

Sacred Heart School

We are Gifts to Each Other !

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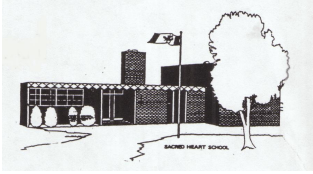
Greg McLean, Principal

LSAC Co-Chairs: Amy Cronin, Rina Jacobs

Trustee, North Huron : Jim McDade



Wingham , Ontario



PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Teach me your ways.
Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Lead me in the way of integrity.
Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Be my sheltering rock,
For You are my refuge.
Assign your love and peace to guide and guard me.

Amen.

Principal's Address

Welcome back! What a day for everyone...so many smiles and lots laughter in our hallway and in the school yard. It was great to meet your children today. We had a reflective prayer service and first assembly about our Code of Conduct this morning. My goal for September: learn everyone's name. The students are sure to help me remember. If I didn't get a chance to meet you today, I will see you on Thursday, September 24th at our Open House. There are more details in the newsletter as you read on about this event. Of course you can always call me or drop by most any time to meet if that day doesn't suit either.

I am anticipating a fantastic year with many memorable events. A special thank you goes to all who have welcomed me into your community so warmly. God bless and have great year.

Mr McLean

Meet the Teacher Night/Open House

The Sacred Heart School Community is invited to a potluck supper/open house on Wednesday, September 24, from 6-8 PM. This is an excellent way to begin the year and for you to open those lines of communication with your child's teacher for the upcoming year (in addition to having something really good to eat!) We look forward to seeing you there.

SACRED HEART STAFF 2008 - 09

In addition to our new principal, Greg McLean, we also would like to welcome Toni DeJong , sharing teaching responsibilities in our grade 2/3 class.

Introducing our staff:

Principal	Greg McLean
Kindergarten	Linda McKay
Gr. 1/2	Mary Skinn
Gr. 2/3	Camilla Ippolito/Toni De Jong
Gr. 3/4	Liza Weiler
Gr. 5/6	Kathy Waechter
Gr. 7	David Cann
Gr. 8	Laura Kaufman
French	Camilla Ippolito
Resource	Kelly Anderson
Educational Assistant	Liz Allan
Library Technician	Paula Mackie
Secretary	Annette Marks
Custodian	Barb Marklevitz
Noon Hour Monitor	Dianne Grummett

We welcome to Sacred Heart the following new students:

JK

Logan Bross, Connor Coburn, Cody Cox
Ainsley De Groot, Leah Foxton, Riley Good
Kassi Good, Melissa Jacobs, Cody Long
Cole Schiestel, Hunter Skinn, Payten Wheeler,

Grade 1/2

McKenna Bross

Grade 4

Karson Bross

Grade 7

Danielle Hog

SCHOOL HOURS

Opening bell rings at 8:50 AM. Please be on time!

8:50 AM	Classes begin
10:30-10:45	Recess
10:45 – 12:00	Instruction
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 3:05	Instruction
3:05 – 3:20	Recess
3:20	Bell for Buses
3:20	Dismissal

Beginning School Mass

Our first Mass of the year will be on Friday, September 12 at 11:00 am. Please join us!

Student Agendas

Students will receive (if they have not already) their agendas. Organization skills and communication are essential components of students achieving. The cost is \$6. Teachers take the time to instruct their classes on appropriate use of this tool. Please support your child's use of the agenda by ensuring it arrives home and returns to school daily.

In addition, the agenda contains the school handbook and Code of Conduct. Please review its contents, discuss it with your child(ren) and return it

signed. At Sacred Heart, we are committed to having a safe learning environment and require your support in maintaining it.

School Improvement News

Our goal for the first part of the school year 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. This is a continuation of our goal set late last year. Our focus on instruction will encompass this goal.

Pizza and Milk Programme

The pizza and milk program will continue this year and begin the week of September 15. See the attached food order form and return to your child's classroom teacher asap.

Sun Shelter

The process is moving forward with our application for a building permit and permission from the HPCDSB to proceed with the project. We have secured some gracious funding and donations of materials from various local businesses (to be named later).

LSAC

Our first LSAC meeting is Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:30 in the school library.

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.

