

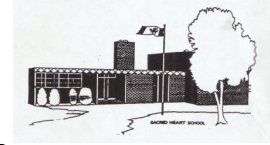
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Principal's Address



May is one of the most beautiful months; new life is evident all around us. It is a month to honour Mary and all mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts and anyone who is like a mother to us. We ask that God bless and take special care of these people.

As we begin the months of May & June we continue to strive to truly be a Catholic Community of Caring. As discussed in previous newsletters a community must be based on the five pillars of trust, caring, respect, family and responsibility in order to function well. For the last two months of school we will focus on the importance of being a person of responsibility. Make sure to check out our community bulletin board.



Liturgical Events

Catholic Education Week

During the week of April 28th many celebrations and activities occurred. The theme for the week was Catholic Schools "We are called". During the week, daily prayer services occurred. On Friday, May 2nd a school mass was celebrated with the grade 6/7 class leading. At this mass we recognized our school's recipient of the Huron Perth Catholic Trustees Leadership Award. This year, Maisy J received the award. Maisy will take part in a day of special activities with other school's award winners in our Board on Thursday, May 8th. We

also recognized Cindy VN for being a recipient of the HPCDS Board Mother Teresa Faith In Action Award. We thank Cindy for the great faith she brings to our school community

1st communion Candidates: Landon A-J, Annika B, Kyle C, Victoria D, Andrew F, Morgan G-N, Jordan G, Melanie H, Brady M, Cody S, Rylee S, Samantha S, Julia VN.

Confirmation Candidates: Elizabeth D, Mary Kate H, Tyler, H, Katie I, Julia J, John N, Celeste P, Alex S, Natasha T, Alexandra S-P, Jeran A-J, Courtney C, Connor G, Jennifer H, Raffaele I, Maisy J, Hannah M, Emily M, Chad T, Nathan Wh, Shannon W, Amber W, Philip T, R.J. W

We offer these students our prayers as they continue their journey of faith. We thank Father John, Madame Ippolito, Miss Roelands, Mrs. Waechter and Ms. Anderson for all the work they have done in preparing our students for these sacraments.



Sad Good-byes and New Beginnings

As we enter our final months of the current school year we begin to look ahead to the school year to come: We have some staff changes for the 2008-2009 school year. It is with regret sadness that we say good-bye to Miss Roelands, our present Grade 2 teacher. Miss Roelands will be assigned to a primary classroom at St. Joseph's School in Clinton.

It is also with great sadness that we will be saying good bye to Miss Flanagan who is currently teaching the Grade 7&8 class while Mrs. Kaufman is on leave. We will be pleased to welcome back Mrs. Kaufman from her maternity leave in September.

In order to keep our class sizes smaller a portable classroom will be added. We are delighted to be able to keep class sizes as low as possible.

The 2008-2009 school year configuration will be as follows:

JK-Mrs. McKay

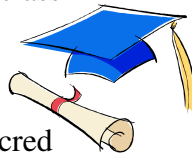


SK-Mrs. McKay
½-Mrs. Skinn
2/3-New hiree & Madame Ippolito
¾-Mrs. Weiler
5/6-Mrs. Waechter
7-Mr. Cann
8-Mrs. Kaufman
French: Madame Ippolito
Special Ed. Ms. Anderson
Music: Mrs. Ross

Our total school enrolment will remain at approximately 144 students. Next September, in order to keep our class sizes smaller a portable classroom will be added to Sacred Heart. This portable classroom was necessary due to the ongoing collaboration with our Best Start program. Beginning this September Best Start requires 2 rooms in the school in order to offer their many excellent programs. We are grateful to receive the portable as it allows for smaller class sizes.

School Improvement Plan Update

Over the past several months the staff of Sacred Heart has been involved in an intense school self evaluation. Every school in the province of Ontario under took this same Endeavour. As a result of this school reflection areas for continued improvement have been identified. These areas will be addressed by setting goals to improve academic performance of our student. Our first goal has been set and all students and staff have committed to achieving this goal. We hope that parental and community support will also help us achieve our goal. Once our first goal has been achieved a new goal will be set. This will be a continual process. Students, teachers and parents will all strive together to reach our goals. Please see the attached sheet for information on our first academic goal. A School Improvement Meeting will be held on Monday, May 26th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss other non-academic areas for improvement for Sacred Heart for the upcoming year. If you would like to be part of this committee please feel free to come to this meeting.



Dates to Remember

Please mark the following important dates on your calendar.

May 20-24th Quebec Trip
Date TBA: Family Spring BBQ



June 19 - Two Pitch
School Volunteers Assembly – Friday, June 20th will be our year end assembly where we will recognize our school volunteers at our 11 a.m. assembly at school.
Grade 8 Graduation – Sunday, June 22nd will be our Grade 8 graduation mass at Sacred Heart Church at 9:00 a.m. and Monday, June 23rd we will have our graduation ceremonies at the Church Hall at 7:00 p.m. See following for more information.
Year End Mass/Kindergarten Graduation – Thursday, June 26th is the last day of school. We will have mass at 10:30 at Church and recognize our graduating Kindergarten class at this time.

Grade 8 Graduation

The Graduation Mass will be on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. on June 22nd at Sacred Heart Church. Celebrating mass at Sunday mass allows the entire community to take part in the Graduation Mass. Our grade 8 students will be helping with this mass. The Graduation Ceremonies will take place on Monday, June 23th beginning at 7 p.m. in the church hall. Graduating students are expected to attend both of these important functions. More information will be sent with our Gr. 8's shortly.

