



St. Michael's April 2011 Newsletter



March 31, 2011

From the Desk of the Principal: Mr. Blackmer

“For **God** so loved the **world** that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. “ John 3:16

The word "lent" actually means "spring". I know that this year we are all thankful for the long awaited spring weather that has been so long in coming. During Lent we also are waiting for something even more important as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Easter. Lent is the time of year that the Church calls us to draw closer to Christ through prayer and sacrifice. May our Lenten observances this month assist us in our growth to holiness. May the resurrection victory that Jesus won for us on the cross be our constant source of strength and joy. I pray that God bless you and your families during this Lenten season and may your Easter be a cause for celebration and great joy!

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HOLY WEEK– April 17–23

Monday, April 18— Assembly—10:30 am

Thursday, April 21—1:30 p.m.

-Students in grades 4-6 will be presenting our annual dramatization of Jesus' Last Week.

All parents are invited to attend our assemblies and presentations. Hope to see you there!

April Calendar Items

April 4—Assembly-10:30 led by Gr.2

April 6—"The Pirates of Penzance—Gr. 3-6

April 7— Cat Chat—9:30

April 8— Prof. Dev. Day—No school for students

April 11—Assembly—10:30

April 14— Hot Dog Lunch

April 18— Assembly-10:30

April 21— Passion Play

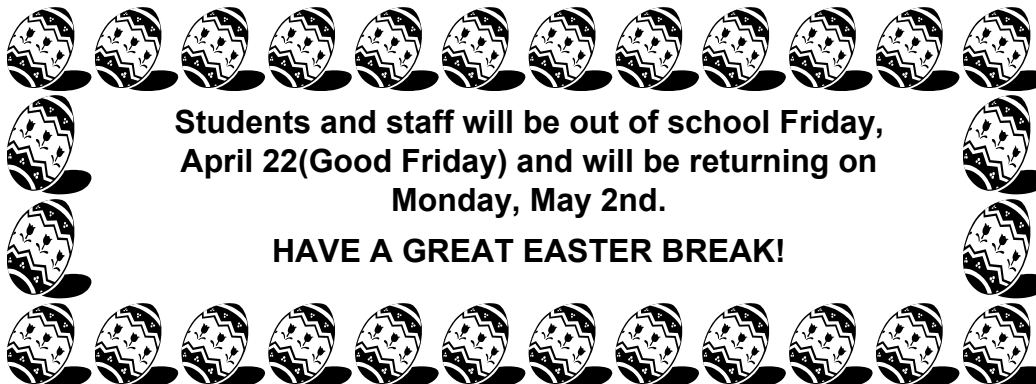
April 22—29 Easter Holidays

May 2—School re-opens for the last term .

-Kindergarten Grad Photos and Spring Photos

May 3—Spring Photos for the rest of classes

May 2 –6— Education Week



Students and staff will be out of school Friday, April 22(Good Friday) and will be returning on Monday, May 2nd.

HAVE A GREAT EASTER BREAK!

Congratulations Students and Staff

MUSIC FESTIVAL RESULTS- March, 2011



1. Grade 1S—Choir— First place
2. Grade 1D Choral Speech— First place
3. Grade 2—Choral Speech—First place
4. Grade 2-3 Choir— Second place
5. Grade 2-3 Class Choral Speech—First place
6. Grade 3 Class—Choral Speech—Second place
7. Grade 4/5 Class—Choral Speech—First place
8. Grade 5 Class—Choric Drama—Second place
9. Grade 4-6 Choir—First place
10. Gr. 6 Class Choric Drama—First place

Lenten Mission Project

Our Lenten Mission Project this year will focus on “Molly’s House”, associated with “Arms of Jesus.” We will be raising funds to help build a home for a family in Haiti.

