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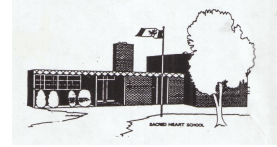
## Sacred Heart School

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### From the Principal's Desk

#### "Be-the-Attitude"

Parents may have heard their students quoting this phrase over the last few days. As we continue to grow in ways and means to express our faith to our students, we are constantly striving to model more closely the life and action of our Lord. The Beatitudes are a beautiful way for us to bring "the good news" to everyone. Jesus explained to the crowd in these eight phrases, that God reaches out to those who know they need him and to those who try to stay close to him. He will give them the peace and happiness that can only come from Him.

By displaying a Be-the-Attitude attitude, we put into action this "good news". Each week for the next two months we will focus on the Beatitudes with information during morning announcements and classroom discussions. Posters depicting the Beatitudes from a child's point of view, are displayed in the hallway and I encourage you to discuss these important guidelines with your students.

"It's all in the attitude!"

#### Mother Teresa Faith in Action Award

The Huron Perth Catholic District School Board is pleased to host the third annual Mother Teresa Faith in Action Awards, which recognize exemplary service to Catholic Education. The nominees for this award can represent all stakeholder groups in Huron Perth Catholic – volunteers, teachers, principals, priests and parishioners. Each year we honour the people of Huron Perth Catholic who strive every day to live out their faith and in doing so, create school communities, which embody the very mission of Catholic Education. These individual in an exemplary fashion, will have demonstrated the fundamental and essential qualities of Catholic Education through the four tenets of the Board's Mission Statement: witnessing our faith; creating, nurturing, Christ-centered learning environments; promoting social justice, awareness and action; and nurturing and celebrating each individual's gifts, self-worth and potential. The recipients will be recognized at the Education Week Mass on Thursday May 3, 2007. More information regarding our chosen recipient will follow in the next few weeks. Please continue to pray for all who "teach" and hold dear our catholic faith and education.



#### Respect Assembly

In December, the Red Phoenix team demonstrated high respect for academics, teamwork; leadership and respect in action. The grade 5/6 classroom won our Golden Dustpan Award and the grade 2/3 classroom won for the best "decorated classroom door". Each room decorated its door to help tell the Christmas story. Congratulations to all!

Our January Respect Assembly will be announced shortly. At this time our top house league team will be recognized as well as the classroom who has made the best effort to show respect for their room by keeping it neat and tidy. Parents and community members are welcome at any of our assemblies.

#### French Cuisine

During the last week of December, Madame Dorion helped our students to gain a better understanding of the culture and food of French Canadians. Each class prepared and shared a dish and the students viewed familiar films with French dialogue. It was a great way to appreciate the finer aspects of a second language and I thank Madame on behalf of her students for this unique opportunity.

#### Knights of Columbus Free Throw

The Council Level competition is set for the last **Saturday of this month, January 27<sup>th</sup>**. Wingham Public School will be the host this year. The competition will commence at 9:30 am. All competitors advancing from the school level competition should plan on arriving **no later** than 9:15 am. The District Level competition for those advancing from Council Level is set for Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Anne's Secondary School in Clinton. (Mr. Jim Steffler and Mr. Mike Gangl)

#### Premier's Awards

Please note the information card sent home with this newsletter. Ontario has some wonderful teachers and to recognize them, the Premier's Award has been established. For more information please refer to the "postcard" attached to this newsletter.

#### Parent Council Meeting

Our January meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> had to be postponed due in part to poor weather conditions. We have rescheduled the meeting to **Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Edge Imaging a photographic company will make a presentation **beginning at 6:45**. Our regular meeting will take place **immediately following, at approximately 7:15pm**. All parents are most welcome to attend this evening and all other evenings.

