



Medicine Hat Catholic  
Board of Education

# St. Michael's School



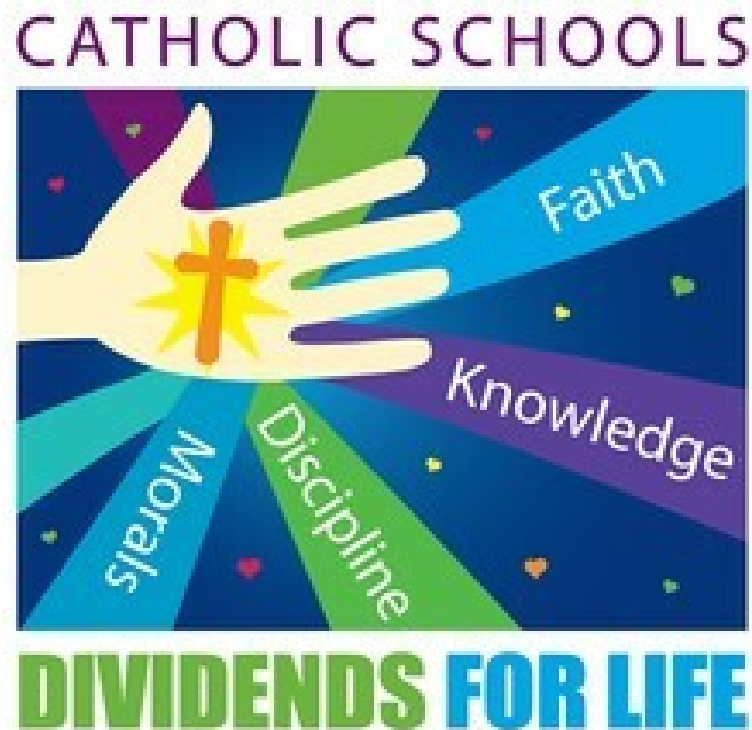
## School Educational Plan 2023-2024



## INTRODUCTION

St. Michael's School opened its doors to students in 1965. In 1968 the addition of a gym and east wing was constructed. Further expansion included the completion of our drama facility and one classroom in September 2000. In 2010 two new modular classrooms were added to the east wing and another in 2012 to accommodate our increased enrollment. St. Michael's is the designated school for students from NW Crescent Heights, areas of NE Crescent Heights, Riverside and Redcliff.

Currently our school has a population of 150 students from Early Learning to grade six. In addition to our instructional hours, St. Michael's offers an Out of School Care Program with before and after school hours which is housed in our school gymnasium and stage area.



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



St. Michael's School is the dedicated Fine Arts Focus Elementary school within the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education. This year grades 3-6 are experiencing five weeks in each of the following disciplines of fine arts: drama, choral, instrumental, art, dance and performance arts including juggling, choral speech, or black light theatre. This exposure focuses on process not performance and allows all of the students to become involved. Grades 1 and 2 already have art, choral and instrumental in them, but we are pleased to include drama and dance there as well. Special emphasis on the fine arts and their integration throughout the curriculum develops creativity, personal initiative, growth in self-esteem and encourages a desire for life-long learning.

Our school also offers an education based on the traditions of our Catholic faith that is both a preparation for life and a way of living out the Gospel message in all that we do. Catholic Education is extremely important as it provides for the physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual development of every child. Cooperation among families, school staff and our parishes within St. Michael's community is demonstrated by a commitment to the school mission.

# MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education is a publicly funded school division with over 2600 students in 9 schools: 6 elementary schools, 2 junior high schools and 1 high school.

Medicine Hat is located in Southeastern Alberta and is known as communities of choice. Also known as the sunniest city in Canada, Medicine Hat offers a low cost of living, many amenities and is an ideal place to raise a family.

Our school division ensures the integrity and enhancement of Catholic education. We are a faith-based community that strives to inspire and prepare our students to pray, to learn, to work, to live fully and serve God in one another. Our schools are immersed in faith, offering liturgies, masses, and many celebrations throughout the school year including "Faith Development Days" that enrich the lives of students, our parents and our staff.

Our division offers quality Catholic education with a focus on academic achievement and success for all students.

