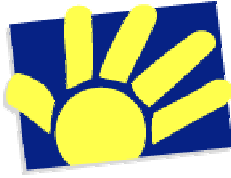


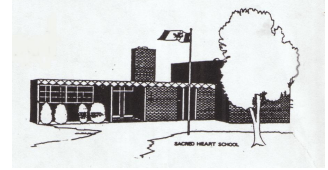
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Principal's Address

During the month of February we have many things to look forward to. The most important events being the beginning of the season of Lent and the receiving of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation for many of our students. First Reconciliation will take place on the following Saturdays in February. Feb. 9th, 23rd and Mar. 8th.

Families of students hoping to celebrate this sacrament should make arrangements with Fr. John for one of these dates.

Congratulations to the following students as they prepare to receive this Sacrament of Reconciliation, Kyle Cronin, Landon Anderson-Johnson, Victoria Davies, Andrew Fear, Samantha Schuit, Brady MacDonald, Morgan Grummett, Melanie House, Julie VanNes, Rylee Schiestal, Cody Sanders, Daniel Torres, Annika Balzer & Jordan Gutscher.

We also look forward to these same students receiving the Sacrament of First Communion in early May. Many of our grade 7 and 8 students continue to prepare for the upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation. Father John with the help of Mrs. Waechter and Ms. Anderson continues to work extensively with our confirmation candidates.

The next confirmation preparation class which candidates must attend is Sunday, February 10th at Sacred Heart Church beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation will be on Thurs. April 17th at Sacred Heart Church in Wingham.

Student recognition: Two of our students will be recognized at the Huron Perth Catholic District School Board's Applause Breakfast. Matt Scott-Small and Alex Sanders were chosen as two students from our school that do an exemplary job of making our school a better place to be. The positive

influence they have on the school is truly a role model for all our students. These two students will be attending the breakfast with their parents on Tues. Feb. 12th.

MOTHER TERESA FAITH IN ACTION AWARD 2008



The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is pleased to host the 4th annual Mother Teresa Faith in Action Awards which recognize exemplary service to Catholic Education. The Award honours the people of Huron-Perth who strive every day to live out their faith...and in doing so, create school communities, which embody the very mission of Catholic Education.

This year our school community has proudly nominated **Kelly Anderson and Cindy VanNes** as people we feel strive to make our school community faith filled.

LITURGICAL EVENTS

We thank Father John and the grade 3/4 class for leading us in our first mass of the school year on Jan. 24th. Please remember that you are always invited to join us for any of our masses or assemblies.

Our next school liturgy will be Ash Wednesday, February 6th at 11:35 in our school gym. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the most important time of preparation in the church year—Lent. Lent is a time of giving, prayer and fasting. We hope all students use this time to prepare for the great celebration of Easter. We encourage all of our students and their families to attend the parish Mass on Ash Wednesday at 7:15p.m.at the church.

As we begin the second month of the New Year, we also encourage all of our students and staff to strive to live up to our theme of "What Would Jesus Do".

PANCAKE LUNCH

Due to school closure on Tuesday our LSAC will be providing a pancake lunch on Friday. Please bring a toonie donation for this lunch. All money collected will be given to our Holy childhood Missions.





Plan. If you would like to be involved in this committee, please contact the school.

SCHOOL INFORMATION ITEMS

Sacred Heart Continues to strive to be a Catholic Community of Caring. Make sure to check out our faith board in our main foyer. Also for the month of January & February we are focusing on the importance of being a caring person.

Peaceful and Healthy School Update

As you are aware our school has been designated a Healthy School. Our Safe and Healthy School Committee met for its term 2 meeting on Monday, January 28th. Many important topics were discussed. We thank **Betty Jane Higgins, Susan Polillo, Mary Skinn, Teresa Roelands and Liz Allan** for volunteering to sit on this important committee. Any interested parent or community members and school staff are invited to sit on this committee. The objective is to ensure that Sacred Heart is as safe (free from physical, verbal or social harm) and healthy as possible. We know that students cannot learn unless they are physically and emotionally healthy. Any other parent wishing to sit on this committee are asked to contact the school.

BUS DELAY ROUTINE

Please Note: On days where there is a two hour bus delay school will not be open until 10:30 a.m. No students are to report to school until 10:30.

NEW RECESS TIME:

Beginning Feb. 4th our last recess will be from 3:05-3:20p.m. **Please keep in mind that any calls in regards to changes to your child's regular dismissal procedures must be received at the office by 2:45 p.m. We cannot ensure messages will be received by your child if calls are made after that time.**



Safe Arrival Program/Student Absences/Flu Season

Follow up actions are critical to the safe arrival of our students. **Parents are reminded to call the school when your child(ren) are absent from school for any reason.** Also, with the flu season upon us, please let us know the reason for their absence. We are required to report to the Health Unit if over 10% of our school population has the flu. You may leave a message on the attendance/main office/principal's voice mail at anytime, day or night.