- *If you would like to make a donations to this very important cause, you may send your monies any time throughout Lent. Students can bring 10 cents a day for 40 days of Lent—which will total \$4.00.*
- *Thank you in advance for your support.*

Reminders for School Students and for Office Procedures

Just a reminder for parents to call the school when your child is or will be absent due to illness or other reasons. (403-527-7242)

When signing out your child for the day, **please sign out at the secretary’s office on her counter.**

Also, during the school day, we at the office can be busy with other calls and other duties out of the office area. Please do not hesitate to leave messages on our answering machine. We will respond to your calls as quickly as possible.

The secretary has a lunch break from 11:30-12:00. During this time messages can be left on the answering machine.

Thank You

Thank You Parents! The staff and students wish to thank our amazing parents who provided us with delicious pancakes, sausage and juice on Shrove Tuesday, God bless you all!

St. Michael's Society for Fine Arts

Big bunches of hugs and love to all of our fabulous families that helped with the choir luncheon, fabric cutting bee, and Shrove Tuesday!! Your help is absolutely invaluable and hugely appreciated!!

A reminder that Enchanted Garden is due back by Tuesday, April 5th.

The Society Meeting is on Monday April 11th at 12:00 noon.



St. Michael's School Council

Our next Council meeting is on **Wed. April 13 at 7:00 pm**. We have set our year end June dance for Friday June 10. Watch for more details. The last Parent Association meeting for this year is set for **May 16 at 7:00 pm**. The next School Board meeting is set for Tuesday April 12 at 6:00 pm at the board office.



CAT CHAT

St. Michael's is once again proud to present the Catholic musical performance of Cat Chat. Join us for this special hour of worship and praise and lots of fun with Moses and the entire Cat Chat family on April 7th at 9:30 a.m. A big thank you to St. Michael's Society for the Fine Arts for their co-sponsorship of this event!

CD's, shirts, posters etc. will available to purchase.



Dressing for the Weather

Students should always be dressing for the weather. Winter just doesn't seem to be going away. The school yard can be very wet during the spring months. Students should have rubber boots when playing outside.

Spring and summer clothing— students should not be wearing short shorts and beach type tops to school. Spaggetti strap clothing is not permitted at school. Flip flops are not appropriate for Phys. Ed or outdoor activities. Please make sure your child has appropriate runners for the physical activity they have every day.

STUDENT, STREET, BICYCLE AND BUS SAFETY



Spring has officially arrived according to the calendar.

Students Safety— Parents are asked to stop at the office if you are needing to take your child out of class. The secretary will call the classroom and have your child meet you at the front foyer. The sign out book for students leaving school during the school day is on the counter at the office. The small book at the entrance doors is for staff only.

Street and Bus Safety— When picking up your children we ask that students not walk in-between the busses or parked vehicles. We are reminding parents **not to park in the school bus parking area nor park in front of the neighbors drive-ways. Tickets can be issued.**

Bike Safety— Please ensure that your child wears a helmet when riding his or her bike to school. Students riding bikes to school must lock them up during the day.

Crosswalk Safety— Please be reminded that we have had a crosswalk in place since last year. We are once again reminding parents not to park on the crosswalk or within 5 metres of crosswalk and private driveways. Parking in the stalls behind the school is reserved for staff parking. Also the Handi-bus and Taxi's pick up and drop off students from the LAP and pre-school classes in the back alley. The Handi-cap parking areas must be observed for the safety of these students.

