

St. Michael's—Summer 2011

June 28, 2011

Mr. Blackmer's Message

Congratulations to the entire St. Michael's family for another amazing year at our school! I pray that we all have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize some of our fantastic learning assistants who will not be with us at St. Michael's next year. Their dedication and assistance to our staff and students has been invaluable and we will greatly miss them.

Collete Prosofsky - grade one

Bev Cobler - LAP

Shawna Cockle -LAP

Kristine Schmaltz -grade five and six

Julie Bessant -grade six

And as mentioned in the June newsletter, we wish a fond farewell to Miss Gossard who will be greatly missed in our school. Best of everything at St. Mary's Miss Gossard! We also say good bye to a wonderful group of students in grade six. We will really miss this special class and pray for their continued successes in the years to come. Make sure you come back to visit us now and again! And lastly, a sincere good bye to any students leaving our school from any other grade. May you be blessed richly in your new schools and enjoy the excitement of new friendships and new teachers.

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Calendar of Events

July 1—Canada Day

August 30—First day of School

September 5—Labor Day—no school

September 6—First day of school for Kindergarten

Sept. 19—Prof. Dev. Day—no school for students



New this Fall

Subscribe for the school's monthly newsletter

In September our school will become a "paperless" newsletter. Our newsletter can be sent directly to your home or work e-mail address. If you would like to have it sent directly to you, please subscribe on our website at: www.stmichaelsmh.ca

We strongly encourage and hope that you will view the newsletter monthly to find out important information in our school as it directly affects your child. Please stay informed.

We will send out a monthly calendar of events each month for your convenience with a reminder for you to view the current month's newsletter once it's ready. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our paperless newsletter please do not hesitate to contact the office at 403-527-7242.

We thank you in advance for your support in our "Going Green" initiative.

Thank you to our new executives for School Council and Society for the Fine Arts for 2011/2012

School Council

President - Raegan Leronowich

Vice President - Barb Dolter

Secretary - Tina Fernandez

Society for the Fine Arts

President Lori Pearse

Vice President - Carrie Lundquist

Secretary - Carla Gallup

Fee Schedule for 2011-2012

L.A.P— \$100.00

Kindergarten— \$50.00

Grade 1— 6— \$45.00

Fine Arts Fee Gr. 1—6—\$20.00

School begins—August 30, 2011

All students begin classes on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at the time of:

Start time: 8:43 am

Morning Recess: 10:15 am

Noon Recess: 12:00-12:20

Noon Lunch Break L 12:20-12:45

Dismissal: 3:12

2011-2012 Calendar is attached.

A Huge Thank You to all of St. Michael's Family for a Brilliant Year!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL WITH A

SUPERB SUMMER!

Corinne Hordos and Lauren Getz

AGM 2011

ST MICHAELS FUNDS FOR FINE ARTS SOCIETY ACTIVITY REPORT

*Provided Agendas for Entire Student Body and Bibles for Grade 4

*Organized and Sponsored Fundraiser kick-off and Prizes

*Organized and Ran Lamontagne/Mom's Pantry Fundraiser

*Provided \$1000 to Kindergarten for their needs

*Sponsored World Teacher Day Gift

*Sponsored treats for Spirit Week

Sponsored Hot Lunches

*Sponsored Pumpkins for Halloween Fine Arts Drop-in Club

*Purchased Art Glass for use in school setting

*Sponsored Kindness Coin Project

Sponsored Alberta Opera

Sponsored Purchase of Digital Piano with Aid of Community Spirit Grant

*Organized and Ran Gingerbread Shop

*Sponsored Prayer Table Gifts for all classrooms

*Sponsored Peace Coins for Entire School Population, including preschool

*Sponsored Christmas Free Pizza Lunch

*Sponsored Emergency Provisions for a School Family

Sponsored Cameras for School

*Sponsored Materials for 30 Choir Robes

*Organized, Ran, and Sponsored Prizes for School Spellathon

*Sponsored Science Fair Lunch & Supplies

*Sponsored Choir Lunch

*Sponsored, Cooked & Served Shrove Tuesday Breakfast

*Sponsored Bussing for Rotary Music Festival

Sponsored Cat Chat

*Sponsored and Created Prayer Stones at Easter

*Sponsored Administrative Professional Gift

*Organized and Ran Enchanted Garden Fundraiser

*Sponsored May Fine Arts Drop-in Club

Annual School Chair Report

AGM

June 8, 2011

Over the course of this school year, 2010/2011, School Council worked in partnership with the Society to fulfill the goals and objectives outlined in the By-Laws of Council. With the support of Society, Council has been involved in the following projects:

Represented St. Michael's School parents at the Parent Association and school board meetings. Also helped organize and run the 2010 Election Forum.

