



SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWS

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NOTRE DAME ACADEMY



"GET IN THE GAME"



ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Notre Dame is heading into its second year as a Grade 6 to 9 school. This will be another outstanding year for all of us at Notre Dame Academy. We are blessed with an exceptional staff, talented students and supportive parents. It is our hope that students will experience a year of spiritual, academic, physical and social growth. Our staff continues to build a school that has a strong instructional focus within a caring Catholic culture.

Our Catholic faith will continue to be an integral aspect of both our school atmosphere as well as our student's education. During the school opening assembly it was stressed each of us has a responsibility to find Jesus within ourselves and allow him to live through us and at the same time recognize that Jesus is also within everyone we meet.

As you know an important part of every school is the strength of our parent community and Parent Council, so we encourage our parents to become involved not only with their child's education but also with the many activities that will occur throughout the school year. We thank our Parent Council for the many services that they provide our staff and our students.

Our Grade 9 Options will be further expanded this year. We have struck up a partnership with the Medicine Hat College. Through this partnership, we have established a Woodworking and Welding course. This will be a great addition to our programs for Grade 9 students.

We would like to thank you for enrolling your children at Notre Dame Academy and we welcome all former students as well as all new students to our school. Entrusting us with the care of your children is a great honour that we respect and appreciate. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's needs are fulfilled. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school (527-5118) with any comments or ideas, as it is our desire to work with you to always improve what we do for your children.

We wish you and your children an exceptional start to this new school year. God Bless!

Mr. Robert Grisonich, Principal
Mr. Neal Siedlecki, Vice-Principal



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

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers. We thank you for the energy and spirit that you renewed in us throughout the summer months. We thank you for that time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is most important in our lives.

Let this year be marked by a new enthusiasm and positive outlook so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, Lord, we may continue to help all your children and their families in Your name. We ask for Your guidance as we look for new ways of seeing, understanding and communicating. Help us to fulfill Your wishes with every honest intention and work of faith. Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter and joy to others.

Amen

School Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday (Excluding Holidays)

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Opening Bell: | 8:14 am |
| Morning Classes Begin: | 8:17 am |
| Lunch: | 11:33 - 12:03 pm |
| Afternoon Classes Begin: | 12:06 pm |
| Dismissal Bell: | 2:46 pm |

Morning supervision begins at 7:50 am

WHERE'S MY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER?

Would you like to have our NDA Newsletter sent directly to your home or work email address? If so, go to our website at www.notredameacademy.ca and self subscribe. Self subscription is located at the bottom left hand portion of our home page.

If you require assistance, please contact Mrs. Getz in our NDA office at 403 527-5118 ext 172.

NOTE: If you do not have access to a computer, hard copies will continue to be available in the office for pick up. Please send your child to the office monthly to collect one.

HOW TO I STOP RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER?

Likewise, as this is a self subscribing website, it is also a self unsubscribing website. Simply go to our website at www.notredameacademy.ca and select unsubscribe. It's as simple as that.



2011/2012 Notre Dame Academy Staff

REPORT CARD DATES

November 24
March 09
June 27

Administration

Mr. Rob Grisonich, Principal
Mr. Neal Siedlecki, Vice-Principal

Administrative Assistants

Mrs. Elaine Getz
Miss. Carla Pickering

Counsellor

Mrs. Joan Quigley

Library

Mrs. Trish Carr

Teaching Staff

Mr. Chad Gans, Grade 6-1 (Hockey)
Mr. Rob Aberle, Grade 6-2 (Golf)
Mrs. Jodi Aberle, Grade 6-3
Mr. Rob McDonnell, Grade 6-4 (Baseball)
Mr. Lon Bosch, Grade 7-1 (Hockey)
Mr. Wayne Deis, Grade 7-2 (Soccer)
Mr. Guy Lanigan, Grade 7-3
Mr. Ron Pisoni, Grade 7-4
Mr. Dwayne Unreiner Grade 8-1 (Soccer)
Mr. Scott Duchscherer 8-2
Mr. Don Holyk Grade 8-3
Mr. Corbie Dorner Grade 8-4 (Band)

