

Sacred Heart School Updater

We are Gifts to Each Other



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From the Principal's Desk

I really can't believe that we have journeyed together for 2 full months and that we are looking into November. Looking out my window, the landscape has changed from a vibrant orange and yellow to the grays of fall in a matter of days. The cooler temperatures are indicative of what is to come later on in the season.

November 1 and 2nd mark All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The Church commemorates all saints, known and unknown on the 1st. The eve of All Saints is known as All Hallows Eve, or Halloween. On All Souls Day, the Church commemorates and prays for the holy souls in Purgatory, undergoing purification of their sins before entering heaven.

November is a time to remember those who have gone before us, sacrificing their lives in order to assure our freedom. You are invited to join our children on November 11th when they pay their respects on Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph service.

All Saints Prayer

All-Powerful and ever-living God,
today we rejoice in the holy men and women
of every time and place.
May their prayers bring us your forgiveness and
love
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Virtue Winners

Our school focused on the Virtues of Consideration and Respect for October. Congratulations to the

following students who won a virtue award for the month of October:

Respect	Consideration
McKenna B 1/2	Thomas G 1/2
Nathan T 2/3	Annika B 2/3
Samantha W 3/4	Brody H 3/4
Loretta H 3/4	Corbin S 5/6
Sarah H 7	Luke M 5/6
Emily S7	Liz D 8
Alex S 8	Mary Kate H 8

Our next Virtue cluster centers around the Virtue of Courage. We will also discuss Assertiveness and Loyalty.

What is Courage? Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing something that needs to be done even when it is very hard or scary. Courage is the strength in your heart. Courageous people stand up for what is right.

Assertiveness means to be confident and positive. When you are assertive, you think for yourself and ask for what you need. You are your own leader.

Loyalty is staying true to someone or an idea that you believe in. It is being faithful to your family, friends, country, school, town or ideals even when it is tough to do so.

"The best mirror is an old friend"
George Herbert

Please join us at our next assembly on November 24 at 1 pm

Student Vote 2008

Here are the results from the Student Vote at Sacred Heart prior to the general election.

	Sacred Heart	Actual Riding Results
Liberals	49%	33.0
NDP	9%	15
Conservatives	22%	44.8
Greens	0 %	5.3
CHP	3%	1.5
Independent	16%	0.5

Thanks to Mr. Cann and his class for leading the school through the election campaign. The students learned a great deal about the election process and will hopefully someday vote.

SYSTEM P.A. DAY:

Please note November 7st is a P.A. Day. There will be no school for students

School Improvement:

Divisions continue to work towards the school goal of reaching 70% in the skill of inference.

What is an inference? Making an inference is also known as reading between the lines. The reader must put together the information the author provides and the information that the reader already knows to come up with an answer.

Read this selection from BBC Kids website:

"Rain lashed against the windows as Jane stamped up and down the room stopping only to check the time on the mantle clock every five minutes. Her book, bought with such enthusiasm the day before, was flung carelessly in the corner beside the abandoned picnic basket.

Jane stamped her feet and began to repeat her earlier tedious complaints against nature. Emily merely smiled to herself and carried on reading the newspaper without as much as a nod of the head".

These types of questions below are considered to be inferential in nature as the reader is given hints to

the answer, but essentially it must be pieced together.

What evidence can you find to support what had Jane planned for the day?

How would you describe Jane's mood in this selection?

How does the author feel about the main character?

Parent Homework:

Inferencing is not easy. One way of helping at home is to ask examples of questions, such as the ones found above, about characters that you watch on television programs. Always ask, "How do you know that?" Providing evidence/proof is key when inferencing.