Worked with the Lifetouch photographer for fall and spring photos.

Organized volunteers and helped with annual Book Fair.

Helped hot lunch committee with processing orders and counting money.

Ran two family movie nights, one in October and one in March.

Helped apply name stickers to correct company's mistake in yearbooks and helped sell the yearbooks at parent / teacher interview nights.

Organized and held November Family Dance - Hawaiian theme.

Participated in Pro-Life Annual Hike for Life in May.

Attended Catholic Division Town Hall in May.

Will organize and run Family June Dance - Formal theme.

Promoted and helped with the Society Fundraisers and Activities.

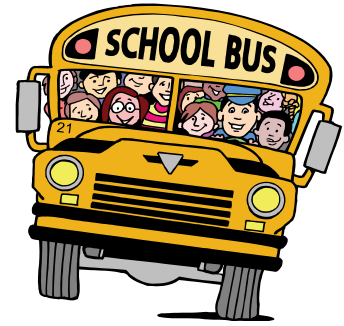
Thank you to all volunteers for your continued support in Council Activities. Good Luck to the new council executive for 2011/2012.

Mrs. Lauren Getz

School Supply List 2011-2012

Kindergarten School Supply List (Mrs. Fune)

- 1 box or original wax crayons 12 - 16 pack (*regular size not chubbies*)
- 2 white erasers
- 4 large glue sticks
- 1 small bottle of white glue (*recommended Elmer's*)
- 5 pencils
- plastic pencil box
- 1 pair of running shoes (*children will wear inside the classroom and keep at school*)
- medium – large size school bag
- 1 scrapbook (*Hilroy, coil binding 35.6 x 27.9 cm*)
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 package of pencil crayons (*will be opened in January*)
- 1 plastic folder with inside pockets (*will be sent home daily with any notes, newsletters, or children's completed work that needs to go home*)
- 3 large Ziploc type bags
- headphones (*to be used later on in the year when we go to the computer lab*)
- extra change of clothes (*to be kept at school in case of an accident or spill*)



Please print your child's name clearly on each item. This helps greatly in eliminating confusion and loss.

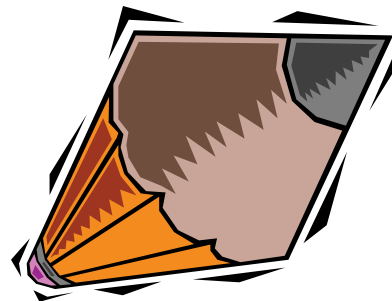
Grade One (Mrs. Dobek) (Please label all items with your child's name)

1. a pair of scissors
2. 3 glue sticks and one large bottle of white glue (recommended Elmer's 225 ml size)
3. 5 white art erasers
4. 1 large box of Kleenex
5. 1 large box of wax crayons
6. 1 package of pencil crayons (24 pkg. Laurentian) Please bring sharpened.
7. Runners for phys. Ed. and indoor use—white soles please
8. 5 duo-tangs (1 red, 1 yellow, 1 green, 1 orange and 1 blue)
9. Pencil box for supplies
10. 24 HB pencils
11. 1 pkg. of large Ziploc bags
12. An old shirt for art/painting
13. 1 water bottle (preferably with a straw)
14. One set of headphones for computer use.