Mr. Greg Penney Grade 9-1
Mrs. Margo Merkl, Grade 9-2
Mr. Boyd Block Grade 9-3 (Golf)
Mr. Doug Grimm, Grade 9-4
Miss Lynnette Sloan
Mrs. Monique Hosanee, Sp. Ed. Facilitator
Mrs. Sandra Vangen, L.A. Resource
Mrs. Misty Liesmeister, TA
Mrs. Kim Letkeman, TA/PASE Program

Academy Assistants:

Mr. Trevor Moore (CPGA Pro), Golf
Mr. Glen MacKay, Equip Room, Supervisor

Custodial

Mr. Brian Welten, Custodian
Mrs. Ljiljana Kalember, Custodian
Mrs. Sandra Sackman, Custodian

Communities Coming Together

Mr. Nick Gale, Facilitator
Miss Ashley Day, Spirit Coach
Mrs. Vi Sheridan, Health Nurse
Miss Jenesse Chamberlin, Mental Health

School Resource Officer

Constable Megan Gosnell

PARENT COUNCIL

The annual AGM Meeting for Notre Dame Parent Council for the 2011/2012 school year will be held

September 12th at 8 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy.

If you have a child or children attending our school this year please feel free to attend this meeting as we will be electing all Executive Positions at this time. This meeting will be held in a social setting allowing time for the parents to get acquainted before the new school year. We look forward to meeting all of you.

Sincerely,
Carolann Janzer, Chairperson,
NDA Parent Council



REMINDER

HOT FOOD LUNCHES....Reminder to parents and students that students will **NOT** be permitted to purchase hot food on Parent Council Hot Lunch days if they have not submitted their Hot Lunch forms on the assigned due date.



2011-12 GENERAL SCHOOL FEES



SCHOOL FEES

(not including Sports Academy fees or Band option fees)

- **Grade 6:** \$66.00
- **Grades 7-9:** \$83.00
- **Band Fee:** \$40.00 **(Add \$90 for Instrument Rental)**

NOTE: The school will be invoicing all parents for these fees mid-September. **Cash or cheque only.** Cheques made **payable to Notre Dame Academy.**

NOTE: Please **DO NOT SEND PAYMENT** to school **UNTIL** you receive your invoice in mid September

If you have any questions, please call or stop by the office.



2011/2012 Accident Insurance Enrollment Forms

IAP Kids Plus Accident Insurance Enrollment Forms are being distributed to each student. If you are interested, please submit your application **DIRECTLY TO IAP KIDS Plus, NOT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

School Bus Transportation

SCHOOL BUS ROUTES: For **ALL** school bus inquires regarding **routes, bus stops and pick up times**, please refer to:

www.totemtransportation.com

If you are not able to find the information you need, please contact

TOT-EM
at 403-527-6986 (Ext. 1)

For all questions regarding eligibility and school boundaries please call Colleen at Central Office

CITY TRANSIT BUS SERVICE FOR NDA STUDENTS LIVING IN SAAMIS & VISTA HEIGHTS



City Transit will provide bus service for students attending Notre Dame who live in the Saamis & Vista Heights areas. A transit bus will do a loop around that area – one run before school and one run after school.

- Students living **more than 2.4 km** from the school are eligible for bussing at no charge but still require a pass which may be picked up from the school office.
- Students residing **less than 2.4 km** from the school may use this service but must pay for a restricted youth pass. The cost is \$30.25 per month (subject to change). The pass is good Monday to Friday between 7 AM and 6 PM. Cheques only please ... should be made payable to MHCBE.
- 'Per ride' payment **will no longer be permitted.** Students must purchase a monthly bus pass to use this service.
- The transit bus will accommodate 39 seated passengers, plus an additional 17 standing passengers (total 56).
- Bus passes will be sold on a "first come first served" basis.

For information regarding eligibility, please call the Catholic board office (403-502-8351).



TEXTBOOK PROTOCOL:

1. When your child brings home their textbooks, please take a minute to ensure that he/she has put their name, in ink, on the **inside cover**, on the lines provided, along with his/her homeroom code, and the year taken out.