#### Websit Information

Please take time to review the addition to our website. Mrs. Mackie (Librarian) and Mr. Lewis (webwizard) have updated our Library Resource area. Parents, please note the information related to "Active Magic" which has excellent tips for building self-esteem and effective discipline with all students, using "1-2-3 Magic". Students should note the interactive game page "Misadventures of BullyBoy and Gossip Girl". I hope you will take time to investigate these helpful areas.

#### Sharing the Love of Reading

During the winter months, Mrs. Mackie has helped organized several activities to celebrate Literacy. In December Mr. Cann's favourite authors and books were displayed and in January, Ms. Barrett has provided a selection of her favourites. Also on Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> Mr. Bill Townsend will spend time reading to our primary students and Mr. Tim Poole will read to our junior and intermediate students. We encourage all our families to celebrate Family Literacy Day on Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Kindergarten Crafts**

The kindergarten class is asking for any old cds that families may have. They wish to use them for craft activities. If you have any cds that you intend to discard, please send them into the school addressed to Mrs. McKay.

**Internet/Newspaper Permission Forms**

Just a reminder for our second term, we will continue to follow the direction given by parents in the first term, regarding photographs and information submitted to our local news paper and on our school website. If parents wish to change their permission forms, please contact the school and a new form will be sent home. For all new families who have joined our school, forms have been sent home for your consideration.

**Intramurals**

We have begun lunch hour intramurals on Tuesday and Fridays. Each Respect House will play once this month, all team members are expected to attend. Respect points will be awarded for each member present. This month ringette is the featured game. Thank you to Mr. Cann for organizing the schedule & to the teacher advisors for their supervision of the games. Look for a different sport/activity in February.

**Knights of Columbus Father Stephen Eckert Co-Ed Hockey Tournament – March/07**

Once again players from our parish community have been invited to participate in this event. This is not a school activity, therefore in order for a team to be sent, parents are needed to coach and organize the event. Please contact the school if you wish to assist with this activity and additional information will then be forwarded.

**Secondary School Course Selection**

On Friday January 26<sup>th</sup>, representatives from St. Anne’s Secondary School will visit our grade 8 students and assist them with their course selection forms. More information will be sent home from the classroom teacher nearer to this date.

**Parent Volunteers**

*Thank you to Susan Polillo for offering the proceeds from her December Avon Campaign to our primary grades. Each class realized \$50, which will be put towards classroom resources. Susan “volunteered” her services as she cannot participate in classroom volunteering due to family and work commitments.*

*Thank you to Lisa Hanna, a new parent in our school, who has graciously agreed to volunteer in a few of our classrooms.*

*Thank you to Mary Ellen Foran who has “volunteered” to complete reading intervention materials at home, for Ms. Anderson.*

*Thank you to Janet Brophy, who has volunteered in our kindergarten room over the past few months. Mrs. Brophy is a grandmother to students in our school and a former private music teacher for other students.*

*Thank you to Betty Jane Higgins and Gerald Jefferson who are volunteering their time at our broomball activities this month.*

*Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to supervise or provide transportation for other events at school or outside of the regular classroom. Your participation is greatly appreciated by our staff and your students.*

*There are many ways to “volunteer”, if you have the time, please consider contacting the school to offer your time and talents.*

**Hockey for Fun for Beginners-Wingham & Blyth**

*(non-competitive hockey program)*

This program is designed for those who have the desire to play hockey and have never played in an organized league. Each week will include a warm-up and skills and drills, all in a structured, non-competitive setting. There will be a designated game time at the end of each session. No previous hockey experience is necessary. There will be no body contact. CSA approved helmet and mask, gloves, sticks, and skates are required.

When: Fridays, January 19-march 9 (Wingham)

Mondays, January 15-March 5 (Blyth)

Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m. (Wingham)

4:30-5:30 p.m. (Blyth)

Location: North Huron-Wescast Community Complex (Wingham)

Blyth Community Centre (Blyth)

Cost: \$45.00 (Wingham and Blyth)



**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.

**Champs Doggie Quiz**

What do we call the promises we make in the New Year

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_