

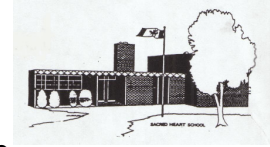
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Principal's Address

As we enter into this final term, we look forward to many important events. In the days and weeks ahead, many of our students will be preparing for the grade 2 Sacraments of First Communion, grade 7&8 Sacrament of Confirmation, Provincial Assessments for grade 3 and 6, liturgical celebrations, Catholic Education Week, Grade 8 Graduation and Senior Kindergarten Graduation and many sporting events and year end class trips. We hope everyone had a holy and blessed Easter weekend and that the message of the resurrection will remain with us every day. We thank all our classrooms for the effort they put into their individual classroom outreach projects.

Liturgical Events

Preparation continues with our students in grade 2 and grade 7/8 to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Parents, with the guidance of the parish priest are the primary people responsible for preparing their children to receive any Sacrament. Students will celebrate their First communion on May 4th at Sacred Heart Church. At the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Students in grades 7 and 8 will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 17th Sacred Heart Church at 7:00 p.m. Please take note of the last Confirmation Preparation class and practice on Sunday, April 13th. We ask for your prayers and support for these students and their families as they prepare for these important occasions. We also continue with our weekly Virtues to help us become teacher and students who truly model our lives after Jesus. Please help

reinforce these weekly virtues at home.

Parents As Partners: Positive Parenting Information Nights

Please plan on attending our upcoming important evenings for parents..

When: Tuesday, April 22 from 5-7 p.m.

And Tuesday, April 29 from 5-7 p.m.

Where: Sacred Heart School Library

Free Jigga Jump program for children and free pizza supper and babysitting available for all.

The two evenings are open to all our families and will consist of an information session for parents on Positive Parenting and a Jigga Jump and child Care Program for all children that come. Hopefully these evenings will give all who attend ideas on how to raise healthy, happy and well balanced children. Both nights focus on different topics.

Free pizza and drinks will be provided for all who attend. These evenings are being hosted by Rural Response for Healthy Children. Please watch for more information to come.

Grade 7&8 Quebec Trip

May 20th to May 24th

Our grade 7&8 school trip to Quebec city will be occurring the week of May 20th. We thank our Quebec Trip Organizational committee for all the effort they have put into arranging this trip. We also thank parents and community members for supporting the various fundraisers.

Special thanks also goes to the parent chaperones who will be accompanying us on this trip. A very important meeting for all chaperones going on the trip will be held on Tuesday, April 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board Arts Festival

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

Mrs. Skinn and Mrs. Ross will be preparing groups of students to represent our school. Parents and community members are invited to attend this Festival. Please call the school if you can help with preparations..

Permission Slips.

With the 3rd term underway and many activities forthcoming, we would like to remind parents that it is Board policy to have written consent from parents when a student leaves the school for school activities. Please send to school these permission slips promptly and no later than the day before an event. Students may not participate in any event without parental consent.

Footwear

With spring upon us, the mud has also arrived. To aid in keeping our school as clean as possible, we remind students and parents that it is imperative to have a second pair of shoes at school to be worn indoors. This makes a tremendous difference in the amount of dirt brought into the school.

Principal's Award

Special recognition goes to the follow students who will receive the Principal's Award for term 2. The Principal's Award recognizes students who demonstrate excellence in academic diligence and learning skills. Congratulations goes to: Emma S., Kristen S., Joseph V., Ryan G., Jeanna S., Eric V., Liam G., Wyatt M., Julia J., Courteney M., Emily M. Julia V., Melanie H., Sydney M., Rachel S. and Evan S.

Congratulations

Science Fair competitors: A huge congratulations to Chelsea H. who participated in the area Sr. Science Fair in Seaforth on March 26th. We also congratulate Wyatt M. and Eric V. for participating in the Jr. Science Fair on March 27th. Special recognition to Wyatt and Eric who captured 3rd place.

WWJD Awards

We would like to congratulate the following people who will be recognized at our Term 2 end assembly for exemplifying our school theme or What Would Jesus Do?

Patrick F.r, Evan S., Victoria J., Hannah M., Matt S., Rylee S., Landon A., Annika B., Sarah H. and Alex S.

Catholic Education Week

Each year the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week.

This year's celebration entitled "We Are Called" is scheduled for April 28th – May 4th. Please take note of the Catholic Education Week information page at the back of the newsletter.

Five sub-themes, one for each of the five days of Catholic Education Week 2008 help students to understand the rich meaning of this year's theme:

WE ARE CALLED

Day 1: To Act Justly

Day 2: To Love Tenderly

Day 3: To Walk Humbly

Day 4: To Serve Generously

Day 5: To Live Peacefully

What has this to do with Catholic education?

Everything!

The mission of Catholic education is a mission entrusted with inspiring belief in and love for God and for all of God's creation.

