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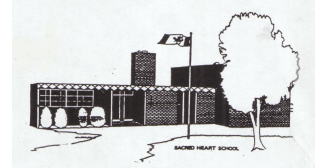
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From the Principal's Desk

Holy Week – “Hurt” is a feeling known to all people, young and old. Growing and developing into a person of mission and faithfulness is challenging for all of us. Students are keenly aware of their shortcomings and weaknesses and, too often, they become the focus. Young people are burdened when mistakes are realized, poor decisions made, or they just don’t feel “good enough”, sometimes to the point of destructive behaviour. During Holy Week we see Jesus’ followers making mistakes and poor choices. We see His enemies “hurting” Him, emotionally and physically. And in the end, we see a loving, kind and forgiving Saviour, who understands our human failings but forgives and loves us.

Our 8th Beatitude reminds our students to have “courage” even in the face of ridicule and hurt. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” BE- the –ATTITUDE !



Children Learn What They Live

If children live with shame they learn to feel guilty.

When children do something wrong, ask them what they were thinking about when they made their poor choice and let them know what is expected of them.

Student Successes !

Congratulations to Alyssa C and Alex S, who represented our school at the recent Huron Spelling Bee. Alyssa placed first and Alex placed third. Both will continue on to the next level in Kirkton during April. Well done !

Alyssa was in Public Speaking in Kincardine recently. Her topic was Bullying and she placed 3rd. She also represented our school at OECTA in Seaforth.

Thank you for your dedication to this activity and your respectful and positive attitude.

On Friday March 30th our chess team traveled to Goderich and Jefferson H. placed second in his division. He now qualifies for the Ontario Chess Tournament in Toronto on April 22nd, should he wish to attend. The members of our team are : Andrew F, Tyler C, Jefferson H, Stuart H. Alicia S, Nathan S, Alyssa C, Tyler H, Alex S, R.J. W, Katie I, Raffaele I., Ryan S and Nick S. Thank you to Mrs. Allan for organizing and practicing with the team and to Mrs. Weiler, Mrs. Schurter and Mrs. Fear for transporting and supervising the players.



Policy for Bus Cancellations

Thank you to our parents and staff members for their patience and understanding, after a winter of many cancellations and delays. Montgomery Transportation, takes into consideration a variety of factors when there are changes to our transportation. (Parent/Student Agenda info) This is not a school decision and we were not unique in the number of days with transportation changes. All school boards in Huron, Perth, Bruce and Grey experienced significant numbers of transportation interruptions.

The safety of the children and the bus drivers is a top priority. Road conditions, satellite information, forecasts, visibility and recommendations from the Ministry of Transportation and the OPP, all factor into their decision to cancel or delay our school. At times the weather has seemed fine in town, or it may clear part way through the day, and we may wonder why we were delayed or cancelled. For the consideration of students, parents, staff and bus drivers, a decision must be made early enough in the day and then that decision must be adhered to, regardless of how the weather may change .

Milk and Pizza Orders

Thank you to the parents and students who participate in our “special lunches” on Wed. and Thurs. Ms. Jennifer Grummett, as a parent volunteer, organizes our pizza, sub and milk orders. Mr. Kaufman delivers the items. During the month of March, Ms. Grummett was hospitalized for surgery and so we had some confusion over orders. I apologize for any inconvenience. We have put forward orders that may have been missed during this time and in the event of a “storm day” these orders are forwarded to the next school day as much as possible. (Parent/Student Agenda info) Mrs. Marks organizes the orders from parents, records them and then submits them to the supplier. When parents inquire, she informs them of how many milk their student may have. If there is a parent who would like to assist Mrs. Marks with these orders we would welcome the help. This month Mr. Kaufman has listed the number of milk each student still has and this has been placed on the top of your family report card envelope. **Parents should note this number and consider this when ordering milk for May and June.** Sometimes students do not want milk every day and this also causes the amount to build.

Next year we will endeavour to inform parents of the number of remaining milk, each time a new order is placed, so they may also keep track at home. **Milk that is not consumed by the end of the year, can be sent home with students or parents. Please inform Mrs. Marks if you wish this to happen.** If parents find that their orders are incorrect, please contact Mrs. Marks or myself and we will try and sort things out.

Lasagna Supper and Social Evening

Many thanks to our Parent Council for their organization of the recent lasagna supper and fun evening. Good food, good fun and good fellowship was enjoyed. Thank you to our teaching staff and students for the special prizes they made or built.





