



St. Michael's School—June 2011 Newsletter

May 31, 2011

Calendar of Events

- May 31-June 2- Gr. 6 Outdoor Ed. Program
- June 3—Prof. Dev. Day—No school for students
- June 6—Assembly, Gr. 1D, Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, Talent Show
- June 7—Tasty Tuesday—Gr. 4/5 class, Gr. 2—Salta, Gr. 4-City Track meet
- June 8—Gr. 5 City Track Meet
- June 9—Gr. 6 City Track Meet
- June 10—Kindergarten—Prof. Dev. Day, Gr. 2—Museum, Hot Lunch, School Dance—6:00 pm
- June 11—St. Michael's Choir singing at St. Patrick's Church at the 5:00 Mass
- June 13—Gr. 1—Field trip to the Calgary Zoo
- June 14—Gr. 3 & Gr. 6—Achievement Tests, Gr. 2 Salta Gym. Gr. 5—Pollice Point Trip Gr. 5—Police Point
- June 15—Gr. 6—Achievement Test
- June 16—Gr. 3 Achievement Test,
- June 17—Gr. 4 Fort Walsh Field Trip, Gr. 2-3 Medalta Field Trip Gr. 6—Science Test
- June 19—Father's Day
- June 21 —Gr. 4/5 Field trip to Heritage Park, Tasty Tues.-Gr. 5, Gr. 3-Medalta Potteries Field Trip
- June 22—Year End Mass St. Patrick's Church-10:00
- June 23—Awards Day for Gr.-3-2:00 pm
- June 24—Echo Dale—year end activity, Last day for LAP and Kindergarten students
- June 27—Awards Day for Gr. 4-6—2:00 pm
- June 28—Last day for students-10:00
- June 30 - Last day for teachers

From the Desk of Mr. Blackmer.

Can I really be writing the final monthly newsletter message? We have had an exciting and eventful year here at St. Michael's School. It has been a year full of learning and growing through the arts as well as many blessed opportunities to deepen our love and knowledge of Jesus, our Lord! June is always a busy time and this year will be no different. Please check the calendar for our many year end activities such as our volunteer appreciation, talent show, track meets, school Masses, swimming times and field trips! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals who help make our school a special place: our staff members, our supportive parents, members of our Catholic educational community and of course, our amazing students. I thank God for the many blessings that He has poured out on all of us this year. May we continue to grow in His love and grace.

I would also like to acknowledge a very special individual who will be leaving our school this year. Although we are extremely happy for the opportunities that her new position will present at St. Mary's, it will be difficult to say good bye to Miss Gossard. Miss Gossard is a fantastic teacher! She has been a great addition to the fine arts focus of our school. Her gifts and talents will be greatly missed but we are all so grateful for the time that she has been with us. May God bless you abundantly Miss Gossard, and the path that He has in store for you. Thank you for all you have done for the students of St. Michael's! (There will always be a cup of tea waiting for you whenever you want to visit!)

Achievement Test

Gr. 3 and 6

- June 14—Gr. 3 –Lang.Arts
- Gr. 6—Soc. St.
- June 15—Gr. 6—Lang.Arts
- June 16—Gr. 3—Math
- June 17—Gr. 6 Science

AWARDS DAY

Grade 1- 3

Thursday, June 2

2:00 pm

Grade 4-6

Monday, June 27—2:00

Report Card—June 28

Report cards issued today only—report cards cannot be sent home previous to this date. Students not in attendance will have their report cards mailed.

Students will be dismissed at: 10:00 am

Field trips

1. May 31-June 2—Gr. 6 Outdoor Education Camp
2. June 7 & 14—Gr. 2 class to Salta Gymnastics
3. June 7—Gr. 4 City Track Meet
4. June 8—Gr. 5 City Track Meet
5. June 9—Gr. 6 City Track Meet
6. June 10— Gr. 2 Class—Museum
7. June 13— Gr. 1 1S & Gr. 1D— Trip to the Calgary Zoo
8. June 14— Gr. 5 Police Point Park
9. June 17— Gr. 4 Class— Fort Walsh, Gr. 2/3—Medalta Potteries
Gr. 2/3 Class—Medalta Potteries
10. June 21— Gr. 4/5 Class— Heritage Park, Gr. 3—Medalta Potteries
11. June 24—All Classes—Echo Dale—End of year activity



LIBRARY NEWS

It's that time once again, when the library shuts down for repairs, culling, inventory, and processing of new material. Our last library class will be Thursday, June 9th. Please make sure all books are handed in by June 17th.

