

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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Our Purpose:

To enhance Catholic Christian leadership in the schools and communities within the Medicine Hat Catholic School Division.

Greetings from the Foundation . . .

The Foundation continues to evolve in response to the needs of the Division. The main focus will continue to be on 'Catholic Christian leadership' initiatives, however the focus has been broadened to include opportunities to enhance educational activities within schools in the division. A set of guidelines will be put forward which will give organizations and individuals the opportunity to donate to the Foundation in support of approved school projects. The Foundation will consider all grant applications for school projects and will determine if the requests meet the guidelines for support.

We would like to thank the MacPhail family for their generous donation to the Foundation endowment fund in memory of their father, Archie MacPhail. The funds will remain invested to provide for future initiatives.

The Foundation is happy to be part of the Division's 100 Year Celebration. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations supporting the celebration. Our 10th Annual Golf Tournament will be part of the 100 year celebration weekend in June 2012.

Wishing you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas Season!

Bernie Lyczewski, Chair,
on behalf of -
Rob Stroh, Vice Chair
Dick Mastel, Trustee Representative
Greg MacPherson, Secretary Treasurer
Herb Durda, Director
Byron Martin, Director
Allan O'Byrne, Director



Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Medicine Hat Catholic Schools'
Education Foundation
will hold their Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday, January 17, 2012
7:00 PM**

at the Board Office
(1251—1st Avenue SW)

Public Welcome

Russ Holowachuk Retires From the Board of Directors

Mr. Russ Holowachuk was one of the original members of the Foundation and he served as Director from 1997 until 2011, when he did not seek another term. He was actively involved in the initial organization and development of the Foundation. His participation and influence will be missed.

Our sincere thanks goes to Russ for his service and valuable contribution to the Foundation. We wish him well in his future endeavours!



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Option for Giving - Scholarships can be established to support students as they venture out into post secondary education.

Agriculture Incentive Scholarship (\$250) - available to Grade 12 student at St. Michael's School in Bow Island who has registered in agricultural related post secondary program.

Archie MacPhail Memorial Scholarship (\$500 annually) - available to students to promote spiritual growth, Christian lifestyle, and development of religious leadership skills.

E.L. Brosz Scholarship (\$1,000) - available to Grade 12 student at St. Michael's School in Bow Island who displays balanced strengths in academics, volunteer activity, leadership and general attitude.

James Michael (Mickey) Lynch Memorial Scholarship (\$200) - Available to Grade 12 student at Monsignor McCoy High School who was a graduate of St. Louis Elementary School. Chosen based on demonstrated skills in English grammar and must be registered in post-secondary education program.

Pat Cullen Memorial Scholarship - Math awards available to St. Mary's students. \$200 each to Gr. 7,8,9 highest achievement; \$100 each Gr. 7,8,9 second highest achievement..

Sister Joan Burns Memorial Scholarship - Religious Studies Awards available to St. Mary's students. \$200 each Gr. 7,8,9 highest achievement; \$100 each Gr. 7,8,9 second highest achievement.

Stan Gill Memorial Scholarship (\$500) - Available to Grade 12 student at Monsignor McCoy High School with highest mark in Biology 20 & 30 combined.

Troy Knibbs Memorial Scholarship (amount varies) - Awarded to a Grade 12 honour student at St. Michael's School Bow Island. Candidate must be attending a post-secondary program.

Winter Games Legacy Scholarship (2 x \$500) - Available to Grade 12 student at Monsignor McCoy High School or St. Michael's School Bow Island. Candidate must have displayed leadership in their chosen sport and be enrolled in post-secondary program.



9TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT June 3, 2011

The 9th Annual Golf Tournament was dedicated in memory of Mr. Archie MacPhail, one of the Founding Director's of the Education Foundation. The MacPhail Family sponsored this event in honour of their father who was a dedicated community member and advocate for Catholic education.

