



MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD BULLETIN

FAITH FORMATION DAY & WELCOMING NEW STAFF!

August 30 was a day full of big smiles, warm hugs, snacks, and an inspiring message to kick off the 2024-25 school year.

Special guest speaker, David Wells, joined us to start the day with his inspiring message of gratitude, grace and discipleship.

Following lunch, his Excellency Bishop McGrattan led us in our first mass of the school year and new staff members were welcomed into our division family.

[View the highlight reel video here!](#)



USE OF CELLPHONES AND DEVICES IN SCHOOLS - AP 352

Effective September 1, 2024, the use of personal digital devices will be limited in schools across Alberta.

Staff and families are to familiarize themselves with our school division's newest administrative procedure (AP) regarding the limitation of digital devices in our schools during instructional time.

Each school will share specific information within their school communities regarding expectations for digital device storage and the consequences of use.

[Link to AP 352 here.](#)



HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY DESIGN OPEN HOUSE

FWBA Architects and the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education are inviting stakeholders to join us for the first public look at Medicine Hat's newest Catholic school. Attendees will have a chance to see the design, layout and take a virtual tour of the school building!



St. Francis Xavier School (318 8 St NE)
Wednesday, October 16 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Come and go | No registration required

All community members, families, and division staff are invited to participate in this immersive open house!

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

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Our Division Indigenous Wellness Facilitator, Josh Cross, spent the first month of the school year educating staff and students on the subjects of Indigenous culture and the history of residential schools.



From drum circles to blanket exercises, Mr. Josh uses cultural teachings, personal experiences and community connections to develop compelling lessons and activities for all age groups.

Mr. Josh plays a key role in our school division. His stories and lessons create opportunities for reflection and work toward ending stigmas and stereotypes for future generations.

Staff and families are encouraged to wear an **orange shirt on September 30** as we recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- a day of reflection, education, hope, and support for a more inclusive future.



Each of our Catholic schools will be recognizing NDTR in their own unique ways with school-based activities.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This year, Catholic Education Week will take place from October 19-26. We are excited to celebrate the gift of Catholic education with this year's theme "Testify! Share the reason for your hope".

