

# Sacred Heart School

“We are the Hands and Feet of God.”

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## October: The Month of the Rosary

As we transition into the month of October, thoughts drift to Thanksgiving and falling leaves leading to the end of the month with some even thinking of little ones dressed in costumes asking for treats. But as Catholics we should also think about October being the month dedicated to the holy rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7).

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal Gospel events and mysteries from the life of Christ, and to thank and praise God for them. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the Mysteries: the Joyful, the Luminous, the Glorious, and the Sorrowful.

The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the rosary. Our students this year will continue to pray the rosary apostolate once a month. Prior to the school Mass, we also prayed the living rosary.

## Sunshelter: Mission Accomplished!

The sunshelter project began with the vision of our parent council two years back as a way to beautify our school yard and be able to provide a spot for students to socialize and relax in a nice shaded space helping to add to our sense of community. And so, with our grand opening and blessing at our annual Open House, the vision is complete.

Special thanks goes out to the following individuals for assistance in building the shelter:

Kevin Johnston, Murray Skinn, Kelly Schiestel, Joe McIlhargey, Mike Cronin, Bruce Campbell and those that supported the builders: Kelly Anderson, Mary Skinn and Sandra Skinn.

*Also a huge thank you to those that donated to the project:*

The McIlhargey Family, The Franken Family, The Johnston Family and MacDonald's Lumber.

## Fruits of the Holy Spirit Winners for September:

As part of our commitment for helping our children articulate the Catholic faith our assemblies have a different look this year as we incorporate the Fruits of the

Holy Spirit. In short, if we live the way in which God wants us to, we exhibit the Fruits.

**The Fruits are: Kindness, Faithfulness, Goodness, Peace, Gentleness, Love, Joy, Patience and Self Control.**

This month we featured Kindness. Our winners are: Merrick Smith, Keith Robertson, Liam Cronin, Victoria Jacobs, Courtney Nesbitt, Rory Stack, Cayley Cox, Olivia Heimpel, Wade Reinhardt, Rylee Schiestel, Rochelle Franken and Brodrick Smith.

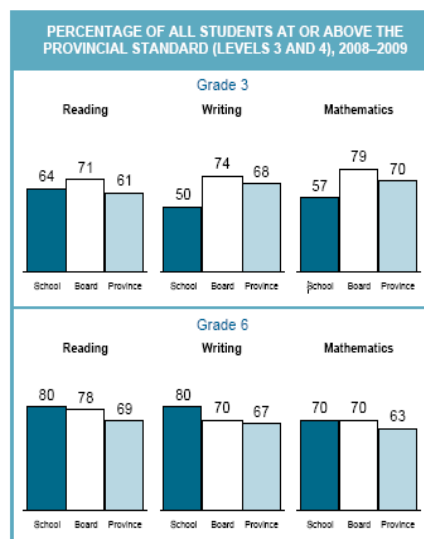
## Catholic Values in Action: Feeding the Hungry

Sacred Heart School is feeding the hungry through our participation in the Canadian Food Grains Bank. Pumpkins were planted last June on a plot of land donated by the Higgins family. Now they are being harvested and sold with proceeds to CFGB. Each dollar raised locally is matched 4 times! So \$ 1 = \$5. Pumpkins are sold at the school foyer.

If you are interested in helping out with this partnership in the future, please contact the school.

## Sacred Heart School EQAO Results:

Our most recent school results were released last week and each student's individual report was also sent home. The following graph indicates our performance on last year's assessment.



## *6 Questions to Ask about EQAO Data:*

1. What percentage of my school's students have met the provincial standard in reading, writing and/or math?
2. What has the school's trend been in each of these subjects over the past five years?
3. If there is no clear trend in my school's results, is it because only a small number of students are writing the test each year?  
For example, if only 10 students wrote the test in a given year, a single student can be the difference between the school showing 60% and 70% of students meeting the standard.
4. How do the trends and current results of my school compare to those of my school board and the province?
5. How do my school's demographics compare to those of the school board or the province?  
Every school is unique, and you should evaluate your school's results in the context of its student population. Demographic information included in EQAO school reports allows you to understand the results and characteristics of your school in relation to those of the board and the province as a whole.
6. What is my school's improvement plan for reading/writing ?

Source: EQAO homepage

## **School Improvement Plan**

At our PD Day last Friday and in the half day Job Embedded learning session this past Wednesday, staff looked at school data from various sources to find an area of need that is most pressing in order to develop a goal for improvement of instruction and learning.

Our primary teachers have created the following goal: By January 2010, 60% of K- grade 3 students will be at or above the Huron Perth CDSB benchmark. Currently, the percentage is 41%.

Our Junior/Intermediate division goal states that by June 2010, 80% of students from grades 4-8 will have met or exceeded level 3 as indicated by term 3 report card. Currently the average is 62%.

We have noticed a gap between girls' and boys' achievement and as a result have a sub-goal of raising boys' achievement in writing from an average of 49% attaining level 3 or 4 to reaching 70% by June 2010.

Please look for correspondence from your child's class in regards to specific information pertaining to this pathway.

## **Sacred Heart Student Cabinet**

Congratulations to all of our students who put forth their names to stand for election this year,. It takes a great deal of courage to be a 'public official' so thank you students.

Our elected cabinet for this year:

Prime Minister: Nicole Jacobs

Secretary Jayden Anderson Johnston

Treasurer: Alex Sanders

Grade 8 Advisors: Alyssa Cronin and Nathan Skinn

Grade 7 Advisors: Stuart Higgins and Luke McCutcheon

All students have leadership potential regardless of whether or not they are in cabinet. To this end there will be many opportunities through committee work for any student that wishes to be involved.

