

Mother Teresa School Newsletter

September 2011



A Caring Catholic Community Inspiring and Challenging Each Other to Reach Our Full Potential

Principal's Message

Welcome Back everyone from a glorious summer and well deserved break! We are all very excited here at the school to get started on a new and successful school year. With me being new to the school, I wanted you all to know that I am proud to be part of a vibrant Catholic school community with the support of a caring staff, supportive parent community and energetic Catholic School Council. As I enter my 5th year as a school administrator, my 22st year as an educator, I am truly privileged to work with all of you!

Our school's matriarch Mother Teresa built a community of faith who provided dignity to the poorest of the poor. At Mother Teresa School we are a faith-based community rooted in the person of Jesus Christ. Children are our main concern. All of our decisions are based upon our philosophy of putting the learning needs of the students first. We focus on respect for one another and the importance of honoring diversity to remember that our differences enrich all of us. We need to celebrate this more!

We also believe that the partnership between parents and school is an integral part of our school community. We not only encourage parent involvement, we NEED it! Working together toward our common mission makes us a community—all of us, students, parents, faculty, and staff.

"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving."

..... *Mother Teresa*

Mrs. Erika Bodnaruk
Principal

School Fees 2011-2012

Kindergarten	-	\$50.00
Grades 1 - 6	-	\$55.00

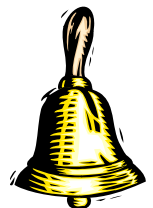
Please pay these school fees to your child's teacher or at the school office as soon as possible. These fees cover the extra materials we provide students such as pencils, scribblers, workbooks, etc. All fees should be paid by Friday, **September 30, 2011**.

It is preferable that you pay each child's fee separately rather than all on one cheque. Please make cheques payable to Mother Teresa School.



NEW BELL TIMES

- 8:50 am - Warning Bell
- 8:55 am - Classes begin
- 10:25 - 10:40 am - Recess
- 12:10 - 1:00 pm - Lunch Break
- 3:20 pm - Classes dismissed



Student Absences

If your child is ill or away from school for any reason, please contact the office first thing in the morning at 403-529-2000.

Update Information to Registration Forms

Attached to this newsletter is a form to be filled out and returned to school if, for example, you have had a change in address, phone number, work phone number, cell number, contact person other than parents/guardians, or if there is a change in medication to be administered at school. It is very important that at any time during the school year if you have a change in phone numbers or address, please contact Mrs. Tennant or Mrs. Gjerlaug at the office.

Student Medication

Attached to this newsletter is a medication form. Parents are asked to fill the form out and return it to school. The school needs to know of any special medications that your child(ren) might be taking **while at school**.

**Nut Sensitive School**

Mother Teresa School is a "nut sensitive" school. We have several students in our school with severe allergies to nuts and nut products. These students could have fatal anaphylactic reactions if they come in contact with nut products. An anaphylactic shock reaction is an allergic reaction that could be fatal in minutes without adrenaline treatment from an EPI Pen. We, therefore, ask that you not send any products to school that may contain nuts or nut by-products. Thank you for your continued cooperation.



NO SCHOOL for all students on **SEPTEMBER 19th** . Please do not send your child to school that day. Also there is **NO KINDERGARTEN** on **September 30th**.

SNACK DAY - September 23rd - Apple slices and cheese string. Look for a form sent home later this month

**Parking at Mother Teresa School**

Parking has always been an issue at Mother Teresa School. We have only the two small staff parking lots to serve all the needs of the school. Over the years, the number of employees at the school has grown. We also have a number of other contracted employees coming to the school to help serve the needs of our students. Presently, we do not have enough parking stalls for all our staff. **Parents, please keep the parking lots clear, even if you are just dropping off students.** It is a safety issue for students. Please be aware that we have a handicapped parking stall that is only to be used by vehicles with handicapped permits. Thank you.