Our schools operate as professional learning communities through school success teams that promote effective schools in safe and caring environments. We offer strong core academic programming, diverse and inclusive fine arts programming, French immersion, comprehensive co-curricular programming and academy programming in fine arts and sports.

## MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

### **Our Mission**

In partnership with family, church and community, we provide Catholic education of the highest quality to our students.

### **Our Vision**

A gospel-centered community committed to learning excellence, Christian service, living Christ.

### **Our Motto**

"Showing the Face of Christ to All"

### **Our Principles of Practice**

In our ministry we are called, always and everywhere, to:

- Model Christ
- Prayer
- Service
- Strive for Excellence

### **Our Values**

We believe that Catholic education is a ministry that is at the heart of the church.

In our ministry, we value and celebrate:

- Teaching and living our Catholic faith.
- Our Catholic traditions.
- Our ability to offer a full range of educational programs for all students.
- The uniqueness of each child.

## What do Medicine Hat Catholic schools represent?



Staff, students and families working together,  
under our faith, with quality education as our foundation.

# ENROLLMENT TRENDS

Grade	23-24	22-23	21-22	20-21	19-20	18-19	17-18	16-17	15-16	14-15	13-14	12-13
K	15	20	14	15	25	31	23	23	26	34	34	22
1	20	14	16	21	26	19	24	21	32	27	25	39
2	14	20	23	20	15	25	20	30	30	25	29	26
3	20	25	21	15	24	28	31	25	24	30	20	31
4	26	24	16	26	23	28	24	25	28	22	28	35
5	20	17	26	22	28	27	23	29	25	32	32	30
6	16	22	23	19	28	20	31	24	30	33	24	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>215</b>

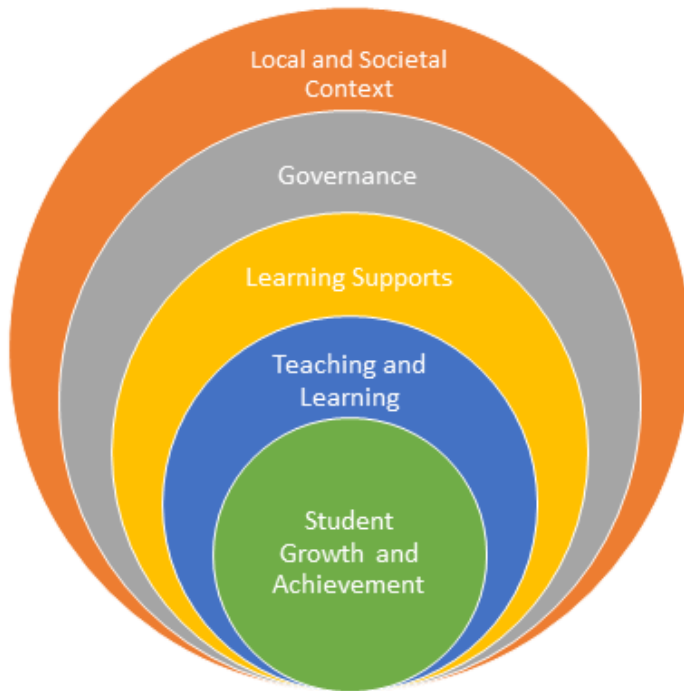
# ASSURANCE

Assurance in the education system happens when community members, system stakeholders and education partners engage across five domains:

1. Student Growth and Achievement
2. Teaching and Leading
3. Learning Supports
4. Governance
5. Local and Societal Context

For the purposes of this document, a domain is an area of activity where education partners have specific responsibilities that they are accountable for and provide assurance about. Fundamentally, assurance is reflected in what the public understands, perceives and knows about student growth and achievement, where the quality of the daily interaction between teacher and student is paramount. Assuring the public that the education system is successfully supporting student growth and achievement requires engagement and thoughtful action across all five domains.