Thanks to all parents and students who helped in the library or book fair this past school year. It was great to get to know you better and another set of hands always makes things run more smoothly. I hope you all have a safe and fun-filled summer. See you in September!

Mrs. Steinley

Bicycle Safety



Now that spring has finally arrived and students are riding bicycles to school—we urge students to wear bicycle helmets and observe all bicycle and road rules. Be Safe!



2009-2010 Yearbooks

We are now putting the 2009-2010 yearbooks on sale at the office. Sale price is \$10.00 each.

Green Team Report



Green Team will be promoting **Wheel to School** (bike, scooter, roller blade etc.) on Wednesday, June 1st.

Get on your safety gear, plan your best route, and **GET WHEELING!**



Watch for Pitching with the Mavericks and Dunking St. Michael's Staff Members. Students will have an opportunity to pitch with the Medicine Hat Mavericks, dunk staff members in a dunk tank, and buy raffle tickets for Maverick Prize. Proceeds to go towards our Greenhouse.

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Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon-Monday, June 6th
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 * All students and staff of St. Michael's School Community would like to thank you for helping us
 * throughout our school year. We are having a luncheon and student entertainment in your
 * honour. We hope you will be our special guest!
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 * The luncheon begins at 12:00 noon followed by the Talent Show !
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THANKS SO MUCH!
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Swimming Schedule

June 8 (Wednesday) —12:45-1:30—Gr. 1S, Gr. 1D, Gr.6 Heights Pool
 - 1:45-2:45 Gr.2,2/3,3—Heights Pool

June 14th (Tuesday) - 10:00-10:50—Gr. 1S,Gr. 1D-Strathcona Pool

June 15 (Wednesday) - 12:30-2:00- Gr. 4,4/5/5—Heald Pool (Riverside)

June 22 (Wednesday) 12:30-2:00—Gr. 2,4,5—Heald Pool (Riverside), Gr. 3—1:30-2:30

June 23 (Thursday) - 9:00-9:50—Gr. 1S, 2/3, 4/5—Heights Pool

MUSIC /CHOIRS

June 6—TalentShow

June 11— Mass at St. Patrick's Parish for both choirs, please wear white shirts, 5 p.m. Mass

June 16—Gr. 4-6 choirs are singing at Sunnyside Nursing Home—1:15-2:15

June 22—School Year End Mass with St. Francis- 10:00 am at St. Patrick's Church

Knights of Columbus.

They are holding a prayer service at **Holy Family Parish on June 13th at 7pm** 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 afterwards for those who attend.

June Draw

The draw for June should be submitted by June 23, 2011

Winner for May: Abigail Bridgen

June's Agenda theme is _____ -knowing the laws of God and living by them.

This month, do your best to be just.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

BACK TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Things You Need To Know

- ? Will your child will be changing schools for the upcoming school year.
- ? Will you be moving to a new place of residence over the summer.
- ? Your child is not currently riding the school bus but will ride the bus in the fall.

Prior to July 31, parents who answer 'yes' to any of the questions above are strongly encouraged to visit the Totem website to ensure a bus route is available in your area.

If your circumstances have not changed (ie. school of attendance or place of residence), there is no need to check the Totem website immediately. Please wait until after **August 22** to confirm bus route information.

Dates to Remember:

- ***August 1-21** Totem website will not be accessible during this time as they will be updating route maps.
- ***August 22** Totem website will 'go live' with updated route information. **ALL PARENTS** are encouraged to visit the website prior to **Tues August 30** (the first day of school) to confirm bus information for your child.

Route Information - www.totemtransportation.com - or call 403-527-6986.

Eligibility and School Boundaries - Contact the Catholic School Board Office at 403-502-8351 or view information on the division website - PARENTS tab www.mhcbe.ab.ca

NO CHANGES will be made to published route maps during the first week of school

Anticipated dates may vary slightly



St. Michael's Fine Arts Society News

Thank you to all of our students for their time and effort and to all of our fabulous parents who helped to make staff appreciation a success.

-apologies for the Enchanted Gardens fundraiser being delayed.

-AGM Meeting - Monday, June 20th at noon (12:00)

Wishing everyone a super summer!