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

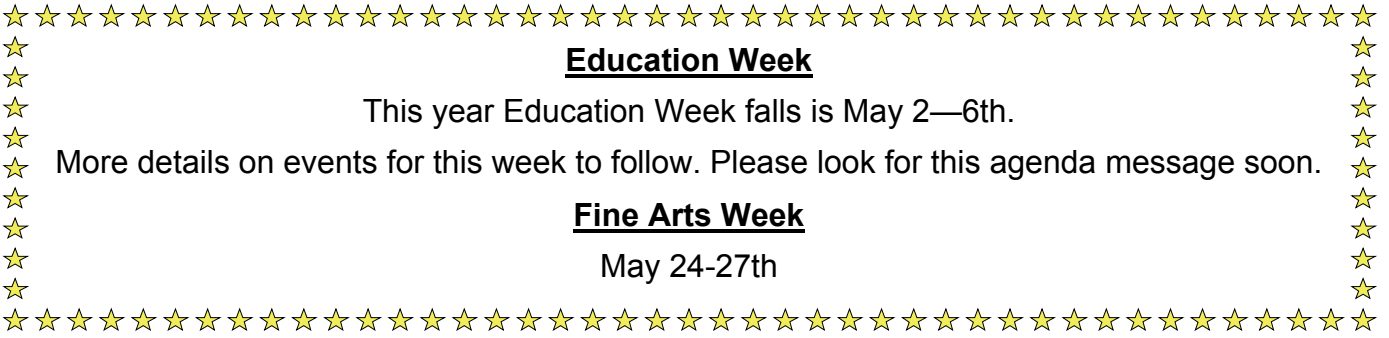
An opportunity to support Catholic education in your community!

Congratulations.....



1.to Bak Nyang of grade six who recently placed first in his age category for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition at the district level!
2.to our very own Mrs. Kowalchuk who recently received an award from the Esplanade Art Gallery for inspiring outstanding contributions to school art! Also recognized by the Esplanade were three of our students: Austin Thies— Grade 4, Griffon Klassen— Grade 4 and Willow Hordos-Goyer— Grade 6. Wonderful work everyone!





Education Week

This year Education Week falls is May 2—6th.

More details on events for this week to follow. Please look for this agenda message soon.

Fine Arts Week

May 24-27th



Medicine Hat Law Day

April 16, 2011

10:00 am—2:30 pm

Courthouses throughout Alberta will be opening their doors to the public in celebration of Law Day—an initiative of the Canadian Bar Association with support from the Alberta Law Foundation. Medicine Hat Law Day will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm at the Provincial Court Building on 1st Street SE in Medicine Hat.

The Law Day Committee has planned a fun-filled day of events for the who family.

All events are FREE of charge.

10:00— Doors Open

10:15— Mock Trial: “Old MacDonald v. Casey the Cow”

10:30— Citizenship Court

11:00— MHPS K-9 Unit Demonstration

11:30 - Court House Tour

12:30— Mock Trial: “Old MacDonald v. Casey the Cow”

1:00— MHPS K-9 Unit Demonstration

1:30— Court House Tour

2:30— Doors Close

LOST AND FOUND BINS

Once again, our lost and found bins are full. On Thursday, March 31st and Friday, April 1st, clothing items will be on display in our front foyer for parents and students to claim. After these dates, remaining clothes will be sent to the Salvation Army.



Greenhouse Project/Green Team News

1. Pitch-In Canada Week—April 18-24, 2011

Students will be participating in a neighborhood clean-up during this week.

2. Earth Day is on April 22—students will be participating with environmental activities.

Greenhouse Projects—more news with this project to follow.

APRIL DRAW

The winner for the March draw: Madison Mergel - Congratulations!

Draw: Please enter the April draw by filling out this portion. Return it to the school office by .

Faith in Action: Remember to thank your parents or friends for any gifts they give you and tell them you _____ them.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

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."



2011

- Excellence in Teaching -
Award Nominee

In Picture Left to Right:

Mr. Andy Fune Principal, St. Louis School, Mrs. Annette Graf Teacher, Mr. Peter Grad Board Chair

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.

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”.*

► **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 06, 2011**; Mrs. Jodi Churla, 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
Carista 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 Kopek	Grade 12	Monsignor McCoy High School; Hat Art Club Award
Griffon Klaus	Grade 5	St. Michael’s School MH; TRES Program Award
Joel Keinick	Grade 2	Mother Teresa School; Esplanade Arts Education Award
Willow Hordes-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

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 @ 6pm.*

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 6 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.

