

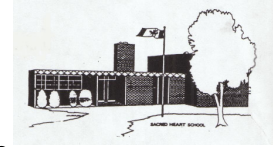
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Address



Our school year is quickly drawing to a close and what a wonderful year it has been!

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the parents, staff, students and parish community for their collaborative efforts in making every special occasion that occurred over the last year a wonderful event.

School News

We continue to work towards reaching our first goal for academic improvement that was chosen after our school review this spring. Our goal is to have student responses to text demonstrate higher order and critical thinking as measured by a written (Gr. 3-8) and oral (K-2) reading assessment. A huge thank you goes to all those who supported our school Read-a-thon. Over \$1600.00 worth of new books will be added to our school as a result of all the great work of our students and families. A special thank-you to Shannon Lee, Amy Cronin and Shelly Marklitz for their assistance with the student book choosing.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Kindergarten bingo last week. We raised \$140.00 for the people in Berma. That is \$40.00 more than last year.

The bingo was enjoyed by all in a very cooperative and respectful manner. Great sportsmanship was shown- especially by those who did not win.

We Need Your Input

Continued improvement is something Sacred Heart always strives for. Please take a few minutes to complete the attached questionnaire. All feed back is greatly appreciated.

2008-2009 School Configuration

As stated in our May newsletter, Sacred Heart will be getting a portable over the summer months. Class configuration will remain as outlined in the May newsletter.

Please note: The Gr. 5/6 classroom will be located in the portable. Parents in Gr. 2 and 3 will be receiving a letter by the end of June indicating which classroom their child will be in. Please be assured that regardless of what classroom all students receive the same curriculum level of instruction.

June Mass

Our June mass will be very touching as we say good-bye to our graduates, departing staff and another school year. Our year-end Mass will be on Thursday, June 26 at 10:30 at Sacred Heart Church. At this Mass, our Kindergarten students will celebrate their graduation. Please plan on joining us for this special occasion.

Grade 8 Graduation

Our Grade 8 Graduation Mass will be held at the final Sunday morning Mass in our school year. We do this in order to involve our community in this special celebration. Graduation Mass will be, Sunday June 22nd at 9:00 a.m. We invite our school and church community to join us for this wonderful occasion. The graduation awards and social will be held on Monday, June 23rd. This evening will be concluded with a graduation dance. Students are to be picked up by their parents no later than 10:30 p.m. following the dance. Congratulations to the



following students: Jeran Anderson-Johnston, Nigel Casserly, Courtney Cox, Connor Gerrie, Jennifer House, Raffaele Ippolito, Maisy Jefferson, Courteney Main, Hannah McCutcheon, Emily McDougall, Matthew Scott-Small, Chad Terpstra, Chastene Thompson, Nathan Wharton, Shannon Wilhelm & Amber Wilson.

CALLING ALL GRADE 7 PARENTS: Every year grade 7 parents are asked to help with the grade 8 graduation. A letter in regards to helping with the grade 8 graduation will be sent home, please fill out the bottom portion and return as soon as possible.

Health & Safety Update

Please be mindful that our school is a nut safe environment. This means no food can be consumed anywhere but in classrooms. Any food containing nuts or nut traces are prohibited from the Kindergarten classroom.

Sun Safety

Please be vigilant regarding your child(ren's) exposure to the harmful effects of the sun. We must protect our students. Please ensure your child comes to school everyday with adequate sun protection. Sun Screen, hats and sun glasses are highly recommended. Students are also encouraged to bring water bottles daily.

Snack Baskets

A huge thank-you to Annette Jessen for her continued hard work in keeping our classroom snack program running so smoothly. Healthy eating is an essential element for optimum student learning.

Safe & Healthy School Committee Meeting

The last meeting for this very important committee for this school year will be held in June. We thank those parents who serve on this committee.

Volunteer Appreciation

Please plan on joining us at our June 23rd year-end assembly. We will be honouring our school volunteers at 11 a.m. on this day at the school.

EQAO Assessment

All students in grades 3 and 6 are congratulated on the fine effort they put forth during the Assessment.

It is an intense time for the students and they are to be commended on the effort they displayed. A special thank you to the following parents for helping with the breakfast club that was available to all the students on each day of the assessment. Thank-you to Chele Stack, Melissa Heimpel, Jennifer Grummett, Annette Jessen, Lorraine McIlhargey, Mary Ellen Foran and Meriah House. The support is given to these students is invaluable. Special thanks to Amy Cronin & Annette Jessen for purchasing the food.

Gauss Math Olympics

Students from grades 7/8 participated in the Gauss Math Olympics held at St. Anne's Secondary School recently.