## **Soccer Teams Do Us Proud!**

It's a real David vs Goliath story as our Junior Boys Soccer team beat the Odds (and 4 other schools) to win the Huron County Championship. Congratulations to all the players and the coach, Mrs. Waechter.

We are also very proud of our Intermediate Girls' team that bowed out in the semi finals to the eventual champion.

The Intermediate Boys and the Junior Girls were excellent ambassadors for the school and experienced some mixed success during the tournament. They did, however, represent the school exceedingly well.

## **Junior Boys**

Wyatt McIlhargey Tyler Cronin Maison Nesbitt  
Colton Dunn Brody Hunt Ryan Gangl Michael Dwyer  
Merrick Smith Jefferson House Eric VanNes Jack Reidy  
Corbin Schmidt Tyler Sanders Mitch Topham  
Coach: Mrs Waechter

## **Intermediate Girls**

Courtney Nesbitt, Natalie Fear, Rachel Schmidt  
Sarah Hoy, Cayley Cox Nicole Jacobs Sydney McIlhargey,  
Emily Schurter Katherine Dwyer Danielle Hogg  
Coach: Mrs. Anderson

## **Intermediate Boys**

Patrick Franken Scott Jeffereson Nathan Skinn  
Alex Sanders Tyler Hunt Liam Gangl Stuart Higgins  
Luke McCutcheon Wyatt Grummett Devin Dease  
Brandon McDougall  
Coach: Mr McLean

## **Junior Girls**

Victoria Jacobs Victoria Davies Rebecca McDougall  
Jeanna Skinn Annika Balzer Jordan Gutscher  
Julia VanNes Sammi Weiler Samantha Schuit  
Loretta Higgins Melanie House  
Coach: Mrs Higgins

## Supervision Hours at School

Due to issues surrounding supervision, the primary yard (west end playground) is closed to students until 8:35 am. All students will be supervised in the east end where buses unload and allowed to access the west end once a teacher is there on duty at 8:35. A reminder to all parents that for safety reasons all student drop-offs must be done where buses unload.

## H1N1 Update

For the most up to date information regarding H1N1 virus, please see our Board's website.

[www.huronperthcatholic.ca](http://www.huronperthcatholic.ca)

## Kindergarten Registration

Our Kindergarten Registration at Sacred Heart School is November 24th, 2009 from 1-3 pm

Come by and see how your child is doing with activities designed for them. Get tips on how to prepare our child for school.

Children who are 5 years of age by December 31 2009 are eligible for Senior Kindergarten and those who are 4 years of age by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten.

Please contact the school if you have a child who will be eligible for registration, even if you are not sure if he/she will be attending kindergarten and we will be able to send you correspondence pertaining to Registration.

## Sacred Heart Parent Council News

Parents! Parents! Parents!

Our next meeting is Tuesday October 6 @ 7pm. Help us to develop our school goal: We are the Hands and Feet of God!

*Our Council Members for 2009-2010:*

**Chair:** Kevin Schmidt

**Vice Chair:** Mary McInnes

**Treasurer:** Mary Adele Davies

**Secretary:** Annette Jessen

**Advisors:** Lorraine McIlhargey and Sandra Skinn

**Faith Development:** Cindy van Nes

**Staff Rep:** Kelly Anderson

**Parish/Community Rep:** To be Filled

**Principal:** Greg McLean

Please come to our meetings and be a part of making Sacred Heart a great place to learn. We also encourage all you dads to attend meetings.

## Hazardous Waste Day

Please remember not to throw old batteries, paint or chemicals into the regular household garbage. Instead  
October 17 9 AM -3 PM  
Wingham Works Department  
Josephine Street

## October is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Child abuse is a serious concern for all Ontarians because many children are at risk of abuse and suffering. Everyone has a duty to report abuse when they see or hear that a child is suffering from any form of abuse from a parent, caregiver or adult, whether physical, emotional or sexual neglect.

Show your support for Child Abuse Prevention Month by wearing a purple ribbon.  
Also, October 18 to 24 is Foster Families Week. Huron Perth Children's Aid is looking for families interested in becoming a foster family. Please call 1 800 265 5198 for more information.

## SWIM CLUB

Attention all 5-12 year olds...**starting Monday, October 5, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.** the Aquatic Centre will be starting a new session of **SWIM CLUB!** The swim club is an introduction to competitive swimming. It offers the opportunity to improve fitness, build endurance, learn new skills and stroke correction. Each participant is encouraged to strive for his/her personal best. Come out and enjoy the fun. Call 519-357-1208 ext 23.

## Rural Response for Healthy Children

Rural Response for Healthy Children along with local sponsors are bringing Canadian Children's Music Group of the Year "Splash 'N Boots" to Wingham with **NO** admission charge. However, children **MUST BE** accompanied by parents/grandparents/caregivers. Join us at F.E. Madill, Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30- 8:30 PM

## New York, New York Gala Dinner

Come out for a fabulous evening of dinner, music and fellowship on Saturday October 17 at the Columbus Centre in Wingham. Sacred Heart Church proudly presents Lighthouse Swing Band for your dancing pleasure, sponsored by Foxton Fuels Limited. Admission is by donation after the meal. The evening promises to be full of fun. Please contact Wayne Waechter 519 357 1558 or Sacred Heart Church 519 357 2435 to reserve your meal and table.