

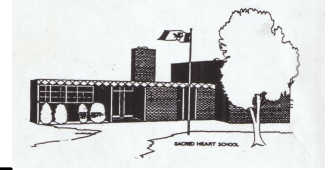
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From the Principal's Desk



The month of May has long been a time devoted to Mary, the Mother of our Lord and of all of us. Mary is special because she lived the very meaning of the Gospel that we are all invited to live. Mary's example of staying with Jesus through his suffering and death encourages us to be filled with compassion and with hope. Mary did not wallow in grief but took courage from His resurrection. We have been promised in Baptism that the hope Mary saw fulfilled in her life be realized within our own lives. Enjoy this month as many wonderful days it holds.



The Provincial Assessment of Literacy and Numeracy

The Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for primary and junior students will occur during the weeks of May 29 – June 1 and June 4-8. At Sacred Heart, our students will begin on **May 31st and June 1st and June 4 - June 6. June 7th** will be a makeup day in case of illness. It is imperative that all grade 3 and grade 6 students be present at this time. Please schedule any appointments outside of school hours during these days, if at all possible.

School Class Planner

Our school enrollment has seen an increase this year. The largest number of students being in our intermediate and junior classes. Next year will see a different class arrangement for our school. The following is the expected classroom break-down:

- Kindergarten – Mon; Wed; Fri
- Grade 1 – straight class
- Grade 2- straight class
- Grade 3-4 – split class
- Grade 4/5 – split class
- Grade 6/7 – split class
- Grade 7/8 – split class

Mrs. Ippolito will become our core French teacher and will also share a portion of the teaching duties in Grade 2. In

addition, to Mrs. Simpson, we will be welcoming 2 new teachers to our school in



September. They will be announced as soon as their placements have been confirmed.

First Communicants

On Sunday May 6th, our grade 2 students were welcomed to the table of God. Thank you to Mrs. Skinn and Mrs. Ippolito for their spiritual example and support. Like all of our sacraments, this preparation is ongoing throughout the year, with the culmination being the receiving of the Body and Blood of Jesus. The following students have now completed this sacrament of initiation: Colton Dunn, Michael Dwyer, Joshua Hoy, Brody Hunt, Maison Nesbitt, Jack Reidy, Rory Stack, Ryan Gangl, Veronica Grummett, Loretta Higgins, Jefferson House, Micheal Schiestel & Sami Weiler.

Thank you to our Parent Council and school for providing the funds for each student to have a "plate" for this special day. Students chose a design and painted the plates and they were then "fired". What an appropriate memento on this sacrament.

Crowning of Mary

Special Thank You to Ms. Anderson and Mrs. Kaufman and the Student Cabinet for our Crowning of Mary activities. In addition to our flowers and prayers, each class wrote an acrostic poem using Mary's name and this was presented at our assembly. These have been displayed in our front hallway, please take time to read them as you enter the school.

Rosary Apostolate

Thank you to Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. VanNes for their power point presentation regarding St. Catharine and the Miraculous Medals. Our students and staff were very interested in the historical background of these events and much appreciated receiving their own medal.

Local School Advisory Meeting

The minutes from our meeting can be found on our school website and a copy will be displayed on the school's Community Bulletin Board in our hallway. Please allow a few days after the meeting for the information to be posted.

Madill School Band

As a culminating activity for music, we will be welcoming F.E. Madill's Band on Friday May 18th

beginning at 1:30pm. Our students will experience beat, tempo, musical instruments and conducting patterns, as part of their music program with Mrs. Ross. Parents are welcome to come and hear these talented Wingham and area students.



Fit Family Fun”draiser”

Thanks to everyone who supported the Fit Family “Fun”draiser” on May 11th. We raised over \$172.00 for the missions. A special thank you goes to Snippy the Clown, Melissa Scott, Trudee Balson and the Lucknow Square Dancing Group for making fitness and fundraising fun! We also want to mention the generosity of the following local businesses: North Huron Westcast Community Complex, Wingham Golf and Curling Club, J & C’s Family Fitness and Subway.

Drama Lessons

Again this year we have been able to secure the talents of Ms. Shannon Scott to provide drama instructions as per our drama expectations for third term. Ms. Scott is a well known instructor and actor in the Blyth area and we are very excited about her return to us. These classes will begin Tues May 22nd and continue for four sessions. More details will follow as the classes progress. We thank our Parent Council for helping to provide the funds for this activity.

School Mass May 18, 2007

Our Student Cabinet Class Reps and their advisors will host this Mass on Friday May 18th at 9:30 am, at Sacred Heart Church. All families and community members are most welcome.

Graduation Meeting

All parents of grade 8 graduates and parents of our grade 7 students are asked to attend an organizational meeting on Tuesday, May 22 @ 7:00 p.m. Our Graduation date is Tues June 26th beginning with Mass at 6pm, followed by our awards and then dinner in the church hall.

Lost and Found Items

Once again our bin is quit full of clothing, gym bags, lunch containers etc. Each month the contents are displayed at our Respect Assembly so students may have an opportunity to look over the material and claim their items. We will do this again at the end of May. Please note that after the last school day, all items left will be donated to a charitable organization. Parents are asked to go through the collection when they are next in the school. Much of the clothing and other items do not have a name or initial added.