EQAO/School Improvement Plan

The School Improvement Plan Review Committee will begin to work on updating our School Improvement

Annual Performing Arts Festival

The Huron Perth Catholic District School Board Third Annual Performing Arts Festival will be held, Thursday, May 22nd, 2008 at St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School. The purpose of the festival is to celebrate and share the achievements of the performing arts programs in our Catholic schools. This focus of the day will be on music, drama and dance.

A selection of our grades 1-6 students will be performing. If any parent would like to help in preparing our students for the festival, please contact the school.

Parents and students are reminded of the importance of dressing for the weather. Students are expected to be outdoors for approximately 1—2 hours a day and it is imperative that they are properly dressed.

Public Speaking

School level Public Speaking will be held on Tues, February 12th beginning at 9:30a.m.. Interested students from grades 1-8 will present their speeches in their speech club. Representatives from each division will be chosen to represent their division in the gym. Congratulations to the students who have joined this very important club this year. We especially thank Mrs. Weiler and Ms. Anderson for assisting with the club.

Family Fun/Literacy Night

Our Family Literacy/Fun Night has been rescheduled for Tues. Feb. 26th. This day will include guest author presentations with our students during the day as well as the Guest Author Presentation for all our families beginning at 7:00 p.m. This performance will be followed by fun and games for all. Hopefully we will see many families celebrating and enjoying the importance of literacy. We thank our School Advisory Council and Student Council for helping organize this great evening.

Sports Update

Many of our students aged 10-14 years participated in the school level free throw competition. The top scorers for each age group qualified to participate at the local K of C Free Throw Competition at Wingham Public School on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Congratulations to Liam G who placed 1st in his division and will compete at the next level at St. Anne's.

Congratulations to all participants: Jeran A-J, Hannah M, R.J. W, Rachel S, Sydney M, Nathan S, Tyler t,

Jayden A-J & Liam G.

We thank Mrs. Waechter for all her work in preparing our participants.

Students in Gr. 5/6 will soon begin practices for our upcoming Bordenball tournament which Sacred Heart is proud to be hosting on Feb. 28th. Mr. Cann will be overseeing the coaching of our team and the running of the tournament. We thank him for all his work. Our school will be running a food booth for this tournament. If you can help with the food booth please contact the school.

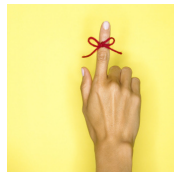
Our school is also planning to put together its 5th school hockey team. We have enough students to form a junior team. The team will participate in the K of C Hockey Tournament held in Seaforth on March 15th. We thank Mr. Cann, and Ms. Anderson for offering to help with this team. We are still in desperate need of parent volunteers to help with the team. Practice times have been tentatively set for Feb. 27th and Feb. 5th from 12:30-2:00 at the arena. Please contact Ms. Anderson or Mr. Cann if you would be able to assist with this team

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The SAC held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 15th at the school. The council discussed plans for many upcoming events. Any parent wishing to join us for these meetings are invited to do so. The next meeting will be on Tues., February 19th.

Important Reminders:

**March Break— Friday,
March 7-16th, 2008, inclusive**



Parents are reminded that the book the Golden Compass is a book highly discouraged by our bishops and our school board. Although it may be found in Scholastic Orders the school discourages the purchase of this book.

Students are reminded that **Cell phones and cameras** are banned from the school property. IPODS and other electronic games are highly discouraged and the school will take no responsibility for damage or loss of these items.

CHEERS

Cheers to Mrs. Gangl for her help with the school snack program:



Cheers to all the community members for supporting

the Quebec Trip fundraiser.

Special Cheers to Angela Ventura and Sheila Terpstra for their continued work on our Quebec Trip Fundraising Committee

Cheers to all the people who donated items for our Quebec Trip and all those who supported our students through ticket purchases.

Cheers to Brady MacDonald, Allie Seiber-Peyton, Mr. Kaufman and Katherine Dwyer for supporting our Gr. 5/7 cake draws and winning a cake.

Cheers to our Gr. 4/5 classroom and Mr. Cann for being the school to sell the most CFL light fixture and winning a class pizza party.

Cheers to everyone who purchased CFL's to make a difference in reducing energy consumption.

Cheers to Renate Sieber, Greg Higgins, Kevin Schmidt, Annette Carter, Mary Weiler and Nathan Peel for accompanying us on our Gr. 7/8 ski trip.

Cheers to the Nesbitt family and the Burkholder Family for being the lucky winners of the Talisman family ski packages.

BACK UP YARD MONITORS NEEDED

We are extremely blessed to have wonderful yard duty monitors. Certain days however require these people to be away. If you feel like you would like to be considered as a substitute yard duty monitor please submit your name to the school principal. This is a paid position for days worked. Anyone accepted for this position would have to have a criminal record completed.

Chime Choir Reminder

On certain Wednesdays (aprox. once/month) chime Choir for the Wednesday group will be held at lunch recess. Advance notice will be given for these weeks.



Coming This February!

Guitar Club All stages of guitar players are welcome to join the guitar club as we share skills and guitar secrets while we learn some of our favorite praise songs and more. Bring your guitars to school for our first meeting Thursday, February 14 at lunch time.