Sun Safety Alert

Parents are reminded of the Sun Safety Policy has been implemented throughout our Board. This policy highlights the importance of being sun safe and is of particular concern to us here at Sacred Heart as our location is lacking in shaded areas. We ask that parents send students to school with hats, sun glasses and apply sun screen to help combat the harmful exposure to the sun.

School Dress Code

As the warm weather approaches (we hope!) we all have the desire to wear our summer clothing. This is a reminder that the following dress standards do apply:
Students are not allowed to wear belly button shirts or spaghetti strap shirts and shorts and skirts should be of a reasonable length. Also all tops must provide adequate coverage.

New Orleans, Wingham Fundraiser Nights

As part of New Orleans company's mandate to contribute to the well being of communities, all 65 of their locations will be holding this year's fundraising nights on: May 5th, 6th, and 7th.



All schools are invited to participate. Students have received a flyer. When you make a purchase after 4 p.m. during the fundraising nights and submit the flyer, New Orleans will donate half the money spent back to the school. Please consider treating your family to pizza on one of the above dates.

Alyssa C 3rd

Alex S Honourable Mention

Courtney N Honourable Mention

R.J. W 3rd

Celeste P Honourable Mention

Jeran A J Honourable Mention

Hannah M Honourable Mention

Summer Camps

St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul is offering an excellent summer camp experience. Please contact the school if you want more information.

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 back to school these permission slips promptly and no later than the day before an event. With some bus departures scheduled for early in the school day, time may not permit us to contact parents for verbal consent and students may not participate in any event without parental consent.



Sports Update

Students from grades 7-8 recently represented our school at our zone Basketball Tournament. All team members played extremely well and showed good sportsmanship. Thanks to Mrs. Skinn & Mr. Cann for coaching.

Our school Track and Field Day will be held on Thursday, May 27th at F.E. Madill.. (Rain date May 28th) All students are encouraged to start training as soon as possible. Please come out and cheer our students on. The system Track and Field Day will be held on June 10th at the new track at St. Anne's S.S. and combines the system track and field and the system-wide Special Olympics-Soaring Spirits.

School Advisory Council News

The LSAC held its last meeting on Tuesday, April 8th. Many important items were discussed. The Annual Family Lasagna/Bingo/Auction Night was held on Saturday, April 26th with many of our families attending. This is the primary fundraiser for our LSAC and well over \$1000.00 was raised. We thank all those who came out to support the evening and all those who donated items. A small school relies heavily on the financial support of the local council as many special events and items would not be possible without this support. The next LSAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Please feel free to join us for these important meetings.

Pro life Poster Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the recent Pro-life Poster competition.

Mitchell T 1st.

Maison N 2nd

Corbin S 3rd

Jayden A-J 3rd

Performing Arts Festival

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board's Second Annual Performing Arts Festival (Huron) will be held on Thursday, May 22nd at St. Anne's S.S. The purpose the festival is to celebrate and share the achievements of the performing arts programs in our Catholic Schools. This year, the focus of the day will be on music, drama and dance. Sacred Heart School will participate by performing musical selections by our school choir and Gr. 1-6 chime choir. Many thanks to Mary Skinn and Nancy Ross who has worked hard to prepare our students. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the Festival.

Cheers

Cheers to the parents who join us for our masses and liturgical events.

Cheers to all the mothers who give their love, time and commitment to their families.

Cheers to Annette Gangl for purchasing foods for our classroom snack program.



Cheers to all the families who donated food
For our Stuff the Bus food drive. Our school
Alone collected over 500 items.

Cheers to Anne Marie Fear for her coordinating our
continued visits to Gilbert Hall.

Cheers to Mrs. Kaufman on the safe arrival of her
new baby girl. Shaelin was born on May 6th
weighing 7lbs 6 oz.

Pre-Paid Milk Program

Please note how many instructional days are left for
this year when sending money for pre-paid milk for
your child. Currently there are about 33
instructional days remaining. As the days wear on
you should adjust the amount of money you send
accordingly. Milk is .55 cents each.

Children's Aid Forum

On May 14th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the Huron Perth
Children's aid Society in conjunction with St. Mary's
School in Goderich is planning a forum on child Sexual
Abuse Prevention entitled "Personal Safety for Children
– How You Can Help Keep your Children Safe". The
presentation will include the signs and symptoms of
abuse, prevention, intervention and responding to the
sexually abused child. A panel including representatives
from Rural Response for Healthy Children, Victim
Services of Huron and Women's Shelter and
Counseling Services of Huron will be there to talk about
their services and answers questions. Please join us for
an informative evening.

Parent Forum

Sacred Heart in conjunction with Best Start is delighted
to be hosting a parent forum on Wednesday, June 4th
from 10:30-11:30 in our school gym. The guest speaker
is Dr. Jean Clinton, a child psychiatrist with excellent
messages for all parents, teachers and child care
providers. Please see the attached flyer for more
information and plan on joining us for this superb
presentation.

Needed

Sacred Heart is always looking for spare yard duty
monitors. If you enjoy working with kids and would
like a small source of income please contact the school.
We would love to have you join our crew.

Before and After School Care

At

Wingham Public School

Free Subsidy available

Cost \$6 for pm.

Flexible booking available!

Hours

7:30 am until 9:00 am

3:00 pm until 5:30 pm

Program

Home work assistance

Projects, art games, woodworking,

Literacy and numeracy activities

Age 5-12 years

Program is operated by North Huron Children's Centre

and is licensed by the Ministry of

Of Children and Youth. The program

Is staffed by trained Early

Childhood Educators.

To register for September 2008

Call 519-357-2424