Students were involved in problem-solving activities in these 5 categories: logic, computation geometry, applied math and technology.

Congratulations to the following students for a job well done: Mary Kate Higgins, Celeste Peel, Maisy Jefferson, Julia Jacobs, Hannah McCutcheon and Liz Dwyer. Special recognition goes to Maisy who placed 1st out of all students in the Grade 8 division.

Kindergarten Orientation

Sacred Heart welcomed our new junior Kindergarten students for September 2008 on Thursday, June 5th. New students and families participated in a bus orientation session and visited our Kindergarten class. We welcome: Connor Roburn, Cody Cox, Ainsley DeGroot, Leah Foxton, Riley Good, Kassandra Good, Melissa Jacobs, Cody Long, Cole Schiestel, Hunter Skin & Payton Wheeler.

Are you moving away?

Please notify the office as soon as possible if you do not expect your child(ren) will be enrolled at Sacred Heart School for this coming September.

Class Trips/School Excursions

Reminder: It is essential that permission forms be signed and returned to school, at the latest – the day before an event. Verbal permission obtained by phone calls is not considered legal consent. Students will not be allowed to participate without a written parental permission/consent form.

Request for Transportation to/from an alternate Residence.

Forms have been sent home with your children. If you require alternate transportation for babysitting purposes for 2008-09 school year, and have not received a form, please call the school. If you have not returned the form, please do so at your earliest convenience. The transportation dept. will be cancelling all alternate routes that have not been updated for the 2008-09 school year at the end of June. It will take time to reinstate the alternate requests in September if you have not completed the form now.

Ministry of Education Parent Resource Website

This website can be accessed through the Ministry of Education homepage at www.edu.gov.on.ca or directly at www.ontario.ca/abc123. This website features simple and valuable ideas on fun, everyday ways to engage children in reading, writing and math. This site also has information that will help parents partner with their child's teacher, deal with homework, identify the need for extra help, and understand school readiness.

Soaring Spirits Special Olympics and System Track & Field

Our school will be attending the system wide Track & Field for all. This day combines Soaring Spirits Special Olympics and Track & Field Day on Tuesday, June 10th. Athletes from across our system will take part in a day of friendly competition and games, along with our system wide track and field meet. Special congratulations to our students from Sacred Heart who will take part in this day.

Yard Duty Monitor Required

A back-up noon hour monitor position is available at Sacred Heart. This position is a paid position for 1.5 hours daily. Duties will be delegated by the principal. Please forward a resume to the school office if you are interested in this position.

Grade 7&8 Quebec Trip

The 2008 Quebec Trip went off without a hitch and everybody had a great time. We thank the following

parents who made the trip possible by chaperoning: Kelly Anderson, Camilla Ippolito, Tara Flanagan, Annette Carter, Mary Ellen Foran, Jacquolynn Grummett, Debbie Main, Kevin Schmidt, Renate Siber, Angela Ventura, Mary Weiler, Steve Wharton and Trudy Wilhelm. Special thank-you to Shelia Terpstra and Angela Ventura for their year long work on bringing this trip to a reality,.

Year End Family Fun Night

Sacred Heart is hosting a Year End BBQ Family Night on June 18, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. We are looking forward to a great evening of fun and socializing. It is also an opportunity to welcome our new families and say good-bye to our departing staff. We thank our School Advisory Council for supplying the food for the BBQ.

Zone Two Pitch Tournament

Students from grades 5-8 will participate in a Two Pitch Tournament being held in Goderich & Wingham on June 20th. Thanks to coaches, Mr. Cann, Mrs. Waechter, Miss Flanagan and Mr. Kaufman for preparing their students for this event.

Report Cards

Kindergarten to grade 8 report cards will be sent home on June 24th, 2008. Page 3 of all report cards must be returned to the school by June 26th, 2008. The pages are filed with the report cards in each student's Ontario Student Record.

School Yearbooks

School yearbooks will be sent home before the end of the school year for those who ordered them. We thank Ms. Anderson and the yearbook committee for their hard work on this lovely keepsake. Thanks also goes to our photographer Liz Allan.

Roof Top Photo

Jostens has taken a beautiful roof top photo of all the students. The photo will be hung at the senior student entrance.

Library Books

Please look around the house to ensure that all books from Sacred Heart School are due back to the library by Monday, June 16th, 2008. Thank you in advance for returning all library items by this date.

School Advisory Council News

The LSAC will hold its last meeting of the year on Wednesday, June 11th.

