – The Board of Trustees announced they met in-camera to review the draft Budget. The following motion was presented in the public meeting: THAT the Board of Trustees direct Senior Administration to further revise the budget and that the Board hold a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 @ 8:00 p.m. to approve the budget for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – Annually the Board holds an organizational meeting to determine Committee Representatives and the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair. The Board wishes to engage in that process prior to the end of each school year rather than after the start of the school year. This practice will comply with regulations set out in the School Act and Board Policy beginning this year.

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – The Superintendent reported that the Three Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Reports will again be a combined report submitted to the Province.

• **Ecole St. Thomas d'Aquin Modular Classroom (portable)** – The Division removed the modular at the elementary school from the active inventory, following an engineering report that determined there are some structural issues with the modular. Although the recommendation did not indicate the building was unsafe, a decision was made to no longer use that facility at this time.

• **Town Hall Meetings** are being held to engage our Support Staff and Teaching Staff to provide them the opportunity to tell us what is working well and what can be improved upon in their assignments, their schools and the school division overall. A Community Town Hall Meeting is planned for **May 09, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish**. The meeting will engage stakeholders on the 2011-2012 Budget, Centennial Celebrations and the Board's Strategic Plan. Please plan to attend.

• **Centre for Academic & Personal Excellence (CAPE)** – The Board of Trustees & Senior Administration plan to schedule a meeting with the Board & Senior Administration from CAPE to discuss our current partnership and future opportunities that might exist. CAPE currently leases the former St. Louis School, a facility owned by the Board.

TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANT – A consultant was hired to review the School Bus Transportation System as a whole, not including St. Michael's School Bow Island. The report is to provide an objective opinion of school bus routes, pick up & drop off locations, ride times, impact of cross attendance etc. Outcomes of the findings along with recommendations will be presented to the Board in June in the form of a report.

SOUTHRIDGE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH NOTRE DAME

– The City of Medicine Hat will no longer be providing the city bus service through Southridge to take students to Notre Dame. Historically the Board paid for the city bus pass for those particular students. There is no contractual agreement between MHCBE and the City. In light of the decision by City Transit, the Board passed the following motion: THAT the Board works with Totem Transportation to find the most efficient manner of transporting eligible middle school students in Southridge to Notre Dame Academy.

THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN – The Board approved the Three Year Capital Plan to 2014. The primary features of the plan are the construction of a New Elementary School in Sector 5 and the Modernization of Monsignor McCoy High School.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS – In May, the Student Logo Contest winner will be announced. The art work will be published as the official LOGO celebrating 100 Years of Catholic education. The student will be recognized at their school assembly, will receive a special certificate and a \$100 Gift Card to Cole's (Chapters/Indigo) Book Store!



The next Catholic School Board Meeting is Thursday, May 12, 2011 @ 6:00 pm
@ the Catholic School Board Office, 1251 – 1st Avenue SW, Medicine Hat.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

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