



MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD BULLETIN

2024 FACE OF CHRIST AWARD RECIPIENT



At the Public Board Meeting on May 14, Mr. Jaime Franco was formally recognized by the Board as an Ambassador of Catholic Education and this year's Face of Christ Award Recipient.

Mr. Franco is a custodian in our division and has expanded his portfolio to share his athletic talents supporting various sport academies at both Notre Dame Academy and St. Francis Xavier School.

Read more about Mr. Franco in the Medicine Hat News.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MEETS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



Annually, during the month of May, we put a special focus on celebrating the gift of Catholic education in Alberta!



This year, Mental Health Week and Catholic Education Week fall on the same dates. We took this as an opportunity to showcase faith permeation in our schools.



From May 6-10, Medicine Hat Catholic schools participated in themed activities based on the 5 Marks of a Catholic School while recognizing mental health connections and dress up opportunities that lined up with each daily faith theme.

Please note: All underlined text/headlines in the Board Bulletin are linked to websites where more information on the subject can be found.

HONOURING INDIGENOUS GRADUATES

On the evening of May 21, students and their families attended Monsignor McCoy's first-ever Indigenous Graduation Ceremony!

The intimate ceremony was held to recognize First Nations, Métis and Inuit graduates in a meaningful way, surrounded by culture and community.

We recognize the barriers Indigenous students may face on the journey to high school graduation, and celebrate the resilience and hard work that brought them to graduation day!



As part of the ceremony, students were gifted hand-beaded lanyards and blessed blankets distributed by Elder Pat Aaker.

This event was made possible with the support of our division Indigenous Wellness Facilitator, Mr. Josh Cross, and the Miywasin Friendship Centre.

May we continue to honour the past and embrace a future of compassion, awareness and healing.

MONSIGNOR MCCOY GRADUATION

On May 23, Monsignor McCoy High School held their graduation mass and ceremony for the class of 2024! Congratulations to every graduate for reaching this exciting milestone.



DIVISION CONSECRATION TO MARY



The month of Mary is reserved to honour Mary, Mother of God. To commemorate this month, our local Priests visited our schools and central office throughout the month of May to lead our school communities in a liturgy dedicated to Mother Mary.