1 Celtic Cross Country

by: Alex S

We had a great cross country year. In all, we had 11 runners. This may seem like a small amount, but it's the courage to run these races that's important. I myself was a runner and I know how hard it is to run these long distances (from 1.5km to 2.5km) and how much endurance you need to run. So we should all be proud of our runners. The people who went to Wildwood Conservation area were (in our junior boys and girls(9-10) division) Patrick F.(11th place with 6:15), Tyler C.(15th with 6:15), Brody H.(33rd with 6:46), Colton D.(36th[no time]), Eric V.(45th with 7:02), Mitchell T.(65th with 7:56), and Victoria J.(junior girls[46th with 7:40]). For the junior boys, the first place time was 5:25 for St. Aloysius while for the junior girls the best time was 5:57 for Precious Blood of Exeter. In all there were 71 people in the junior boys division and 50 in the girls.

The intermediate runners(11-12) did well this year. They had to run 2 km In our intermediate

boys, we had Scott J.(50th with 10:01), Nathan S. (52nd with 10:11), Stuart H.(54th with 10:22), and Brandon M.(65th with 14:49). The first place runner was from Holy Name of Mary in St. Mary's with a time of 7:14. The intermediate girls did a fantastic job of running as well. The runners were Alyssa C. (25th with 9:49), and Nicole J.(47th with 11:21). First place went to St. Aloysius with a time of 8:05. There were 65 and 48 runners in the intermediate category.

The last category to speak of was the senior boys and girls. They had to run 2500m in their race. In the senior boys, there was one runner, Alex S. Who got 14th out of 44 runners with a time of 11:22. The first place spot went to St. Aloysius with a time of 9:45. There were no senior girl runners from our school this year.

All in all, we had a great cross country year. Hopefully next year an even better one.

Food Drive 2008:



Congratulations to all Sacred Students for bringing close to 600 food items for the Wingham area food bank. This came close to our school goal of 670 items (all class goals added together).

Mr McLean is indeed fortunate...had the school beat the goal, he would have had to dress up as a character from Cinderella. Other staff members weren't so lucky..

Pizza

Due to the Cinderella performance on Wednesday, November 19th pizza will be served on Thursday November 21st for KB-8 and Monday, November 24 for KA.

REPORT CARDS:

Report cards will be sent home on December 2nd and information will follow as to interviews times and dates. Students from grades 5-8 are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents.

LSAC Corner

The Brain Gym presentation given by Faye Murray was attended by 15 parents and was very well received. Thanks to all those that came out and learned some new techniques to improve your child's learning potential.

We have already begun our fundraising adventure and would like to thank everyone for participating in our chicken/beef/card fundraiser. The money will come in handy for our school. A special thank you to Kerri Dunn for her leadership in this area.

The sun shelter has been approved by the board and it will be built in the spring of 2009. Anyone wishing to help please let one of the council members know. We appreciate any kind of help or donations we can get to keep our kids cool in the hot weather.

I would like to thank the council members that volunteer their time to make our school a better place. There is always room for any kind of help or ideas from anyone in our school community. If you have a suggestion or wish to help please give us a call.

Our next meeting is Tuesday November 4, 2008 @ 7pm hope to see you there.

Rina Jacobs, Co Chair-LSAC

Healthy School Committee

The Healthy School Committee met and reviewed questionnaires from the Huron County Health Unit to prioritize actions that will help promote a healthy school environment through physical activity and healthy eating. They will meet again on November 19, 2008 at 3:30 to begin to develop school health guidelines and organize activities that promote healthy behaviours. Thanks to parent volunteers Annette Jessen, Angela Ventura, and Susan Polillo, student volunteer Liz D and staff volunteers Kelly Anderson and Liz Allan for their commitment to a healthy school environment. And of course, thanks to Mary Skinn for leading the charge!

The Health Club:

The Health Club is a brand new club at Sacred Heart! This group meets every Monday to work together to promote physical activity and healthy eating behaviours. We are already working on promoting school-wide physical activity breaks during our assemblies. Watch for more from this strong and healthy group

Huron county Christmas Bureau Angel Tree

This year the Huron County Christmas Bureau will be hosted by the Children's Aid Society, the St. Paul's Trinity Anglican Church, the Wingham Pentecostal Church and the Lucknow Community Christian Reformed Church with the headquarters at the Anglican Church on John Street in Wingham. The bureau strives to make sure that every child registered gets new clothing, new toys and each family gets food for Christmas. Last year there were 73 families with 168 children helped by the bureau.