It is hoped that new people interested in becoming part of our LSAC will come out and join us for this meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Adele Davies. The LSAC would also like to thank all families who donated to the Lasagna Supper/Auction Night. Thanks for the donations to the penny auction, donated cakes and cupcakes and all those who helped set up and clean up. Also special thanks to teachers and students for their great gift baskets to the CWL, K of C and Ken Scott our auctioneer. Our total raised was 2033.14.

Cheers

Cheers to all the students who are making the effort to read as much as possible at home. Your reading will always help you!

Cheers to all the volunteers who help out at the school or during special school excursions. We couldn't do it without you!

Cheers to Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Skinn and the students who participated in this year's Arts Music Festival. You did us proud!

Cheers to family who supported the New Orleans 50/50 fundraiser nights. We made 171.67 for our school. Thanks to New Orleans for supporting our local schools as they do!

Cheers to the Cronin Family for winning the Mother's Day Draw.

Cheers to the Gr. 4/5 class and Mr. Cann for their continual work on environmental issues.

Cheers to everyone who supported our school New Orleans pizza night. Over \$170.00 was raised for our school.

Cheers to Rosemary Terpstra who donated the "I Spy.." Quilt to our Lasagna Silent Auction.

Cheers to the Anderson-Johnston and Cronin families for their donations of beef & port.

Cheers to Mary Adele Davies, Annette Jessen, Tanya Slater, Joanne Schurter and Amy Cronin for making lasagna.

Attention Kindergarten Parents

Please Note:

Wednesday, June 25th is NOT a Kindergarten day. Students will come to school on Thursday, June 26 for their graduation ceremony and to be present for other special activities.

LSAC Accomplishments

Thank you to the Advisory Council members of 2007-2008. This group of parents, teachers, principal and community members can be called not just a council but a TEAM.

Listed below are some of our accomplishments during the past school year.

Community (School Involvement

Family Gatherings

- Pot Luck supper/meet the teacher night
- Family Literacy night
- Year End BBQ
- Christmas Concert at Church with fellowship back at school
- Pancake Day
- Santa Claus Parade
- Lasagna Night

Pursue Grant Dollars Available

- Parent Involvement
- Take Heart Huron-Nutrition Program Funds

Financial Support

- Peacemakers and Peer Mediation sponsorship
- Assist with Students in need
- School Planners for students
- Christmas Concert/thank you gifts

Gifts/Awards

- Grade 8 Honour Students
- Gifts to students at Christmas
- Halloween Snacks
- Gr. 8 Graduates gifts
- Gifts to parting staff

Review School Action Plan

Review Code of Behaviour

Attend meetings and workshops held by Huron Perth Board and Ministry Parental Involvement

Assist in Parent Involvement forums positive parenting, literacy info night

Assist with Healthy School Initiative

Best Start Program

Keeping Faith in the School

The Joy of Animals

A summer camp activity program

When: Aug. 11th-15th, 2007

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon

Pauleen Kerkhof 887-9422

Happy Father's Day to all Sacred Heart Fathers - June 15, 2008

Where: At the Optimist Hall (upper level)
A practical, hands-on pet program for young animal lovers ages 9-12 years.

Program Includes: Dog, cat and small animal care, two animal themed field trips, guests, games, videos and shelter tour

Cost: \$50./per student

To register please call Ontario SPCA-Perth County Branch 519-273-6600

Limit to 15 students

Before and After School Care

Wingham Public School

Fee subsidy available. The cost is \$6.00 for pm.

Flexible booking available!

Hours: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

3:00 -5:30 p.m.

Program: Home work assistance, projects, art, games, woodworking, literacy and numeracy activities.

Ages:5-12 years.

Program is operated by North Huron Children's Centre and is licensed by the Ministry of Children and Youth. The program is staffed by trained Early Childhood Educators.

To register for September 2008 call 519-357-2424.

Vacation Bible School

Join us for Vacation Bible

School "Beach Party Fun"

on Saturday, August 23rd,

10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Wingham Splash Pad

10 am-1pm Professional Puppet show, games, music, craft, science discovery

1:00 pm Barbecue (free)

2:00-3:00 pm-Puppet fun, clown, face painting

Sponsored by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and The River Church

Pre-register at beachvbs@the.walk.youth.ca or call Stephanie Bloomberg at 357-4404

High Power Soccer Camp VBS

Coming August 18-21 High Power Soccer Camp VBS at the Wingham Pentecostal Church. All kids ages 5-12 are welcome!!

This year's theme: "The Proven Method"

Free bus Pick Up will be available, check your local paper or flyers for specific times and places.

FREE Registration!!

For early registration call:

Dianne English 357-3056

"Just A Little" 357-2038