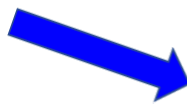
Student growth and achievement is the primary purpose of the education system and is the core outcome domain for the assurance framework. The domains of Teaching and Leading, Learning Supports and Governance support and enable Student Growth and Achievement. Local and Societal Context, while a separate domain, operates across and is integrated into the others. For the purposes of description, the domains are considered discrete and separate. However, in practice, they overlap and are interconnected and interdependent, as depicted in the graphic below:



## ENGAGEMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR Results (2023)

Education Measures	Current Results	Previous Year	Alberta Current Results
1. Student Learning Engagement	85.2	87.8	84.4
2. Citizenship	81.6	87.6	80.3
3. Education Quality	92.7	96.0	88.1
4. Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments	87.6	89.5	84.7
5. Access to Supports and Services	78.8	83.8	80.6
6. Parental Involvement	71.4	81.6	79.1

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Catholicity



Quality Teaching and Learning

## Health and Wellness

1	<b>Catholicity</b>	A communion of school and Community involvement (assemblies, mass, celebrations, etc.)
2.	<b>Health and Wellness</b>	Building Connections and Support with school and community stakeholders (Everactive, Parent Council, etc...)
3	<b>Quality Teaching and Learning</b>	Division and School wide PD opportunities that promote student and teacher engagement.



# SCHOOL GOALS AND IMPLEMENTATION SPECIFICS



## Goal #1 : Student Involvement in Faith

- Prayer in the classroom, and students leading and participating in assemblies.
- Visual symbols and Faith messages integrated into all subjects and activities (food drive, hampers, Blessing Song, Advent Activities, RAK Day, Christmas Concert, Grade 6 crosses, recognizing student who have completed the sacraments)
- Recognizing students showing Catholicity with Positive Office Referrals, Student of the Week
- Rosary Bracelet making in May
- Christian Corner- a student lead group that comes together on Fridays to pray, worship and praise.
  - Have adopted a Chalice Child
  - Invite the Chaplain (BJ) to join
  - School Movie where proceeds went to the Red Cross
- Student Faith Leadership group
- Adoption of New School prayer to said over the intercom after lunch by the student Faith Leadership group (1:00 pm)
- Invite BJ to join a classroom and faith leadership group

## Goal #2 Family-Church Relationship

- School sponsored Mass
- Parent Council Events as a Mission Project-
- Year End Citizenship sponsored by PAC
- Priest visits to the classroom.
- Grade 1 and 5 visits to the church
- Grade 5 and 6 retreats to the church
- Seeds of the Word Community visit to the school
- Host a school event in St. Patrick's Church Hall (PAC or school)
- Invite parish priests to say prayer at Christmas Concert, or the Gala, St. Michael's Day,
- Shrove Tuesday pancakes at St. Patrick's church



# Health and Wellness

## Goal #1 Commitment to Physical Well Being

- Working with Ever Active Schools to support healthy interactions
  - Utilize grade 6 to teach students structured recess games
  - Stencils on the concrete
    - Four Square
    - Maze Game
    - Tether Ball
- School sponsored Annual Colour Run
- Accessing the Big Marble Go Centre for Swimming and skating
- Feast of St. Michael Outdoor Scavenger Hunt Week

## Goal #2 Promoting Positivity

- Positive Affirmation wall/bulletin board
- Positive Office Referrals
- Treat days for staff and students- December to Remember
- School Bingos and Activities
- Leadership group for Spirit days
- Prayer Partners within the staff and students