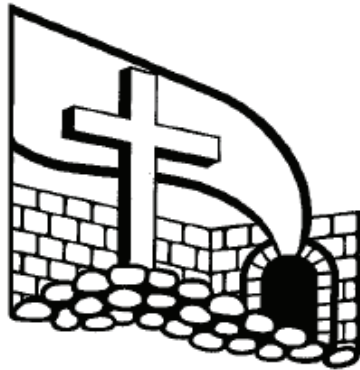
JANUARY 2011 DIPLOMA EXAM RESULTS – The *Diploma Exam Results for Monsignor McCoy High School and St. Michael’s School Bow Island* are posted on the Division website under *Documents and Publications* then click on [Achievement and Diploma Exam Results](#).

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)



WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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MASS TIMES: Saturday - 5:00 pm; Sunday - 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm or by appointment with priest
Administrator - Fr. Philip Le; Associate Pastor - Fr. Roque Pereira



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Monday of Holy Week, April 18

Chrism Mass in Calgary
No Mass in the parish this day
Stations of the Cross - 6:30 pm

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 19

Mass - 7:00 pm
Adoration after Mass until 8:30 pm

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 20

Mass - 9:00 am

Holy Thursday, April 21

No Mass at 9:00 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm
Adoration after Mass until 10:00 pm

Good Friday, April 22

Services at 12:00 pm (noon) & 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 23

No Mass at 5:00 pm
Easter Vigil - 9:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 24

Mass at 8:30 am and 10:30 am only
No Mass at 6:00 pm on Easter Sunday

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22 is a day of fast (limitations on food and drink, traditionally meaning one full meal and two lighter meals) and abstinence from meat.

FIRST COMMUNION CHANGE

For those preparing for First Communion at Holy Family Parish, **please note the time of the meeting on Monday, April 4 has been changed to 6:00 pm** (not 6:30 pm as in the original schedule). The time of the Sunday, April 3 meeting is still 1:30 pm (attend either day).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed in the church every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm and also on **Monday, April 18.**

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

At Holy Family Parish:

Monday, April 4 at 7:00 pm

At St. Patrick's Parish:

Monday, April 11 at 7:00 pm

School Masses at Holy Family in April

Wednesday, April 13 - 9:00 am

Mass with Notre Dame Academy

Thursday, April 14 - 9:30 am

Mass with St. Louis & Mother Teresa

Friday, April 15 - 9:15 am

Mass with St. Thomas School

REDISCOVERING CATHOLICISM

Join us at 7:00 pm in the parish hall on **April 7, 14, 28 and May 5 and 12** when we discuss different topics relating to our Catholic faith such as the Bible, Sacraments, Jesus, Human Suffering, Mary in the Bible, Mass, Purgatory, etc. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please check the weekly bulletin at the church or on our website.

St. Patrick's Parish

Pastor: Rev. Long Vu

Masses

Saturday—5:00 pm.

Sunday— 9:00 am.
- 11:00 pm.

Lenten Penitential Services:

Monday, April 4—Holy Family @ 7 pm.
Monday, April 11— St. Patrick's @ 7 pm.
There will be several priests available.
Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Easter weekend Celebration and Masses:

April 22 (Good Friday) - Stations of the Cross—10:00 am at St. Joseph's Home
Services are being held at 1:00 and 3:30 p.m.

April 23 (Holy Saturday) - Easter Vigil Service—8:00 pm

April 24 (Easter Sunday) - Regular Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 am



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
1911 - 2011



Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede
Stampede Royalty presents...

"Princess for a Day!"

- Press Release -

The Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Queen & Princess Committee is very please to continue this contest for girls aged 8 to 12 years!

Girls are invited to enter their names using the Official entry form found online at www.mhstampede.com or in the Medicine Hat News and at Chamber Sunshine Trade Show March 4th to 6th at our Canadian Badlands booth!

Two lucky girls will be drawn from all the entries on April 8th 2011 to have a special day with the Queen Meghan MacRae and Princess Kaitlyn Barnes where they will participate in a number of events around town chauffeured by Ebel's Limousine.

It's as easy as 1234 by calling (403) 527-1234!

Or

www.MHStampede.com

Queen Chairman: Mrs. Karen Teare
Chaperon: Mrs. Kathy Webber