2. **Lost/misplaced textbook:** your child should check the **lost and found** box **first**. If the text is not in there, then he/she should see Mrs. Carr, the Librarian, to see if the text was found and turned into the Library. If not found, then Mrs. Carr will give your child a letter with the cost of a second textbook. Please send a cheque for that amount **POST-DATED TO JUNE 15, 2012**. If the textbook is found later, then the cheque will be returned to you; if not, then the cheque will be held and cashed after all textbooks are returned near the end of June.

Please feel free to email or telephone Mrs. Carr with any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Mrs. T. Carr

Librarian

trish.carr@mhcbe.ab.ca or 527-5118 Ext. 195

HELP WANTED: Mrs. Carr, our Librarian is always looking for helpers during the year in the Library. Please email or call her if you can spare some time this year! No experience necessary! Thank you!

trish.carr@mhcbe.ab.ca

Notre Dame Academy is a Peanut/Nut Sensitive School

Some of our students have life-threatening peanut/nut allergies. An accidental contact with peanuts/nuts, or even inhaling a small amount of peanut/nut particles can cause a severe allergic reaction leading to anaphylactic shock—swelling of the throat and the inability to breathe. This reaction can begin and proceed rapidly, occasionally proving fatal within minutes. An anaphylactic shock reaction could be fatal without an adrenaline treatment from an EPI-Pen.

In support of these serious conditions, NDA School will be a "Peanut/Nut Sensitive School" effective immediately.

We encourage parents to refrain from sending peanut butter sandwiches, Reese Peanut Butter Cups or other very obvious peanut and nut filled foods to school with your child.



TAILGATE PARTY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

All Notre Dame parents and students are invited to join us for an informal
BBQ / "Meet The Staff" Night from 6:00—7:30 pm

Tickets for a BBQ burger, chips and a pop will be
\$4.00/person.



Attendance Reporting

If your child is absent, please call our Student Attendance Line at **403 527-5118 Ext. 3**, and state your name, your child's name, the reason and date (s) of the absence. If you wish to send a note, please direct it to the office as well, keeping in mind— dates, reason and signature. Unaccounted absences will receive a phone call home during the attendance process throughout the day.

If you plan on an extended absence (i.e. vacation), please be sure to contact staff well in advance so that they **may** have an opportunity to give guidance and assignments that will reduce the negative effects of the absence. **Please note that in virtually all situations, prolonged absences will have a detrimental effect on student achievement.**



NO Parking in NDA BUS LANE

We request that parents refrain from parking in our Bus Lane. Please park along Spruce Way when picking up and dropping off your children.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our
Bus Lane clear and safe.



N. D. A. IS A CLOSED CAMPUS



Notre Dame Academy policy for leaving the school during school hours is as follows:

1. Students going off campus at anytime during the school day (medical appointments, etc.) are requested to be signed out at the office by parents/guardians and then they can sign back in at the office upon their return.
2. Students bussed or driven to school daily can only leave the campus when picked up by a parent/guardian during the school day. Parents/guardians are requested to come into the main office and sign out their child for attendance purposes.
3. Local area students who consistently go home for lunch and live within walking distance are allowed to go home for lunch if parents wish. Your assistance in helping these students return to the School prior to the 12:15 bell is appreciated. We will be keeping a record of who has made this request and will monitor punctuality.

2010-11 Grade 6-9 Awards Night



**Tuesday, September 13, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

Parents will be notified, via letter, if their child is receiving an award. If you or your child can not be present to accept their award, please contact the school and make arrangements to pick up their award.