Safe Schools Reminder

The Safe School's legislations have been in effect for the past few years. The purpose of this legislation was to ensure that our schools are a safe place where our children can come without fear of physical or verbal harassment. Sacred Heart is a school to be proud of. It is a school where students have the right to feel safe. This year Sacred Heart will focus on having all students

and staff treat others with dignity and respect at all times, especially in the area of verbal interaction. Insults, name-calling, teasing, racial, religious or ethnic slurs, joking at the expense of others, sexist statements or jokes, obscene gestures are all forms of verbal abuse and bullying. **The above actions will not be tolerated and students will be disciplined.** Discipline measures could include any of the following actions: removal of school privileges, school suspensions, and referrals to counseling agencies and Police involvement. It is hoped that close vigilance in this area will make Sacred Heart an even better place to be.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

When your child is absent:

- Please **call the school (357-1090) and leave a message**, either with the secretary during school hours or on the answering machine,
- If the student is to be away for an extended absence that is known in advance, the request should be made in writing.

Parent Pick Up and Drop Off of Students

In the morning if you are driving your child to school, please drop them off at the west end of the circle driveway close to the portable. Students must walk around the back of the school to their assigned supervision areas.

Pick up **MUST** be done before buses arrive at the school or after they leave. It is much too busy to have students darting in and around buses. Your child's safety is our first concern!

STUDENT PERMISSION FORMS

Throughout the school year students take part in many educational and sporting outings. These outings require signed permission forms. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL OUTINGS UNLESS A SIGNED PERMISSION FORM IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE EVENT.** If you are aware of an upcoming event and have not received a permission form, please write a note in your child's planner or contact the school.

Please note: Students are not allowed to leave school property at lunch recess unless they have a dated and signed note.

Students who regularly walk home for lunch simply require one note at the beginning of the year indicating

the parents permission for their child to walk home regularly for lunch.

International Plowing Match 2008

We are very fortunate to be 15 minutes away from the site of the International Plowing Match, being held in Bruce County. The entire school (with the exception of Kindergarten) will be attending on September 18. More details will follow.

The IPM provides many curriculum links for students to enrich their learning.

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.

Electronic Devices

Please have your child leave electronic devices such as mp3 players, iPods and cell phones at home. This eliminates the possibility of students losing them, having them break or being stolen. Students found having cell phones in the school will have them kept by the office for safe keeping with parents being notified to pick them up.

Visitors to the School

Visitors to the school are welcome, especially parents. If you wish to meet with a teacher we would appreciate you making arrangements with the teacher at least a day in advance to avoid complications.

All visitors please report their presence to the Main Office so that no unauthorized persons are in our building.

BEST START PROGRAMME

Attention JK/SK to Kindergarten Parents:

Sacred Heart is also very excited to be running a Best Start programme at our school. This child care programme is for JK/SK students in the Wingham area who wish to attend day care on non-school days. This is a wonderful opportunity for the North Huron Children's Centre and school to work together. Please contact Best Start at 519-357-2424 for more information on enrolling your child in this great experience.

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.

SCHOOL BUS Safety:

At Sacred Heart, we are very concerned about the safety of all children. In this way we encourage you to review these safe riding guidelines with your child

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- There shall be no consumption of food or beverage.
- Improper or profane language/conduct will not be tolerated.
- Skates or other athletic equipment shall not be permitted on the bus unless properly guarded or in equipment bags. Skateboards are not to be brought to school on the bus.
- Students may bring crazy carpets on the bus **only if they are completely contained within the book bag.**

Students are expected to follow the Sacred Heart Code of Conduct in its entirety while riding the bus.

Breakfast is #1

Starting the day with a healthy breakfast helps to provide the right fuel, calories and nutrients we need to focus and stay active until lunch. Studies show that kids who eat breakfast do better in school,

are more likely to participate in physical activities, and tend to eat healthier overall. Skipping breakfast can make us tired and irritable, and can encourage overeating later in the day. So tomorrow morning, don't run out the door on an empty stomach. Fuel up with a healthy breakfast such as:

- § Cereal with milk and fruit
- § Toast with peanut butter and juice
- § An egg, toast, and juice
- § Yogurt with a muffin and fruit.

For more information contact your local Health Unit.

Sun Safety

Please be vigilant regarding your child(ren's) exposure to the harmful effects of the sun even in September. 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

- The school will hold a Terry Fox Fun on **Friday, September 12th**. Students are asked to bring \$2 for the Canadian Cancer Society on this day.
- School Pot Luck/Open House 6 -8 PM on **September 24st**
- Mass at Church, **September 12th 11:00 AM**
- Pictures **September 29th (30th for SK)**
- Book Fair – **September 19-26th**
- Soccer Tourn. Grades 4-8, **September 24 th**
- P.A. Day, **Oct. 1st**, no school for students.
- Hep B and PPV immunization **September 29**