As we did last year, our school is asking for donations of hats and waterproof mitts. We are grateful for any help that you can give for the ministry. Deadline: December 8.

Volunteers willing to put in a small or large amount of time to sort and setup all of these gifts the week of December 8-12. Please call Brenda Keating at 519-357-3348 or Shirley Beldman at 519-357-1915



HEP B and FLU CLINIC

Grade 7 & 8 students will also receive second doses of HDV#2 if required and any missed Men C on November 10th.

WINGHAM and Area Flu Shot Dates:

Royal Canadian Legion, 183 Victoria St., Wingham
Saturday November 8 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Monday December 8 from 3:30 to 7:00 pm
FE Madill Secondary School, 231 Victoria St., Wingham
Thursday November 13 from 3:30 to 7:00 pm

Hand washing is important during flu season. Hand washing, when done correctly, is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Follow these four simple steps to keep hands clean:

Wet your hands with warm running water
Add soap, and rub your hands together, making a soapy lather. Do this away from the running water for at least 15 seconds. Wash the front and back of your hands, as well as between your fingers and under your nails.

Rinse your hands well under warm running water. Turn off the water with a paper towel and place it in the garbage. Dry hands thoroughly with a clean towel. Wash hands as described above at least 5 times a day.

There is more to hand washing than you think. By rubbing your hands vigorously with soapy water, you pull the dirt and the oil soils free from your skin. The soap lather suspends both the dirt and germs trapped inside then gets quickly washed away.

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Santa Letters

Once again Canada Post is pleased to bring its Santa Letter-writing Program to Canadian children. As part of the corporation's support of literacy and through the efforts for thousands of Canada Post volunteers across the nation, every child who writes to Santa receives a reply. Our objective with this cherished and annual tradition is to foster a love of reading and writing in Canadian children by encouraging letter-writing and envelope-addressing skills.

Children may also visit Santa on-line at www.canadapost.ca/santacorner where they can

play games, do fun activities and even send him an email. We thank you in advance for your support of this program and wish you all the best for the holiday season.

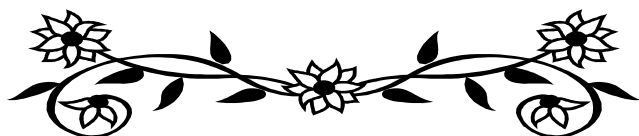
INCLEMENT WEATHER

Parents and students are reminded to listen to CKNX Wingham FM 102 or AM 920 to check if buses are delayed or cancelled. You can also get quick and accurate information by going to the School web page where bus delays, school closures and cancellations of sporting events and trips will be posted. We are in the process of updating the school webpage and as of the time of this newsletter being published, the link is currently unavailable.



For your information, our school webpage is:

<http://sacredheart.hpcdsb.edu.on.ca/>



SCHOOL INFORMATION ITEMS

Dress warmly for the weather!

With the arrival of the month of November comes the reality that as Canadians we must deal with harsh weather conditions. Please ensure that your son/daughter is dressed appropriately. They need to keep warm and dry while out on the yard at recess. All students must have a second pair of shoes at school.

Picture Retakes

Picture retake day is now November 11 in the afternoon. Sorry for the last minute change.

HEAD LICE

Head lice is an ongoing concern. It is everyone's responsibility to understand and control head lice. Please continue to be diligent in checking your own children's heads on a regular basis. Remind your children not to share combs, brushes, hats, etc. with other children.

BUSING

A reminder that parents should drop off their children near the portable in the morning. This includes primary aged children. Refrain from dropping children off by the playground equipment.