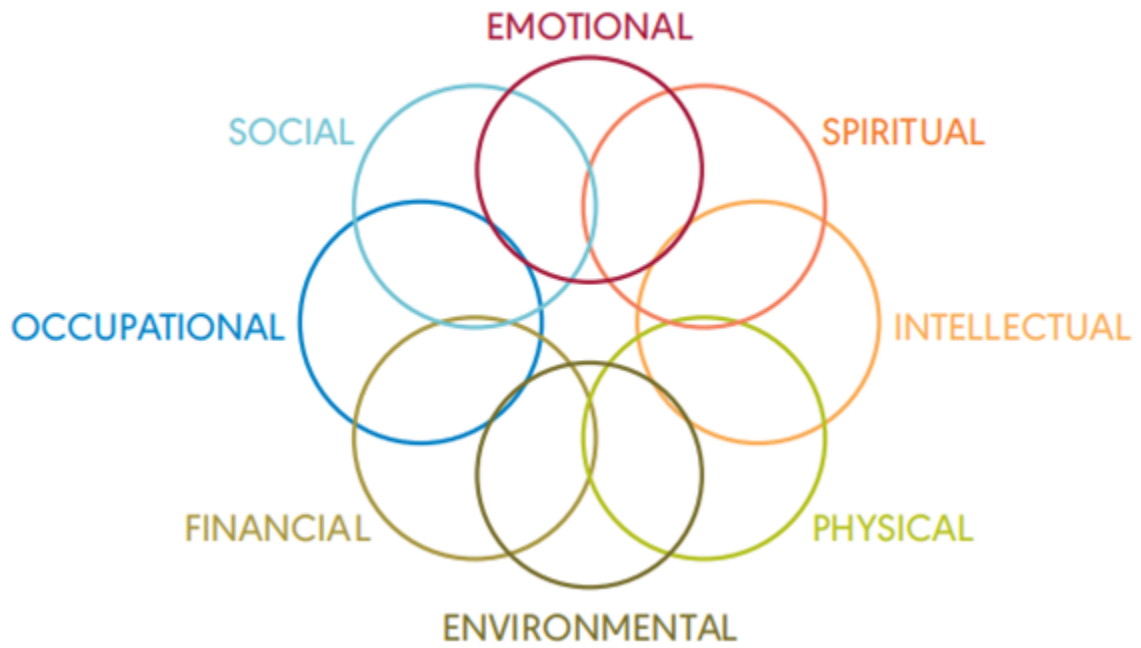
## Goal #3 Parent Council Committed to Students

- Monthly treats as a “Pick me up” for students (chips and water at Halloween, Hot chocolate and a candy cane for Christmas, cookies for Valentine’s Day, etc...)
- Sponsored Kona Ice/Swirls day for all students
- Family Activities
  - Board Game Night

## Outcomes:

1. Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education students are successful.
2. First Nations, Metis and Inuit students in Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education are successful.
3. Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education has excellent teachers, school leaders and school authority leaders.

# Health and Wellness Components





# Quality Teaching and Learning

## Goal #1 Enhancement of Fine Arts Education

- Grades 3-6 all get to experience/explore 5 weeks of Fine Arts Education in each of the following disciplines: art, choral, instrumental, dance, drama, performance arts
  - During this time four of 6 teachers are engaged in Fine Arts education in their specialty, the other 2 are given a chance to PLC built right into the schedule
  - Parent council provides funding to promote the Fine Arts
- Grades 1-2 get to experience/explore music and drama for the duration of the school year.
- Alberta Musical Theatre Company production of Cinderella
- St. Mary's Production "Finding Nemo"
- St. Mary's drama, dance and band performances in the school
- Have students attend St. Mary's for an afternoon- Life of an Academy student
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## Goal #2 Differentiation and Inclusion

- Utilizing AB Education resources on differentiation to meet various needs of students
  - JumpMath K-6
- Utilizing real world resources that match the curriculum- (fossils for dinosaurs)
  - Field Trips to enhance learning (Tyrell museum, Pumpkin Patch- farm to table, Camp McCoy, etc...)
- Utilizing the Literacy and Numeracy results to target students not meeting goals
- Student led Land acknowledgement at School Gatherings
- Incorporating indigenous resources (literature, games, etc.) into daily activities
- Develop a sensory space for regulation and relation work with students struggling with Social and Emotional regulation

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4. Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education is well governed and managed.

# ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR



## Required Alberta Education Assurance Measures - Overall Summary Spring 2023

School: 6874 St. Michael's School

Assurance Domain	Measure	St. Michael's School			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Student Growth and Achievement	<a href="#">Student Learning Engagement</a>	85.2	87.8	87.8	84.4	85.1	85.1	n/a	Maintained	n/a
	<a href="#">Citizenship</a>	81.6	87.6	80.2	80.3	81.4	82.3	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	<a href="#">3-year High School Completion</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a	80.7	83.2	82.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">5-year High School Completion</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a	88.6	87.1	86.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">PAT: Acceptable</a>	n/a	62.0	n/a	n/a	67.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">PAT: Excellence</a>	n/a	1.1	n/a	n/a	18.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">Diploma: Acceptable</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	75.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Teaching & Leading	<a href="#">Diploma: Excellence</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	18.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">Education Quality</a>	92.7	96.0	92.9	88.1	89.0	89.7	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Learning Supports	<a href="#">Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)</a>	87.6	89.5	89.5	84.7	86.1	86.1	n/a	Maintained	n/a
	<a href="#">Access to Supports and Services</a>	78.8	83.8	83.8	80.6	81.6	81.6	n/a	Maintained	n/a
Governance	<a href="#">Parental Involvement</a>	71.4	81.6	79.0	79.1	78.8	80.3	Low	Maintained	Issue

## RESPONDING TO ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR RESULTS

### School Strategies by Measure

### Indicators of Success

<b>Safe and Caring Schools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alberta results are 84.7% and St. Michael's School is 87.6%</li> <li>● All school activities are integrated with Faith including weekly assemblies, RAK day, themes and messages, Food Drive and promoting kindness</li> </ul>
<b>Student Learning Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alberta results are 84.4% and St. Michael's School is 85.2%.</li> <li>● Integration of Fine Arts into all grades focusing on grades 3-6.</li> <li>● Teachers have "upped" their technology game utilizing google classroom, document cameras and increased apps and computer integration.</li> </ul>
<b>Student Learning Achievement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alberta results are 88.1% and St. Michael's School is 92.7%</li> <li>● Assess and evaluate to aid in "Closing the Gap" learning disruptions with Literacy and Numeracy from grades 1-3.</li> <li>● Implement literacy and numeracy interventions- outside the strategies already in place within the classroom.</li> </ul>
<b>Preparation for Lifelong Learning, Citizenship, World of Work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alberta results are 80.3% and St. Michael's School is 81.6%</li> <li>● Continue to recognize and model Catholic values in all interactions with students, assemblies, Positive recognition and teaching and classroom strategies.</li> </ul>
<b>Parental Involvement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alberta results are 79.1% and St. Michael's School is 71.4%.</li> <li>● Utilizing Google classroom, Facebook, Powerschool and other formats to continue flow of information to parents.</li> <li>● Open door (by appointment) policy to discuss issues and ideas that parents have throughout the year.</li> <li>● Continued parent council involvement in the school</li> </ul>
<b>Continuous Improvement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Addition of PLC time for teachers during Fine Arts has provided a win-win situation for students and teachers to improve the quality of education received at St. Michael's School.</li> <li>● Assembly time will also be used for PLC time</li> </ul>

# COMMUNICATION

Stakeholders are communicated with in a variety ways through our school:

The image displays a collage of digital communication channels for St. Michael's School. At the top, a website header features navigation links: About, Staff Directory, Programs, Parents, Contact, and Bookings. Below this is a large banner image of children in a gymnasium with their arms raised, overlaid with a dark blue box containing the text "Welcome to St. Michael's School".

To the left, a Facebook page for "St. Michael's School Medicine Hat" is shown, featuring a profile picture with a school logo, the name, handle @StMichaelsMH, a 5-star rating from 5 reviews, and a "Call Now" button. To the right is the "PowerSchool" logo, consisting of a stylized 'P' with vertical bars in orange, yellow, and green, and the text "PowerSchool" below it.

At the bottom left, a grid of social media posts is visible, including "Grade 2 COME GRA...", "Grade 3", "Grade 4C 2021/2022", "Grade 6 2021-2022", "Mrs. Denboer's Kind...", "Mrs. Dobek Grade One", "Mrs. Glasgo's ELP (AM)", "Mrs. Glasgo's ELP (PM)", and "Grade 2 2020-2021".

At the bottom right, a social media post for the "St. Michael's School Early Learning Program" is shown, featuring a colorful abstract background with the text "early learning program" and a "Learn more" button. The post includes the school logo, the program name, and handle @StMichaelsELP - School.

## CONTACT US

### School Information:

- ❖ School Office: 403 527-7242
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- ❖ School Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelsMH/>
- ❖ Early Learning Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelsELP/>
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