**Mother Teresa Electronic Device Policy**

All electronic devices (eg. Cell phone, iPhones, DS's) are not permitted to be turned on during the hours of 8:50 am– 3:20 pm. Devices of this nature must be stored in the student's backpack NOT on their person. We understand that many students need to be reached but during these times but we ask that parents use the school's land line at 403-529-2000. Students who are found using these devices will be asked to turn them into the office where they can obtain them at the end of the school day. Thanks for your support and cooperation.

**Celebrating a Century of Catholic Education and Service**

Celebrate with us your school, your friends, and your memories

Schools in our Medicine Hat Catholic Division are looking for your stories, pictures and memories to be shared during our homecoming celebration in June of 2012. We are asking former parents, students, and staff to share with our community any special pictures, memories, stories, or artifacts from their time in the division. Please take your stories, pictures or artifacts to at any one of the catholic schools in our division.

Please label the item with your name, phone number, and the school you attended. All items will be returned back to you.

With your help our homecoming will bring wonderful memories of our schools, our friends, our faith, and our past years in our Catholic Division.

God Bless and thanks in advance

**ATTENTION
PARENTS OF GRADE 5 STUDENTS**

In regards to immunization for grade 5 students;

1. Consents will either be sent home from school with your grade 5 student or you will receive a consent in the mail.
2. These consents will be issued early September. You will need to fill out the top part of the consent with your child's name, date of birth, health care number, school and grade. Please print clearly all the required information. Your signature is required for us to vaccinate your child at the school.

If you do not receive a consent for your student by September 20th, 2011 please contact the Public Health Office at 403-502-8213.

**ALL CONSENT FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED IN THE
ENVELOPE INCLUDED WITH THE CONSENT PACKAGE.**

Book Fair

Again this year we will be hosting a Book Fair for the students. The book fair will run from Oct. 3-5 from 8:00 to 5:30 everyday.



Mrs. Anheliger is in need of parent volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please see Mrs. Anheliger or call the office.



Meet the Staff Night will be held on Tuesday, September 20th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Parent Council will be providing supper. Cash donations are welcome. Look for more information later in September for a head count. Hope to see you there.

Mother Teresa School Staff for 2011-2012

Principal – Mrs. Erika Bodnaruk
 Community Preschool – Mrs. Moll
 Designate Preschool – Mrs. Rae
 Kindergarten – Mrs. Johnston
 Grade 1 – Mrs. Bowles & Mrs. Forbes
 Grade 2 – Mrs. Blackmer/Mrs. Rae, Mrs. Leahy, & Mrs. Reinheller
 Grade 3 – Mrs. Cartier & Mrs. Helmer
 Grade 4 – Mrs. Folliott & Mr. Martin
 Grade 5 – Mrs. Jackle & Mr. Matisz
 Grade 6 – Mrs. Pudwell
 Secretaries – Mrs. Tennant & Mrs. Gjerlaug
 Librarian – Mrs. Anheliger
 Custodians – Mrs. Gornisiewicz & Mrs. Izeta



MOTHER TERESA SCHOOL IS IN NEED OF A CHILD SIZED ROCKING CHAIR. If you have one just sitting around not being used and would like to donate it to the school it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING will be held in the Staffroom on Wednesday, September 7th, at 6:00 pm. **Elections will be held on this day as a new council is needed.** There will also be babysitting available for families that need it. Please plan to attend. Thank you.

NEW THIS FALL

TWITTER @ TOT-EM

TOT-EM TRANSPORTATION has added a new and exciting feature to its company.



Many people are already "twitter users" and Tot-em has joined Twitter so that they can provide parents and students with crucial updates regarding bus routes (such as delays due to weather).

If you have text capability on your cell phone, then you can use Twitter. Once you have signed on, Twitter messages from Tot-em will automatically come to your phone. You will not be bombarded with messages. You will only receive a "tweet" when there is a message that is important regarding school bus routes.

To get started and receive tweet updates from Tot-em:

- On your cell phone go to "create message"
- 1) To: 21212 2) Text: follow totemcs 3) Send
- You will receive a message back welcoming you to Tot-em Twitter
- You can turn off receiving updates from Tot-em by sending OFF or STOP to 21212
- To turn on updates - send ON to 21212 and your device will once again receive tweets

Questions? Please contact Tot-em at 403-527-6986.