Band Update

The band program is ready for the 2011-2012 school year with even larger numbers than last year. We have many new members, new music, and some new instruments, as well as some new ideas. With the addition of the Grade 9's and a change to our Grade 6 Music Program we will now have over 200 NDA students playing band instruments every week. I THINK THAT IS AWESOME! We will need to do some fundraising which will allow us to travel and also to acquire certain items that are unable to fit in the normal school year budget. I am looking for parent volunteers who might be interested in working with our existing Band Parent Council which works with me to help us stay focused on our goals throughout the year and to continue developing a strong music program here at Notre Dame Academy. There will be a letter coming home in the first week of school for the parents of those students who have registered for Band 7, 8 and 9 inviting you to a meeting/information session at NDA with the date and time. This meeting is to explain our current situation as a division with regards to increased enrolment in the band program at Notre Dame Academy, our current instrument inventories, and the plans intended to further strengthen our program for the students presently and in the future. This will be an opportunity for parents to get the necessary information to provide input with regards to how we proceed as a school. I am also trying to facilitate a representative from the Bandstand (who supplies us with our instruments) to come and explain possible options for parents who wish to purchase instruments for their children, either this year, or in the future but this will be determined by a show of interest from you the parents. Thank you so much for keeping the arts alive here at Notre Dame Academy.

You can contact me by calling the school at (403)-527-5118 ext. 188 and leaving a message, or by email at: corbie.dorner@mhcbe.ab.ca for any questions or concerns.

Sincerest Regards,
Mr. Corbie Dorner
Notre Dame Academy
403 527-5118 ext. 188
corbie.dorner@mhcbe.ab.ca



Student Dress Code



Students' appearance and dress is to reflect a standard of modesty and courtesy that is appropriate and fitting for an educational environment of the school and for making a smooth transition to high school and the work place. Clearly not appropriate for school are extremes of style including the following: torn pants, exposed under-garments, sleeve-less muscle shirts, halter tops, "see through" attire, and clothing with symbols, insignias, and printed messages that are inconsistent with the District Mission Statement. Facial and body ornaments (e.g. protruding spiked jewellery) that may endanger safety are **unacceptable**. All dress and attire should reflect Catholic values.

Visitors to the School

In order to help secure school/student safety protocol, all visitors MUST report to the main office during initial entry and state the nature of their business. The office staff will assist visitors with their needs.

Hat Policy



Students may not wear hats or headwear in the school.

Contacting Students



It is our wish to provide uninterrupted classroom instruction, so we will limit telephone calls and messages for students. We will assist students in the case of family emergency situations.

CELL PHONE POLICY



In line with the Cellphone Policy of McCoy High School, the following cellphone policy will be put into effect this year:

- students will be allowed to carry their cellphones on them.
- upon entering a class they must put their cellphones in a basket at the front of the room for the class period. At the end of the period they can retrieve their cellphones.
- if a student has a cellphone on them such as in their pocket or backpack and it rings or goes off during class time - the student will automatically receive a one day inschool suspension.

First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Student & Parent Reminders

If you are a returning or new student and **identify yourself** as either a **First Nations, Metis, or Inuit heritage** and have not done so on your school registration, **please do so now**. This will give you entitlement to FNMI school programming and events offered during the school year.

This year we are planning to attend the Dreamcatcher Conference in Edmonton again (Oct. 14-16) for students aged 14 years and up. For this event to be a success, we need parent and student volunteers to help with bake sales and food sales.

The first FNMI parent advisory meeting will be held September 7th, 2011 at St. Louis School, 7:00pm.

If you have any questions regarding FNMI programming, events, or issues, please contact:

Raevon McKenzie (FNMI Support Teacher)
403.527.7411 School
403.580.7337 Cell
raevon.mckenzie@mhcbe.ab.ca

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.

Communities Coming Together Monthly Challenge

Spend two hours at the Medicine Hat Youth Action Society & have a MHYAS staff member sign a challenge sheet and return it to the Community Coming Together office before September 30th and be entered into a draw for \$25.00 to the mall!!!!

If you have further questions, please contact the NDA Spirit Coach, Ashley Day at 527-5118 ext 160

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School pictures will be taken on September 29, 2011.

Welcome to Holy Family Parish



1451 Strachan Road S.E.
Medicine Hat, AB. – T1B 4V3
PH: (403)527-6933 – Fax: (403) 526-2482
e-mail: contact@holymfamilymh.ca
website: www.holymfamilymh.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

School Masses in September at Holy Family Church

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

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!