Refrain

After school pickups **MUST** be done before 3:10 or after all buses have departed. Your children's safety is paramount.

On occasion students approach staff about traveling home on a bus other than their own. Board policy determines that no student is allowed to travel on a bus other than their own unless it is for babysitting purposes. Unfortunately, students who walk to school may not, at any time, travel on a bus to another student's home. Any family that needs to alter their children's bussing for babysitting purposes is asked to fill out a **Request for Alternate Transportation Form** which is available at the main office. Please allow 10-14 days for set up).

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will take place at Sacred Heart School on November 25^h from 1-3 p.m. Please drop by the school to receive your Kindergarten Registration Package **before** November 25^h if you haven't done so.

Also, please return the completed forms to school as soon as possible and call the office for a 20 minute appointment on November 20th. Please note: Registration day is by appointment only.



LOST AND FOUND

The items accumulated in our Lost and Found Box (located by the school photocopier) will be sent to the Salvation Army at the end of each term. Please discuss with your child(ren) the importance of keeping their belongings in the designated area provided for them and ask them to check the Lost and Found Box frequently if they are missing items.

INK CARTRIDGES

Just a reminder: The school makes a small profit from recycling used computer ink cartridges. All

shapes and kinds accepted. Please support this fundraiser by sending any used cartridges to Mrs. Marks office.

Some Upcoming Activities/Important Dates:

November 4, LSAC Meeting

November 7, PD DAY

November 11, Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph and retake day for photos

November 24, Recognition Assembly, 1 PM

November 28, School Mass, 11 AM

Voluntary Aboriginal Self-Identification:

The Avon-Maitland and Huron Perth Catholic District School Boards are developing a Voluntary Aboriginal Self-Identification Policy in accordance with the Ministry of Education's Aboriginal Education Framework. The government would like us to work together to achieve success for all students. As part of this process they have asked us to learn more about the Aboriginal children we serve and determine what their special learning needs may be.

To begin, we need to find out who our Aboriginal students are and where they go to school. As a parent you will be asked to voluntarily identify your child as being of Aboriginal (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit) heritage. Beginning in February 2009, a survey along with an informative brochure, will be sent to each home with report cards. To respect the privacy of your child, individual data will not be shared and will be kept confidential.

Data collected through the Aboriginal Self-Identification process will be used to find out how we can best support our students. It may also allow the boards to advocate for funding that will provide greater opportunities for all of our schools and students.

STUDENTS' CORNER

Vote by Scott J

I think that we learned a lot about voting from the Student Vote program. It was very interesting. We

took several different polls: one took place before any talk about the parties occurred. The second poll happened after we heard the candidates for Huron-Bruce speak at our school. The third and final vote occurred on Fri., Oct. 10

It was interesting to find out how people's opinions of the candidates had changed over time. Here are the results of our 3 polls:

Results of the pre-election poll (Q. If the election was today, which party would you vote for?)

14% voted for the Conservatives,
14% voted for the Liberals,
10% voted for the NDP,
48% voted for the Green party,
and 14% voted for an independent.

After the candidates came to the school to speak, the poll really changed. The talk really changed the votes because the answers the candidates had to some questions the students asked were very good. The candidates that did not come to speak really lost votes.

Results After Hearing the Candidates Speak (Q. Did the presentation of the candidates change your mind as to who you would vote for? Who would you most likely vote for now?)

Ben Lobb	5 %
Greg McClinchey	65 %
Tony McQuail -	0 %
Glen Smith	0 %
Dave Joslin	0 %
Denis Valenta	30 %

For the actual vote in our classroom on our voting day the results were:

Results of Student Vote gr. 7 Polling Station

Ben Lobb	10 %
Greg McClinchey	52 %
Tony McQuail -	5 %
Glen Smith	0 %
Dave Joslin	4 %
Denis Valenta -	29 %

I think that the Student Vote helped the children to understand what their parents go and do to vote on election day. It also promotes voting among youth so that they will vote when they are of age.