Welcome to Holy Family Parish



1451 Strohan Road S.E.
Medicine Hat, AB - T1B 4V8
PH: (403)627-8833 - Fax: (403) 526-2482
e-mail: portoc@holymfamilymh.ca
website: www.holyfamilymh.ca

Office hours: Monday - Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday - 5:00 pm; Sunday - 8:30am - 10:30am 6:00pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00- 4:00pm or by appointment with priest.

Pastor - Rev. Philip Le Associate Pastor - Rev. Roque Pereira

<p>School Masses in September at Holy Family Church</p> <p>St. Thomas - Friday, Sept.9 at 1:15pm St. Patrick's - Friday, Sept. 16 at 9:30am St. Mary's - Friday, Sept. 30 at 1:30pm</p> <p>NET (National Evangelization Team) With the blessing of Bishop Henry and along with St. Patrick's Parish, we are bringing the NET, a youth ministry, to the parishes. Watch the church bulletins in the fall for information on exciting sessions for the young people!</p>	<p>Sacrament Preparation</p> <p>New Programs - New Format</p> <p>Parents: If you are wishing to register your children for the following Sacraments - it is imperative to attend one of the Registration & Information Meetings</p> <p>First Communion & First Reconciliation</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 18 1:00 to 2:00pm - Hall or Sunday, Sept. 25 1:00 to 2:00pm - Hall</p> <p>Confirmation</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 18 2:30 to 3:30pm - Hall or Sunday, Sept. 25 2:30 to 3:30pm - Hall</p>
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For more information, please check the weekly bulletin at the church or on our website.

Terry Fox Run



Watch for information coming home later this month in regards to the Terry Fox Run. Our school will be participating in this event so please watch your child's agenda with information.

Thanks

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

School Newsletter has gone paperless. If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter you need to go to our website www.motherteresaschool.ca scroll down to Newsletter Subscription and click on Subscribe and enter your email. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to receive a paper copy please fill in the bottom portion and return to the office. Thank you.

I would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter

Name: _____

Grade: _____



Mother Teresa School Milk Program

September 1, 2011

Dear Parents,

This first Pre-Paid Milk order will run from **Tuesday, September 20th to Thursday, October 20th** (includes 21 days). There will be no milk provided on:

October 7th as this is a PD day.

Milk trays will be brought to the rooms each day where your child can pick up his/her prepaid milk or juice.

1. Late orders WILL NOT be accepted, so please have this order form in by **Wednesday, September 14th.**
2. **There will be no milk or juice on Hot Lunch days**
3. There will be milk available for purchase daily in the milk room.
4. Please contact the office if you need a different payment arrangement for the milk program.
5. We will not be carrying forward credits in the future if your child does not receive their milk because of illness, vacation, etc. Please read the details below.

At the end of each pre-paid period, if you know the number of days that your child has missed, please list the dates absent multiplied by \$.75 per day and deduct this amount from your next milk order. We appreciate your help regarding this matter.

Please return this form to the office by **Wednesday, September 14th.** Cheques are to be made payable to Mother Teresa School.

Please check the appropriate space:

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|----|----------------------|---------|-------|
| 1. | 2% White Milk | \$15.75 | _____ |
| 2. | 2% Chocolate Milk | \$15.75 | _____ |
| 3. | Juice (Apple/Orange) | \$15.75 | _____ |
- Please circle selection

Please return all forms by September 14th to begin this milk program.

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Payment Type: Cash: _____ Cheque: _____

Each student MUST have their own milk form and please return form to HOMEROOM teacher. You can send one cheque per family.

AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION
BY SCHOOL STAFF – Reference to ‘Administrative Procedure 316’

“Before any prescription or non-prescription medication may be administered to a student, the school Principal must receive written parental consent and written instruction from the child’s parent, physician or dentist. All written instructions and consent forms shall be filed in the school office.”

To: Medicine Hat Catholic Separate
Regional Division #20
Medicine Hat, Alberta

_____ Date

We, the parent(s) of _____ **Authorize and Request**
(print name)

The Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20 and its staff to administer to our child medication as prescribed and specified by Dr. _____ while said child is in attendance at school or upon school premises and/or on these days: _____.