Sacrament Preparation

New Programs – New Format

Parents: if you are wishing to register your children for the following Sacraments – it is imperative to attend one of the

Registration & Information Meetings

First Communion & First Reconciliation

Sunday, Sept. 18 1:00 to 2:00pm – Hall
or
Sunday, Sept. 25 1:00 to 2:00pm – Hall

Confirmation

Sunday, Sept. 18 2:30 to 3:30pm – Hall
or
Sunday, Sept. 25 2:30 to 3:30pm – Hall

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



To improve communication between school and parents/guardians, Notre Dame Academy School implemented a program called "HomeLogic" back in February. This online program allows parents/guardians to check their child's progress throughout the school year. The following information can be viewed about your child:

- ATTENDANCE
- GRADES
- ASSIGNMENTS
- FEES

If you wish to access HomeLogic, you first will have to provide us with your current email address.

Step by step directions for registering for Homelogic:

Go to Homelogic home page at <http://nda.mhcbe.ab.ca/homelogic/> (we will put a direct link on our homepage at <http://nda.mhcbe.ab.ca/>)

Choose Notre Dame Academy from the drop down menu.
On the bottom right hand corner click on New User?

Notre Dame ▼

LOGIN NAME

PASSWORD

LOGIN

[New User?](#)

On the new user screen, click next after selecting Notre Dame Academy.
Select Parent/Guardian tab, click next.

The self registration fields derive from the information provided on registration forms.

Enter your first name/last name and select your relationship to the child from the drop down box.

Enter your child's Legal First name/Middle name/Last name. (As it appears on the child's birth certificate.)

Enter your child's birthday.

Select gender.

Enter 8 digit student I.D. number (found on students' timetables, report cards)

Click on the register button. You will then see the e-mail address you provided to us. If it is incorrect, or you do not have one you have the option to change/enter it here. You must have a valid e-mail address to set up an account.

Once completed, you will see a message stating:

Self registration successful.

Your new Login Name and Password have been emailed to your email address on file.

Please contact the school if you don't receive the email.

Academy Page

Soccer Academy



Mr. Deis and Mr. Unreiner would like to welcome all soccer academy students to another exciting year at Notre Dame. They are looking forward to meeting all academy students and starting a fun-filled year where everyone can try and do their personal best. The soccer academy will be held outside for most days this month and students will be expected to be prepared for all weather situations. Students should remember to have all of their necessary gear every day as it will be a part of their evaluation.

The gear that students will require daily is:

NDA Soccer Academy shorts

NDA Soccer Academy shirt

NDA Soccer Academy socks

Shin pads

Cleats or runners (no skater shoes)

Water bottle

Duo-tang with paper and writing utensil

Students may also want to keep a hoodie or small jacket at school for some cooler or rainy days.

EQUIPMENT STORAGE ROOM TIMES

PICK UP & DROP OFF

MONDAY TO THURSDAY ONLY

7:15 - 8:30 A.M.

2:30 - 4:45 P.M.



HOCKEY ACADEMY

The **Hockey Academy** is excited to get started once again. The on ice sessions will begin September 12th at the Kinplex with skill testing. Parents are reminded to make sure all the equipment is labeled, including sticks to ensure everyone can find their own equipment at pick up times. We are pleased to have Glen back working in the basement, the pick up and drop off times are as follows;

Monday- Thursday (excluding Friday timetables)

7:15am-8:30am

2:30pm-4:45pm

Parents and students are reminded to check the schedule on line or on the bulletin board to see what activities are planned for the month. During the first 2 weeks, the students will be at the school participating in fitness testing and training activities, they will need a change of clothes in order to participate.

We would like to welcome back Gay Debeau (Platinum Star Power Skating) for her 8th year of power skating instruction; We would like to welcome back Matt Wong (King of the Crease) to our coaching staff to work with our goalies this year.

I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle - victorious.

Vince Lombardi



BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ACADEMY

We would like to welcome all new members of the Academy and welcome back all returning members for another year of skill development, improved athleticism and fun!

Please remember to bring all necessary equipment, proper clothing and footwear, as well as a water bottle on all academy days. We look forward to another enjoyable year of working with all Baseball/Softball Academy students. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!