St. Michael's School Council

Our year-end June dance will be on Friday, June 10 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This will be a dress up formal dance so plan to join us for a night of family fun.

The AGM is set for June 8 at 7:00 pm. This is the meeting where elections are held for next year's Parent Council Executive. It is a great way to get involved in your child's school years.

Hot Lunches

June 10 (Friday) - Hot Dogs

St. Michael's Out of School Care (OSC) Program

St. Michael's OSC Program has been successful in operating in this school for the past 5½ years, to where we are presently working towards Accreditation Status. Achieving this status will bring more legitimate credibility to our Program and the School; as well as funding that will provide access to adequate and more sufficient equipment, materials, and knowledge. In turn, this will allow us to be able to meet and support all the children's developmental needs, more effectively.

For the past 2 years, being members of the Medicine Hat & District Child Care Association (MHGCCA) has allowed us interaction with other OSC Programs in Medicine Hat, Tilley, Bow Island and Brooks. Because of this Association, our program has participated in a few community projects; one being, decorating theme "Placemats" for the monthly "Senior Luncheons" at the Veiner Centre, and most recently, a "Recycling Challenge" for Environment Week in June. Along with other participating OSC projects, our "Bug Trellis" project will be on display at the Police Point Interpretive Centre, the week of June 5-11, 2011! Support your local OSC Programs and check them out! This Association also granted our program with funding that was only to be used supporting "Inclusion and Multiculturalism"! Using our 'allotted, proposed, and approved' funding from last year, is how we were able to bring in "Gumboots", the African Dance Workshop, on March 11, 2011. Instead of keeping the funding within the program, we were able to meet both criteria by including the whole school in on the experience of learning African Dance, and the amazing story behind "Gumboots"!

As the Program Coordinator for St. Michael's OSC Program, I can assure we aim to the best of our abilities every single day, to embrace and support each child's individual needs through frequent interactions, to secure and maintain positive relationships with them, and their families. We hold an "Open-Door" Policy; so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to stop by and check out St. Michael's OSC Program, in the school gymnasium. Registration forms for the 2011-12 School year, and general Program Information (Parent Handbooks) are now available. These are accessible from Ms. Greenwald (School Secretary) during School hours; or myself, during Program hours (Before or After School).

Nova-lee Townsend

Program Coordinator

St. Michael's OSC Program

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EVENING GAMES

CAMPING

CAMPFIRE GAMES & SONGS

CANOING



BEACH SPORTS & GAMES

CRAFTS



VOLLEYBALL



CAVENGER HUNT

**CAMPOUT
OUTDOOR COOKING**

CAMP MCCOY SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

CAMP FEES

Camp I - V
 \$ 200.00 per camper/ week
 \$ 190.00 for second family member
 \$ 180.00 for each other family member

Each camper will receive a **Camp McCoy T-Shirt** with the camp registration.

BRAND NEW DINING HALL:
 NEW KITCHEN, DINING ROOM, CRAFT ROOM AND WASHROOMS.

Cabins equipped with lights, bunk beds and lockers.

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| Camp I | July 10 - July 15 | Ages 6 - 13 |
| Camp II | July 17 - July 22 | Ages 6 - 13 |
| Camp III | July 24 - July 29 | Ages 6 - 13 |
| Camp IV | Aug 7 - Aug 12 | Ages 6 - 13 |
| Camp V | Aug 14 - Aug 19 | Ages 12 - 15 |



TO ENSURE CAMP WEEK PREFERRED - Register A.S.A.P

CAMP REGISTRATION & INFORMATION / CALL: 403-866-4147
 Applications at http://nonprofit.memlane.com/camp_mccoy/

BOARD BULLETIN

May 12, 2011 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."



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.mhcbe.ab.ca under Documents and Publications click on Policy & Procedures. The Provincial Nutrition Guidelines can be found @ <http://www.healthyalberta.com/HealthyEating/ANGCY.htm>

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/admin/funding/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!



Supporting Schools & Families to promote Healthy Lifestyle Choices

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

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@mhcbe.ab.ca on an ongoing basis for this publication. Here is a sampling from this month's acknowledgements:

- ★ *Katie Van der Sloot and Rachel Brown* from *Monsignor McCoy High School* were again Regional Science Fair winners for the 4th 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 Mortlock* – 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.



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... THANK YOU STUDENTS!

The next regular Catholic School Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 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)