We, the parent(s), release the Medicine Hat Separate Regional Division No. 20 and its staff from claims, costs, demands arising out of or in consequence of administration of medication.

Signed at Medicine Hat, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____ (year)

signature of parent

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED,
in the presence of:

signature of parent

signature witness

Please complete (print) the following information:

1. Details for administration and/or situation in which this medication would be required.

2. Name of medication and the required dosage, and/or procedure for giving required medication:

3. Actions to be taken before, or after medication is given:

4. Action to be taken in the event of possible hazards or side effects:

5. Emergency/Contact Information: _____

Additional information: _____



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UPDATE INFORMATION TO REGISTRATION FORM

This form should be completed and returned to the school immediately **if** there have been any **changes** to the information submitted on the **original registration form** completed earlier this year. Thank you.

Name of Child: _____
(Legal Last Name) (First Names) (Middle Name)

Name to be used in school _____
(if different than legal name) (Last name) (First Name)

Home Address: _____
_____ Postal Code: _____

Medical Information: _____

Is your child currently receiving Special Services ex. Speech Language, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy or other services: ___ Yes ___ No If yes, please describe.

Father
Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Phone: Home: _____
Work: _____
Cellular: _____

Mother
Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Phone: Home: _____
Work: _____
Cellular: _____

Contact person in case of an emergency: _____
(other than parents) (Name) (relationship to child)

Telephone: _____

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We Need Your Help Section

Would you be willing to help out in one or more of the following areas?

Please check the areas below you would be willing to help.

Please print.

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Child's Name and Teacher: _____

_____ School Council (President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Fundraising, Committee Member)

_____ Room Parent (to assist with classroom projects, activities)

_____ Fund Raising (meal days, fund raising projects, etc.)

_____ If you would like minutes of meetings emailed to you, please provide your email address for School Council

Email - _____

Comments

Thank you in advance.

Superintendent's Message-September 2011



Dear Students & Parents:

On behalf of the **Board of Trustees** and all **Staff** I would like to welcome you to the **One Hundredth Year** of Catholic Education in our Community! "**Celebrating 100 Years of Catholic Education and Service**" will be the major theme throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

To start off our Centennial Year, each student and staff will receive a "**Centennial T-Shirt**" on the first day of school. The T-shirts feature the Centennial logo which was designed by Michael Fritzler, the Centennial Logo Student Content Winner from Notre Dame Academy. Students and staff can wear their Centennial T-Shirt anytime including *School Spirit Days* or at special events.

The main Centennial Celebrations will occur during the **Centennial Celebration Homecoming Weekend on June 8 - June 10, 2012** with a number of events as follows:

June 8 ** MH Catholic Schools' Education Foundation Golf Tournament
** Social for all former students, current and former staff

June 9 ** Open House at all Division Schools in Medicine Hat & Bow Island
** A "Free" Picnic in the Park open to the Community
** Centennial Bishop's Dinner" with proceeds to support Youth Ministry in Medicine Hat and a Retirement Residence for Diocesan Priests. Bishop Frederick Henry will be the keynote speaker for the evening

June 10 ** Centennial Mass @ Holy Family Parish with Bishop Frederick Henry as the main celebrant

A **Centennial Sponsorship Brochure** will arrive home with your child in September outlining opportunities for you, your family or businesses to become involved in the Centennial including; **purchasing a History Book; being a History Book page sponsor; being a Friend of the Centennial** through sponsorship of the event; and **purchasing tickets** for the "**Centennial Bishop's Dinner**".

In particular, the Centennial History Book offers something special for families and individuals by sponsoring a history book page. This is a unique opportunity to be part of this legacy project. You may dedicate your page in memory; or as a thank you; or your personal faith message; or on behalf of your family. The Centennial History Book committee has been working hard for over a year to prepare this publication. The History Book will be published and available for Christmas.

We hope you enjoyed our **Centennial Edition** of our annual **Zooming in on our School Community** publication. This year's edition featured a glimpse at some of historical events in the 100 years of Catholic Education in our community. Additional copies are available at your child's school.