GOLF ACADEMY

Golf Academy will be spending the bulk of September and October outdoors so be sure students are prepared appropriately for the fall weather. We do our best to give advance notice, however please bear in mind that all students are required to have gym clothes with them daily - regardless of the weather - as we do occasionally get stuck working in the gym due to unforeseen weather, golf course availability, and scheduling issues. If you have any questions throughout the year, please do not hesitate to send us an email anytime.



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:

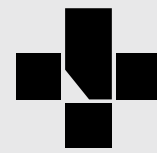
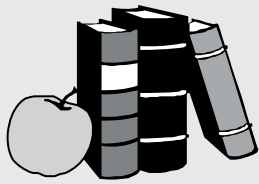
- The full school year (September to September), 24 hours a day, whether at school or at home;
- Expenses that are often limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or Provincial Health Insurance Plans - such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more;
- 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**.





Welcome back to the 2011 - 2012 school year!

Alberta Health Services staff from Public Health, Healthy Weights, Addictions and Mental Health, Health Promotion, Dental Health, Tobacco Reduction and Safe Communities will be contributing to our newsletter pages.

We work in partnership and focus on promoting the health of students, staff, and families in the school community.

If you are looking for general health information contact **HEALTH LINK** at **1-866-408-5465**.

Have a safe, healthy, and happy school year.



Does your child have a chronic medical condition?

Some tips to help keep your child safe and healthy:

- Inform the school of your child's condition
- Provide a Medic Alert® bracelet for your child
- Provide the school with current medical instructions as recommended by your physician
- Provide the school with up-to-date auto-injectors and keep them current
- Provide information to school and teachers
- Participate in the development of an emergency response plan for your child

For more information, contact your school's public health nurse or discuss with the school principal.

For information on:

Allergies/Asthma www.aaia.ca

Anaphylaxis www.anaphylaxiscanada.ca

Diabetes www.diabetes.ca

Terry Fox National School Run Day Wednesday, September 28th, 2011

Get out your running shoes and run for a cause!

In 1980, Terry Fox faced huge challenges while running a marathon a day for 143 days during his **3,339 mile** Marathon of Hope. Terry challenged himself every day with one goal in mind: raise the most money he could to end cancer. Now it's your turn. Join your school community in celebrating Terry's heroic effort by promoting health and taking part in the National School Run Day on September 28th!

Schools are invited this year to "Take the Terry Fox Challenge" and unite by issuing a school challenge. Challenge ideas include: costume runs – dress up like a superhero or a rock star, obstacle course or dance challenge and many more.

Check out www.terryfox.org to find out more and get involved!

Breakfast for Learning

With students heading back to the classroom makes September a great month to focus on healthy eating. We know well-nourished children have improved memory, problem solving skills and creative abilities – overall they perform better in school.

A healthy breakfast should contain at least 3 of the 4 food groups, such as a bowl of whole grain cereal with milk and fresh fruit. You may also try whole grain toast, a hardboiled or poached egg, celery/carrot sticks and a glass of milk.

Take the time to get your children off to a great start with a nutritious breakfast every morning.

For more information and ideas on Breakfast for Learning visit www.breakfastforlearning.ca.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

GRADE 6 SUPPLIES LIST FOR 2011-2012

- Five blue pens
- 50 HB pencils (25 in September, 25 in January)
- Five red marking pens
- Three Black Sharpie Felt – Fine Point
- Two highlighter pens
- One set of pencil crayons (Laurentian), and markers
- One 3” or 4” binder (Please do not bring 5-Star zip close binders-too large for lockers)
- One 1” binder
- One set of dividers
- One package of (200) loose leaf paper, Lined (3-hole) (more later in year)
- One package of loose leaf paper, Unlined (3-hole)
- Five White Erasers
- One calculator (A simple functions, solar power calculator is acceptable)
- One 30 cm ruler
- One geometry set
- Two glue sticks
- One Bottle of White Glue
- One package of reinforcements
- One hand held pencil sharpener
- Twelve duo tangs
- Two large box of Kleenex
- One pair of sharp scissors
- One pencil case/box
- Scotch Tape
- Four “AA” Batteries (Robotics Option Class)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Rubber soled running shoes with a good arch support and WITH LACES.
(Due to safety concerns, “skate” shoes are an inappropriate choice for gym footwear).
- T-shirt
- Sweat pants or gym shorts
- Bag to keep Phys. Ed. clothes and runners in. The bag could be a plastic shopping bag or a regular gym bag.

PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES, GYM CLOTHING, LUNCH BAGS AND JACKETS
(Label individual pens/pencils)

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

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

GRADE 7 SUPPLIES LIST FOR 2011-2012

- Ten blue pens
- Twenty-four pencils
- Six Mechanical Pencils
- Ten red marking pens
- Felt pens (fine tipped) (Optional)
- Two highlighter pens
- One set of pencil crayons
- Two - 2 1/2" binders (to hold/share subjects)
(Please do not bring 5-Star zip close binders – too big to put in lockers)
- Four packages of dividers (strongly recommended)
- Two packages (500s) loose leaf paper, Lined
- One package of loose leaf paper, Graphing
- Five erasers
- One calculator (Solar Calculator)
- One 30 cm ruler
- One geometry set
- Two glue sticks
- One package of reinforcements
- One handheld pencil sharpener
- Five duotangs
- One box of Kleenex
- One pair of sharp scissors
- One pencil case/box

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Rubber soled running shoes with a good arch support and WITH LACES.
(Due to safety concerns, "skate" shoes are an inappropriate choice for gym footwear).
- T-shirt
- Sweat pants or gym shorts
- Bag to keep Phys. Ed. clothes and runners in. The bag could be a plastic shopping bag or a regular gym bag.

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GRADE 8 SUPPLIES LIST FOR 2011-2012

- One package of grid paper
- 2 protractors
- 3 Dry Erase Markers (for whiteboard games)
- Ten blue pens
- Twenty-four pencils
- Three red marking pens
- Two highlighter pens (each a different color)
- One set of pencil crayons
- Six Scribblers (Math)
- Two - 2” zip up binders (Please do not bring 5-Star zip close binders – they are too big to put in lockers)
- Or, 1 – 4” zip up binder (all subjects)
- Two duotangs
- Three packages of dividers
- Two packages (500s) loose leaf paper, Lined
- One package of loose leaf paper, Unlined
- Three erasers
- One calculator
- One 30 cm ruler
- Two glue sticks
- One package of reinforcements
- One pair of sharp scissors

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Rubber soled running shoes with a good arch support and WITH LACES.
(Due to safety concerns, “skate” shoes are an inappropriate choice for gym footwear).
- T-shirt
- Sweat pants or gym shorts
- Bag to keep Phys. Ed. clothes and runners in. The bag could be a plastic shopping bag or a regular gym bag.
- Access to badminton racquet (racquet may be purchased from the school for \$8.25) and baseball glove.

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NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

GRADE 9 SUPPLIES LIST FOR 2011-2012

- Ten blue pens
- Twenty-four pencils
- Three red marking pens
- Two highlighter pens (each a different color)
- One set of pencil crayons
- Two - 2" zip up binders
- Two duotangs
- Three packages of dividers
- Two packages (500s) loose leaf paper, Lined
- One package of loose leaf paper, Unlined
- Three erasers
- One calculator
- One 30 cm ruler
- Two glue sticks
- One package of reinforcements
- One pair of sharp scissors

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Rubber soled running shoes with a good arch support and WITH LACES.
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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

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)

September 2011

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| 4 | 5 Labour Day NO SCHOOL | 6 | 7 | 8 Meet the Teacher Night /Tailgate Party 6-7:30 | 9 Blue & Gold Day @ MHES Pavilion 9:15-2:00 NDA School Dance | 10 |
| SPIRIT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 6-9 | | | | | | |
| 11 | 12 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm ELECTIONS | 13 2010-2011 Awards Ceremony Grades 6-9 6 P.M. | 14 NDA Mass @HF Parish 9am | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 PD DAY No School | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Terry Fox Run | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 School Picture Day | 30 Parent Council Hot Lunch | |