I would like to invite you to visit our school during this special week and to participate in any of our activities as we celebrate Catholic Education Week. Daily assemblies will occur at 11:40 with a school Mass concluding the week on May 2nd at 11:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4 – School Easter Mass

April 7 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

April 8 – System Basketball for Gr. 7/8

April 8 – LSAC Meeting

April 17 – confirmation

April 22 – Earth Day Assembly (This assembly will draw attention to the importance of taking care of God's gift to us – Planet earth).

April 22-29 – Parent Information Nights 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Positive Parenting

April 23 – School P.A. Day

April 25/May 2/May 9 – Gr. 3-4 Swim To Survive

April 25 – Grad Pictures am Gr. 8 & K

April 26 – Family Lasagna & Auction Night

April 28-May 2nd-Catholic Education Week

May 27 – School Track and Field (tentative)

June 10th – System Track and Field

June 23rd – Gr. 8 Graduation

June 26 – Final Day

Sports Update

A variety of sporting activities have been underway at Sacred Heart .

On Saturday, March 15th Sacred Heart participated in the annual Father Stephen Eckert Hockey Tournament in Seaforth that was hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

A junior represented our school. Our team had a great day and showed excellent skill and sportsmanship, even when faced with teams from much larger schools. A special thank you goes to our coaches: Dave Cann, Betty Jane Higgins, Kelly Anderson and Kevin Johnston. We also thank the Wingham Knights of Columbus for sponsoring our teams.

Our 2008 K of C Team members were Tyler., Zach E., Stuart H., Brandon M., Jack R. and Loretta H.

Our grade 7 & 8 students are currently preparing for their upcoming basketball season.

The Zone, 7/8 tournament will be held on April 8th at St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School. We thank Mr. Cann Mrs. Skinn for coaching our teams.

Weekly Karate

We are also very pleased to be offering a weekly karate class for all interested students.

Students involved are learning many valuable skills

We thank Mr. & Mrs. Sensei Balsdon.

School Advisory Council News

The LSAC will be holding its next meeting on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. All parents and community members are welcome to join us for these informative meetings. Plans for our school Lasagna Supper & auction will be finalized.

Turn Off the Screens

Once again the Huron County Health Unit is promoting the "Turn Off The Screens" Challenge which encourages students to spend less time in front of the T.V.'s and computers and more time being active. Great prizes can be won by those who take part. Please see the information soon to be sent home.

Cheers

Cheers to Mrs. Marklevitz for all the hard work she put into the March Break cleaning.

Cheers to Annette Jessen for purchasing our healthy snacks.

Cheers to all the students who strive to live the virtues we celebrate every week.

Cheers to Betty Jane Higgins, Lisa Hanna, Eileen George and Lorraine McIlhargey for commitment to volunteering on a regular basis with our students.

Cheers to Mrs. Waechter for providing beautiful Easter decorations for our school.

Cheers to Cindy VanNes and Lorraine McIlhargey for updating of Community Faith bulletin board. Please check out this lovely display that reflects the importance of trust in a true community of calling.

Cheers to Johanna Schurter for donating maple syrup for our Gr. 7/8 Pancake Breakfast.

Cheers to Fernanda and Gael Romero for the new baby brother to their family.

Community News

There are many excellent summer camp opportunities available for students. Information for these camps continually arrives at the school. If you are interested in finding out what opportunities are available for your child(ren), please stop by the school for more information.

Internet Safety Information Night

Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. at F. E. Madill Gym 228.

Also sent home today is a Parents

Guide to Internet Safety. Please take time to read this excellent resource.

The internet can be a dangerous place that parents need to be aware of.

GETTING READY FOR K offered by Wingham Ontario Early Years. Parents of children who will be entering JK/SK in September, come join us for 3 sessions of information to help get your child ready for Kindergarten. This workshop is to help parents learn important skills they can teach their children before starting school. We will cover areas such as self-help, social skills, literacy, numeracy awareness and much more. JOIN US Thursdays May 8, 15, 22, 2008 at Sacred Heart School in Wingham 9:30-11:00 am. Please call 519-357-2424 to register. (winghamoeyc@northhuron.ca).

Wingham Ontario Early Years.

Come to play and learn with your child. What a great way to meet new children, parents, grandparents and caregivers. We will sing songs, learn finger plays, play games, read stories, and complete a craft together. It is for children from birth to six years of age. Our programs are all FREE!! For more information and to view our calendar visit our website @ www.winghamoeyc@northhuron.ca or call 519-357-2424.

Building Bridges

A 12 week free workshop series for children and moms exposed to Woman Abuse. For more information call Connie at 524-5333.

Serious Fun Production/Fundraiser will be held Friday, April at The Livery in Goderich showcasing the "Going Pro Kids" in speaking Out. For tickets or more information contact 524-6262.