We have much to be thankful for as we begin our one hundredth year of Catholic Education. Our Division is one of the **best performing jurisdictions** in the province; the credit for this is equally shared between our parents, students and staff. From our humble beginnings in 1911 with 1 school of 66 students to today with 10 schools and 2800 students we thank you for supporting Catholic education. Our 100 year history is rich and diverse, one which is steeped in strong traditions with a fascinating story to be told. Please join us in celebrating our Centennial Year!

Wishing you a Blessed School Year,
David Leahy, Superintendent of Schools



Since 1911 – A Century of Catholic Education & Service



STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

Our goal is to ensure the safety of our students, and in partnership with our transportation provider, we are providing you with the general rules for school bus conduct. We want to work together to create a positive school bus experience for our students.

PRIOR TO GETTING ON THE SCHOOL BUS (on the road and at school)

- Be on time at your designated bus stop.
- Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus. Students must conduct themselves in a safe manner while waiting and must not interfere with other students who are also at the bus stop.
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter.
- Students should wear clothing that is appropriate for the outside weather. If a breakdown or collision occurs the bus may have to be evacuated, regardless of the outside temperature.

WHILE ON THE SCHOOL BUS

- The bus driver is in full charge of the school bus at all times and students must obey the driver promptly.
- The bus driver may assign a seat for which the student will be held responsible and he/she will retain this seat until directed otherwise by the bus driver.
- Unnecessary conversation with the bus driver is not allowed.
- Classroom conduct is to be observed on the school bus and any disturbance which may take the bus driver's attention and endanger the safe operation of the bus is prohibited.
- Passengers may not eat on any school bus. This is a shared environment and can potentially cause a severe allergic reaction in other students.
- There is no smoking or the use of alcohol or drugs on any school bus.
- Students must not litter the bus with paper or other garbage or throw any articles out of the school bus windows.
- Students must not extend any part of their body out of the windows.
- Students must remain seated while the school bus is in motion.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL BUS

- Students are responsible for getting off the bus at their designated stop.
- When leaving the bus, students must remain on the sidewalk until the bus has moved safely away.
- The driver will not discharge passengers at places other than a designated bus stop.

SPECIAL TRIPS (Extracurricular & Field Trips)

- The same rules apply to all school trips and all passengers on such trips.
- Passengers on special trips shall additionally respect the wishes and directions of school appointed chaperones provided for the bus.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER RESPONSIBILITIES

- School bus drivers are responsible for the discipline of passengers while entering, leaving and riding on the bus.
- School bus drivers may recommend to the principal that a passenger be suspended from riding the bus for a specified period of time for breaking any of the busing rules.

Students violating these rules may be reported to the school principal and may be suspended from riding the bus until assurance is received from parents and the student that these rules will be observed.

IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance

IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance offers protection against the unexpected costs of injury from accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

For your convenience, we have made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Pacific Insurance and Financial Services Inc. ("IAP").

IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- The full school year (September to September), 24 hours a day, whether at school or at home;
- Expenses that are often limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or Provincial Health Insurance Plans - such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more;
- Injury-related dental treatment (including future dental treatment up to age 26);
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses.

If your address changes during the school year, your IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance plan is transferable from school to school, anywhere in Canada.

Insurance premiums range from \$13.50 to \$31.95 per year, depending on the plan selected, and your child is covered all the time, not just while at school. A discounted premium is available for families with 3 or more children.

For more information or to apply online, please visit www.iapkidsplus.com, or speak with an IAP Kids Plus™ Client Service Representative at **1-800-556-7411**.



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. Annette 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 Fritzler, 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 Fritzler, 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 Mastel, Mrs. Jodi Churla, 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)



Mother Teresa School September 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day No School	6 First Day for Kindergarten	7 School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm in Staff Room - Elections	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Staff Meeting/PD Day No School	20 Meet the Staff BBQ 5:30-7:30 pm 	21	22	23 Apple Slices and Cheese String snack day 	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 No Kindergarten - Teacher PD	