Grade One/Two Mrs. Scory (Please label all items with your child's name)

1. a pair of scissors
2. 3 glue sticks and two large bottles of white glue (recommended Elmer's 225 ml size)
3. 5 white art erasers
4. 1 large box of Kleenex
5. 2 large boxes of wax crayons
6. 1 package of pencil crayons (24 pkg. Laurentian) please bring sharpened.
7. runners for phys. ed. and indoor use – white soles, please
8. 5 duo-tangs (1 red, 1 yellow, 1 green, 1 orange, and 1 blue)
9. pencil box for supplies
10. 24 HB pencils
11. 1 pkg. of large Ziploc bags- not labelled with name
12. an old shirt for art/painting
13. 1 water bottle (preferably with a straw)
14. one set of headphones for computer use
15. a package of band-aids (any kind)
16. 1 large package of washable felt markers
17. Set of Flash Cards for (addition, subtraction to 10) Keep at home to study.
18. 3 boxes of 12 HB pencils (labeled and sharpened)
19. one set of head phones for computer use



Grade Two Mrs. Sehn (Please label all items with your child's name)

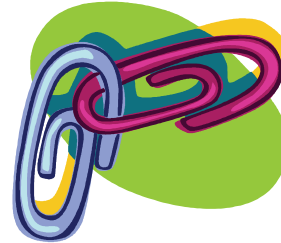
1. 1 box of wax crayons
2. 3 erasers (white art eraser)
3. scissors (fiscars)
4. 1 large plastic bottle of glue and 3 glue sticks (recommended Elmer's 225 ml size)
5. 30 cm ruler
6. scrapbook (coil bound)
7. pencil case or pencil box
8. running shoes for gym use and indoor use white soles
9. paint shirt
10. 1 large box of Kleenex
11. 12 duotangs
12. 1 package of pencil crayons (24 pkg. – please label) and bring sharpened
13. Set of Flash Cards for addition, subtraction to 10) Keep at home to study.
14. 3 box of 12 HB pencils (labeled and sharpened)
15. one set of head phones for computer use

Grade Three (Ms. Rath) and Grade Three/Four (Mrs. Schori/Mr. Gale (Please label all items with your child's name) Depleted or lost supplies will need to be replaced

1. 30 cm ruler (no inches please)
2. 1 medium size bottle of white glue
3. 15 duotangs—paper not plastic
4. 3 boxes of Kleenex
5. 1 pkg. of pencil crayons (24 pkg.) -please sharpen and label
6. 1 pair scissors (to cut paper as well as felt fabric)
7. 10 erasers (pink pearl) or white (staedtler)
8. 1 pencil case or pencil box
9. 1 pkg. of wax crayons (for art work) please label
10. 24 HB pencils (labeled and sharpened)
11. 3 glue sticks
12. Runners for gym class—white soles only
13. White board (dollar store)
14. Pencil sharpener
15. Whiteboard marker

Grade Four (Mrs. Kowalchuk) (Please label all items with your child's name)

1. 30 cm ruler (showing centimeters and millimeters)
2. 1 medium size bottle of white glue and one glue stick
3. 12 duotangs
4. pencils crayons (pkg. of 24 Laurentian)
5. 1 highlighter
6. 2 erasers (white)
7. 1 pr. of scissors
8. 1 pkg. of loose-leaf (100 sheets)
9. 1" binder
10. 4 whiteboard felts (small)
11. 24 HB pencils
12. Pencil case
13. runners for gym class – white soles only please
14. 1 box of Kleenex
15. Post-it notes 3" - 1 pkg.
16. One set of head phones for computer use
17. One set of dividers for binder
- Your child does not need felts. We will only use pencil crayons



THE SUPPLIES NEED TO BE REPLACED IF THEY ARE LOST OR DEPLETED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Grade Five Mr. Leohndorf (Please label all items with your child's name)

Please label all supplies, runners, lunch bags, jackets and individual pencils/markers with your child's name.

1. 5 white erasers
2. 1 pkg. pencil crayons (24 pkg. of Laurentian)
3. 1 pencil case/box
4. One 30 cm ruler (centimeters and millimeters)
5. 1 bottle of white glue, 2 **large** glue sticks
6. One pair of sharp scissors (rounded tip)
7. 15 duotangs (different colours if possible)
8. 30 **HB** pencils (15 in September, 15 in January)
9. 2 highlighter pens
10. 1 hand held pencil sharpener
11. 1 calculator(a simple functions solar powered calculator is acceptable. Please note that the calculator will be used in only certain areas of math such as some problem solving strands and **will not be used** in the basic mastery of essential math facts/concepts)
12. 2 large boxes of Kleenex
13. 2 Loose leaf refill paper (200 sheets)
14. 1 pkg. of felt markers (thinner kind) for art
15. 1-2 pkg. of yellow (lighter coloured) square sticky notes (7.5 mm X 7.5 mm). These will be used in Language Arts.
16. Dry Erase Markers (Expo 2 thinner kind-comes in a set of 8)- for math
17. Rubber sole runners with good arch support and **with laces** for gym (white soles only)

Grade Five - Six (Please label all items with your child's name)

L . Hoffman

Please label all supplies, runners, lunch bags, jackets and individual pencils/markers with your child's name.