The Foundation's annual fundraising event was held on Friday, June 3, at Cottonwood Coulee Golf Course in Medicine Hat. Once again, the community rallied together and just under \$10,000 was raised to support the work of the Foundation!

The day started on a shaky note with heavy rain in the morning but the sky began to clear just in time for registration and the golfers were able to enjoy a fun round of golf! Various hole competitions and activities were planned. The odds were in the participants favour with the help of 'hand wedges' and 'mulligans'. We are hopeful that one of these years someone will sink a Hole in One and go home with a substantial prize!

The Putting Green Competition was a popular event and the money raised went to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to meet identified needs in the community.

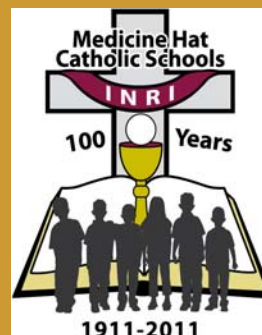
The Organizing Committee would like to thank all volunteers, financial sponsors, prize sponsors, and golfers who participated and helped to make this event successful.

10th Annual Golf Tournament

will be held in conjunction
with the division's
100 Year Celebration

Friday, June 8, 2012 - 1 PM

Mark your calendar
and plan to join in the
weekend activities!



2011 PAYROLL 50/50 DRAW

This past year almost \$5,500 was invested in the Foundation to further Catholic Christian leadership development of our staff and students. The following employees were pleased to have their name drawn to win!

Winners:

January - Della Dewald (Central Office) - \$480.00
February - Kathy Glasgo (St. Patrick's) - \$485.00
March - Carol Drew (Monsignor McCoy) - \$487.50
April - Irena Gornisiewicz (Mother Teresa) - \$485.00
May - Patty Jo Foliott (Mother Teresa) - \$485.00
June - Kelly Van Ham (Trustee) - \$485.00
July - Jodi Churla (Trustee) - \$327.50
August - Gwenn Hodgins (St. Patrick's) - \$325.00
September - Gwynn Boksteyn (St. Louis) - \$475.00
October - Nina Haysom (St. Francis) - \$472.50
November - Sally Myers (McCoy) - \$485.00
December - TBA

YOUTH MINISTRY

This year has been an exciting one so far in youth ministry in MHCBE. I have been mainly focused at Monsignor McCoy High School, but visit St. Michael's in Bow Island twice a month for school visits and evening youth groups. I also present a reflection based on the previous Sunday's Gospel reading to the students at Notre Dame Academy and St. Mary's School once per month.

At Monsignor McCoy the climate and culture of the school seems to be slowly changing. With increased attendance at Morning Prayer, monthly masses at the school, service projects, and SEARCH retreats, and an improved respect and openness to our Catholic faith, I am hopeful and excited about the future. This year we have a spiritual leadership team at Monsignor McCoy called "Team Kinect" whose mission is to impact the faith life of the school. We also have the Journey of Faith for Teens program running which we are using to catch youth up on any Sacraments they've missed. After Christmas, we are going to be starting the Theology of the Body for Teens program which teaches youth the truth about Love and Relationships according to the teachings of Blessed Pope John Paul II.

We have a student lounge at Monsignor McCoy where we hold many of these meetings. It also serves as a place for certain groups of youth to belong who didn't necessarily have one before. It's open in the morning and at lunch. It is usually full of youth during lunch time.

In Bow Island, the youth group is growing in popularity. The youth have recently asked me to increase the frequency of the youth nights. Previously, the youth nights were once per month, but there is a desire for more. I am going to start hosting the St. Mike's Youth Group twice per month and see how it goes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers and support for the youth ministry. It is definitely growing and becoming a part of the culture of the schools it ministers to.