Jewellery Items: Ms. Barrett has a number of pieces of jewellery-earrings, bracelet, sunglasses that have been

turned in over the last few months. Students & parents should speak to her about these before the end of June.

Huron County Arts Festival

On Thursday May 24th, we will celebrate our annual Arts Festival at St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School. Our grade 7/8 students will be presenting artwork that has been set to music. This promises to be a very interesting and dramatic format for us this year. More details will be sent from Mrs. Ross as we near the date.

Sun Safety

Since the high-risk period for sun exposure has been determined as between 11am and 4pm, it is important to send students to school with protective clothing and sun blockers. Please consider providing a hat with a wide brim, light weight clothing to cover arms and legs, and appropriate sunscreen. Students will be asked to apply their own sunscreen unless otherwise requested by parents. Students are asked not to share sunscreen in the event of unknown allergies.

Staying Active during the Summer

Children should try to get at least 90 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day. In the summer heat, it’s especially important to make sure that your kids are getting enough fluids before, during, and after physical activity. A good rule of thumb is 8 oz. (1 cup) of water for every 15 minutes of vigorous physical activity. For example, if your child has a ½ hour soccer game, they should be drinking 500 ml of water (a small bottle), and be taking frequent small sips rather than huge gulps.

For more information, contact your local public health unit.

Young Writer’s Contest - Nicole Jacobs recently wrote a story entitled, *Competition Day*, and Liz Dwyer wrote a story, *A Day in the Life of a Scullery Maid*. These stories were entered in a Young Writer’s Contest in B.C. Both Nicole and Liz’s stories have been chosen among the top entries and they will be published in an anthology, *Storyland Express*, which will be published in the fall of 2007. The stories will then go on to be judged in the final competition. A copy of the anthology has been ordered for our library. Be sure to read these stories and others when they are published in the fall. Congratulations, Nicole and Liz. **WRITE ON!**

Volunteer Appreciation

Our school would not be able to participate in activities or achieve many of our educational and spiritual goals if it were not for our volunteers. At our June 27th school

mass we will recognize these volunteers. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

School Library Books

Mrs. Mackie has asked that all library books be returned by **June 15th** to the library. This will give her time to repair and re-shelve our library books before the end of the school year.



June Family Evening

Mark Wednesday June 27 on your calendars ! On this date our Local School Advisory Council will provide an evening of free pizza and refreshments, student activities and guest speaker Dr. Colin Sturdy. Dr. Sturdy is a renowned speaker on the topic of stress in the lives of children. The evening promises to be social and informative for all families. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

Alternate Transportation Form

The Alternate Transportation Form is for one school year only. Please contact the school if you need one for next year. **Make sure you have entered a:**

- complete 911 address of alternate address
- phone number and name of alternate address
- a reason-if there is no reason it will be sent back to the school from the board office.

BINGO BINGO

Bring a loonie and play bingo in the gym at 12:25 on Friday, may 25th. Kindergarten will be having a game of bingo for their mission activity. There will be many prizes e.g. a surprise bag, \$5.00 and novelties. Bingo cards will be sold on Tuesday, May 22nd, Wednesday, may 23rd and Thursday, may 24th in the kindergarten room at lunchtime.

Thank you
Mrs. McKay

Chimes Ringers

Our Chimes practices on Wednesday and Thursday are completed for this year. Thank you to all participants and Mrs. Ross.

Optimist Junior Golf Tournament

Open to boys and girls

When: Saturday, May 26, 2006

Register: 10:00 am

Age groups, boys & girls (age juniors are on August 14th, 2006:

Novice Boys: 11 & under (should have played regularly)



Bantam Boys: 12 & 13

Juvenile Boys: 14 & 15

Junior Boys: 16 to 18

Bantam/Novice Girls: 13 & under

Juvenile/Junior Girls: 14 to 18

Entry forms available from school.

Your advance entry to Wingham **357-2179**

Local Optimist organizer Dan Webster **357-2161**

Expectation of a Catholic Graduate

A Caring Family Member Who:

- a. Relates to family members in a loving, compassionate and respectful manner.
- b. Recognizes human intimacy and sexuality as God given gifts, to be used as the creator intended.
- c. values and honours the important role of the family in society.
- d. Values and nurtures opportunities for family prayer.
- e. Ministers to the family, school, parish, and wider community through service.

If Children Live with Acceptance They Learn Love

Children best understand love through caring actions, so express your love with smiles, hugs, kisses and snuggles, not just words.

Loving children means accepting them unconditionally, by acknowledging unacceptable behaviour while maintaining rules and limits. Follow through with consequences to the ignored rules. For example, say to your child, "You were to be home at 9 p.m. and you are tow hours late. For the next week, you will lose two hours off of your curfew and you must be home by 7 p.m."

Don't threaten to withhold, withdraw or set conditions on your love. Never say "I won't love you if..." or "I'll love you when..."

Make a conscious effort to pick up your children more often, snuggle while reading to them and give them a hug while helping them on and off the swing.

Champs Doggie Quiz

What is the holiday we celebrate in May?

Family Name _____

Parent Signature: _____