1. 5 **white** erasers
2. 1 pkg. pencil crayons (24 pkg. of Laurentian)
3. 1 pencil case/box
4. One 30 cm ruler (**centimeters and millimeters**)
5. 1 bottle of white glue, 2 **large** glue sticks
6. One pair of sharp scissors (rounded tip preferred)
7. 15 duotangs (different colours if possible)
8. 30 **HB** pencils (15 in September, 15 in January)
9. 3 blue pens
10. 1 hand held pencil sharpener
11. 1 calculator (a simple functions solar powered calculator is acceptable. Please note that the calculator will be used in only certain areas of math such as some problem solving strands and **will not be used** in the basic mastery of essential math facts/concepts)
12. 2 large boxes of Kleenex
13. **Loose leaf refill paper (200 sheets)**
14. 1 pkg. of felt markers (thinner kind) for art
15. 1-2 pkg. of yellow (lighter coloured) square sticky notes (**7.5 cm X 7.5 cm**). These will be used in Language Arts.
16. Dry Erase Markers (Expo 2 thinner kind-comes in a set of 8)- for math
17. Rubber sole runners with good arch support and **with laces** for gym (white soles only so it won't leave black marks on the floor)
18. One good quality binder (3 inch or 4 inch)
19. One set of dividers- preferably the cardstock type that comes in a variety of colours.
20. **One** package of reinforcements
21. One geometry set
22. 2 highlighter pens
23. 1 Black Sharpie felt marker (Fine Point)

Grade 6 Only

24. Two 4 inch binders to be kept at home. (As students finish units in Science and Social, they will store their completed units in these binders to use later in the year for achievement test preparation.

Grade Six (Please label all items with your child's name) (Mrs. D. Wirachowsky)

1. 2 - 1.5" binders (please no bigger as they do not fit in the desks then)
2. 1 set of Dividers (at least 8 in the pack)
3. 6 Duotangs
4. 500 sheets of lined paper
5. 2 - 24 pack of HB pencils (you can keep one pack at home until after Christmas)
6. Pencil sharpener
7. Set of white erasers
8. Complete set of Pencil Crayons
9. Pencil case
- 10.5 Dry Erase markers
11. Standard calculator
- 12.2 Glue Sticks
13. Scissors
14. Standard Ruler (metric)
15. Geometry set (regular size protractor needed – smaller is better)
16. Two large 3" binders (to be kept at home so that students can move completed unit out of their binders to keep at home to study for exams)
17. Runners for indoor use and gym – white soles only please
18. One set of head phones for computer use

BOARD BULLETIN

June 14, 2011 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENTATION – The Board of Trustees acknowledged a number of students at the June 2011 Board Meeting. For their individual efforts and accomplishments, the students are acknowledged as *Ambassadors for Catholic Education*.



★ **Minister for a Day** – St. Louis School Grade 5 student, *Jayda Dopp* was chosen as *Environment Minister for a Day*. Jayda's essay of ideas on the environment on how we might motivate Albertans to become *Environmental Stewards* was selected along with eleven (11) other students in the Province of Alberta. Wow!
In Picture: Mrs. Annetta Graf Teacher @ St. Louis, Jayda Dopp, Mr. Peter Grad Board Chair

★ **Rosary Presentation** – Mrs. Trish Carr, a Teacher at Notre Dame Academy began a student prayer group 7 years ago. That small group honours *Our Blessed Mother Mary* by promoting the Rosary. Each year this group makes Rosaries for students, special guests and residents of St. Joseph's Home. The group has named themselves "*Our Lady's Fan Club*"; meeting once a week during lunch in the School Chapel. Two of the students presented Rosaries to the Board.
In Picture: Brianna MacPherson, Mr. Peter Grad Board Chair & Jessalyn Phillips