Holy Week Activities

Once again our Student Cabinet will challenge our students from grade 4-8, to share their Holy Week knowledge in a Holy Week Trivia contest. Each day a question pertaining to our faith is asked and students are invited to offer their answers. On Tues. and Wed. afternoon, an Easter Egg hunt will be organized for our grades K-3 students. This will feature questions related to academics and Holy Week. **Parents are reminded of the schedule for Holy Week :** Thursday Service in Brussels at 7:15; Good Friday service in Wingham at 3pm and in Brussels at 10 am; Saturday evening at 7:30 in Wingham, Easter Sunday at 9:15 Brussels & 11:00 in Wingham.

Mission Event Penny Table

Mrs. Ippolito reports that \$90.00 was raised from the "penny table" mission activity in March. The proceeds will be donated to the school's mission project. Thank you to parents, community members and staff who donated items. The mission event for May will be a bingo instead of a sucker pull. Sheets with 3 Bingo cards will be sold for \$1.00 2-3 days prior to the bingo game. Surprise bags or \$5.00 can be won for a full card.



Life-Threatening Allergies

Many children have allergies. A few, however, are life-threatening. Some children, for example, are severely allergic to peanut products, including peanut butter. Even a tiny bit can be fatal within minutes. Nuts, shellfish, fish, eggs and milk are also known to cause severe reactions.

Our school board has a policy in place to help protect children with life-threatening allergies. If you are the parent of a child with life-threatening allergies, we need your cooperation in providing the school with current medical information and assistance in developing a plan to protect your child's health. When that plan is in place, we will be asking for the cooperation of all parents and students in the school to help protect the allergic child from danger.

With your help, we will do our best to prevent mishaps and to make sure that all of our students are safe, healthy and able to concentrate on learning.

If you would like further information about our policies and practices, please call the school.

Holy Thursday Drama

On Holy Thursday, beginning at 2:10 pm, Mrs. Waechter and the grade 5/6 class will present a Passion Play. Parents and community members are welcome to join us. All audience members are to enter the gym in silence and leave in silence, as is acceptable practice for Holy Thursday services.

April Mass

Our April mass will be on Thursday April 12th, beginning at 9:30am. A change has been made to the hosts of this mass.

Mrs. Skinn and the Grade 1-2 class will be hosting, as their mass in February did not occur due to a storm day. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.

Dismissal Time

Parents are reminded to wait for their students inside the front office area or outside on our porch when picking students up at dismissal time. Parents whose students are leaving at times other than regular dismissal are asked to wait at the front entrance while Mrs. Marks or another staff member locates their child(ren). As much as possible, prior notification of an early pick up is requested so that we can help parents and students to leave in an orderly and timely fashion. Bus students require a bus information note, when leaving by means other than their normal transportation route. Advanced notice, helps us to provide the bus company with this

information. Thank you for your support and help in this matter.

Grade 7/8 June Drama

Our intermediate class will begin rehearsal in the next few weeks, for the production "The Last Gladiator", a comedy in 2 acts. Their presentation will be in **June** and all parents of grade 7/8 students are asked to consider this when planning extra curricular activities during this month. Participation and attendance at the **afternoon dress rehearsal and evening performance** is a language and drama curriculum expectation for third term. This promises to be a fun activity and great opportunity for our intermediate students. More information will follow from the classroom teacher and in subsequent newsletters. (Mrs.Kaufman)

Intermediate Basketball

Our senior boys and girls will travel to Clinton and participate in the Single A tournament on Tues April 17th. Schedule and times for games will be forthcoming from the convener. Permission slips and transportation information will be sent home by Mr. Cann or Mrs. Skinn, our coaches.

St. Vincent de Paul Camp

We are a non-denominational, residential summer camp open to all children ages 7-15 years old. We offer canoeing, crafts, campfires, sports, swimming, hiking nature trails and many more activities. Weekly Rates: \$200. per child. (includes tuck)

July 8-13-girls July 15-20-boys
July 22-27-girls July 29-Au.3-boys
Aug. 5-10-girls Aug.12-17-boys
Aug. 19-24 Co-Ed (Ages 11-15)

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Champs Doggie Quiz

Finish the poem. "April Showers, bring May
_____"
_____?"



Family Name _____

Parent Signature: _____