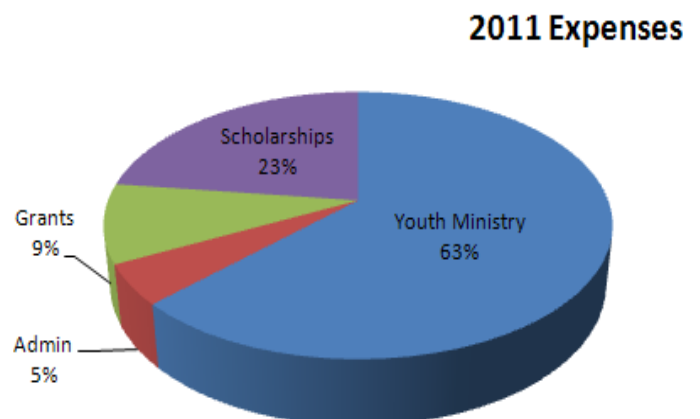
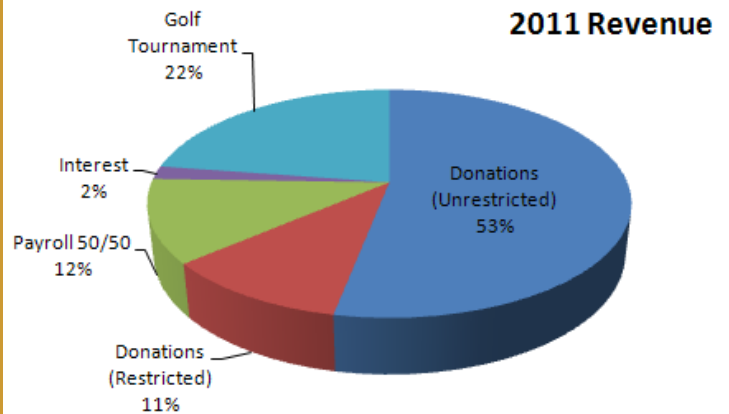
Be blessed!

Lance Rosen
 Youth Ministry Coordinator
 Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

Students who attended SEARCH weekend experience with a goal to 'encountering ourselves, others and God'

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year ending August 31, 2011



GRANTS AWARDED in 2011

Mission Mexico Retreat - \$3,000



"This retreat was planned to coincide with the feast of All Souls, the biggest liturgical feast in Mexico. The retreat was designed to give participants an opportunity to encounter the Spirit of God within the struggle

for social justice in Latin America and to experience some of the social, political, economic, religious and cultural realities of Mexico through direct encounters with the people." (Fr. Fred Monk, Founder & Diocesan Director, Mission Mexico)

A donor graciously sponsored division staff to attend Mission Mexico. In keeping with Foundation's purpose "to enhance Catholic Christian leadership in the schools and communities within the Medicine Hat Catholic School Division", a grant was awarded to pay for the cost of substitute teachers to replace the individuals who were chosen to take part in the retreat. It is anticipated that their experiences will be translated into enriching and sharing the need for social justice in our community and schools.

Annual Spring Sing (Ecole St. Thomas) - \$600

In April, over 200 elementary school students came together for a workshop on striving for excellence in performance of both sacred and secular music.



Division Staff: Ashly Dorval & Tammy Timoruski (St. Patrick's); Erin Malec (McCoy); Lance & Katie Rosen (Youth Ministry Coordinator); MJ Anctil-Zandbeek (Mother Teresa)

Youth Ministry - \$3,800

- Retreat for Grades 7-9 - Theme "Who Are You" dealing with issues of self-worth, personal confidence and acceptance.
- Camping Trip (St. Michael's Bow Island) - included various leadership activities throughout the weekend, as well as time for meditation, Scripture reflection and prayer.

SPICE/Blueprints Conference - \$1,500

The Foundation was able to assist 3 division staff with their registration fee to attend this conference.

THANK YOU TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITY BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY AND DONATED PERSONAL TIME TO FURTHER THE WORK OF THE FOUNDATION.

Yes! I wish to support Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

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Thank you!
Every gift has the potential to change a life!