★ **Centennial Logo Contest Winner** – Notre Dame Academy Grade 8 student Michael Fritzier, won the Centennial Logo Contest. Michael's artwork will be used as the official logo for the 100th Centennial Celebration of Medicine Hat & Bow Island Catholic Schools. The artwork will be used on School Flags, T-Shirts for all students in K-9, Lanyards for all students in 10-12 as well as an official Centennial Pin.
In Picture: Michael Fritzier, Peter Grad Board Chair

★ **Monsignor McCoy High School students Rachel Brown & Katherine Van DerSloot** have won multiple years running in the Regional, Provincial and National Science Fairs. Yet again this year winning Bronze at the National Science Fair in Toronto; the students were invited to the *International Science Fair in Slovakia from July 18-24, 2011*, as members of *Team Canada* in Expo-Sciences International (*ESI*), a non-competitive International Science Fair.
In Picture: Rachel Brown, Peter Grad Board Chair, Katie VanderSloot

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS – The First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Council will engage School Divisions in Alberta in the upcoming year to participate in focus groups regarding programming and educational needs of FNMI students. – All *Grade One* students in Alberta will be presented with a story book sponsored by the "*Success by 6*" *Literacy Project*, with a dedication to students from the Office of the Minister of Education.

TRANSPORTATION REVIEW – The Board engaged in the review to *determine efficiencies* and possible *modifications* to our transportation model. Recommendations included: *charging a fee for specialized programming; additional support for students with special needs* and the consideration of a *joint transportation tender*. An Action Plan will be developed by Sr. Administration.

STAFFING FOR ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL (BOW ISLAND) – A Board motion to approve additional funding to provide an additional 0.5FTE for staffing @ St. Michael's School was defeated.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL (BOW ISLAND) HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMING REVIEW – The Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the review of High School Programming at St. Michael's School Bow Island be conducted by a Consultant. The timeline for the completion of the review is November 2011.

Our Motto:

"Showing the face of Christ to all."



RETIREE CELEBRATION 2011 – The Board of Trustees acknowledged the *Division Retirees for 2010-2011* at the annual Retiree Banquet on Thursday, June 9, 2011. The evening celebrated and recognized individual talents and expertise. Each Retiree was presented with a gift acknowledging their exceptional service to the Division. Congratulations *Mrs. Doreen Judge, Mrs. Donna Crush, Mrs. Judy Gukert, Mrs. Glenda Syrota-not in attendance*; the Board had a special memorial Retiree Recognition for the late *Mr. Chuck Love*. The Board extends their heartfelt thank you's and wishes well to all for the future. CONGRATULATIONS!



Back Row Trustees: Mr. Kelly Van Ham, Mr. Dick Maetel, Mrs. Jodi Churlia, Mr. Peter Grad, Mr. Stan Aberle
Front Row Retirees: Mrs. Doreen Judge, Mrs. Donna Crush, Mrs. Judy Gukert, Mrs. Allyson Love
(missing: Mrs. Glenda Syrota)

- **BUDGET 2011-2012 (APPEAL OF FUNDING ALLOCATIONS)**
Senior Administration has written to *Alberta Education* to formally *appeal the funding allocation for the Division*. A reduction in revenue of 4.6% resulting from a declining enrolment; elimination of the declining enrolment grant and class size funding reduction. This is significant for a Division our size.

(MEETING WITH MLA ROB RENNER AND MLA LEN MITZEL)
The Board of Trustees has met individually and with both MLA Mr. Renner and Mr. Mitzel providing them with a detailed financial analysis of the reduction of revenue; the MLA's encouraged the Board to request a meeting with the Minister of Education.

(MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION) - The Board is pleased to have a meeting *scheduled with the Minister of Education, Mr. Dave Hancock in July 2011* to review the funding allocation. A delegation of Board & Sr. Administration will attend.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS FOR 2011 - 2012 – The Board approved the school year calendars in March; however, in order to further accommodate bussing in Bow Island and offer an additional PD opportunity for Teachers; a *revised calendar* was presented for *re-approval*. The Board unanimously approved the revisions. The calendars for Medicine Hat & Bow Island are posted on the Division website @ www.mhcbce.ab.ca under the PARENTS tab then → click on SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS.



OUR CENTENNIAL

... the celebration begins *September 2011 to June 2012!*

The next regular Catholic School Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 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)