



# Sacred Heart Catholic School

February Newsletter

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*Through the teachings of Christ we promote an environment that fosters patience, peace, faith, hope and understanding.*

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Mrs. Mary-Ann Jeurond, our office administrator, has taken another position at Bishop Macdonell Catholic School here in Cornwall. There has been a shuffle of secretarial positions which has led to this change. Ms. Mary-Ann has been a tremendous help to all staff, students and parents at Sacred Heart Catholic School over the past eight years.

I would like to take this time to wish Ms. Mary-Ann all the best at her new school, and to thank her for her many years of dedicated support to the Sacred Heart Catholic School community. You will certainly be missed!

Ms. Mary-Ann will be replaced by Mrs. Micheline Baker from St. Peter. I trust that you will welcome Mrs. Baker to Sacred Heart Catholic School as she settles into her new school.

Yours in Catholic Education,

*Shannon McDougald*

## Junior Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a child that will turn 4 (for J.K.) or 5 (for S.K.) before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012? If the answer is yes, you can enrol him or her in the Junior Kindergarten or the Senior Kindergarten class of September 2012 as of now. Please call the school as soon as possible to book an appointment. Students who are presently enrolled in the JK program do not need to register for the SK program. Please pass this message on to your family, friends, and neighbours. We would like to plan now for September.

## Junior and Senior Kindergarten Parents! What is the Purple Band Program?

The **Purple Band Program** is a quick and safe way to help protect your child. The **Purple Band** lets bus drivers easily identify junior and senior kindergarten students with just a quick glance. Parents and Guardians can help keep their children safe by ensuring that the **Purple Band** remains on their child's backpack. If you should happen to lose the band, then simply notify the school through the agenda or a phone call and we will put another band on your child's backpack. The Purple Band is placed around the handgrip on the top of a child's backpack. The purple band reminds bus

drivers that every junior and kindergarten student must be met by an adult at the bus stop. If no one meets the student at the bus stop, drivers are instructed to take the student back to school or to the proper authorities.

### Winter Carnival

We will be having a Winter Carnival on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We are planning a fun-filled afternoon outdoors with many carnival games and activities. Hot Chocolate will be provided to all students. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather that day. Extra mitts would be appreciated, since little hands get cold when they get wet. If the weather is inclement on that day, we will hold the activities indoors.

### French as a Second Language (FSL) Homework Toolbox

*Help for parents with children in French  
Immersion.*



<http://fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/>

This site supports parents who have children in a “French Immersion” (FI) program and wish to assist them with homework in French. It is also a resource for FI students who require an accessible user friendly reference tool to help with homework. Learners and educators in other FSL

programs will also find it helpful.

**This website will enrich the FSL learning experience and will engage parents in their child’s journey towards “la francophonie”.**

Helpful sections include:

- audio files in French and English
- video clips demonstrating instructional strategies
- a reference guide for specific topics
- a list of French language learning websites
- general tips for learning French

### It’s Cold Out There!

Many of our students are coming to school without hats, mittens, snow pants, and boots. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for our Canadian weather. During recesses little hands can get cold in a short amount of time. A quick spot check before your child leaves your home can go a long way. Remember-supervision in the morning doesn’t begin until 8:00 a.m.

### Head Lice

We would like to thank all parents who so willingly helped us during our whole school head lice check. It was a resounding success! Please make sure you continue to check your child regularly. If you suspect that your child has head lice, please notify the school as soon as possible! Thanks for helping us keep this pesky bug out of our school!

### Science Fair

The School Science Fair will be held at school on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Parents are welcome to come to the **Open House** between 12:30p.m.-2:25 p.m. to see the display of science in the hallways and in the gym. The winners will go on to present their project/poster at the United Counties Science Fair on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day will be a "Red and White Day". Please encourage your child to dress in all the red and white he/she can find. The school will be selling "Heart-O-Grams" at recesses for a nominal fee. Your child/ren may wish to purchase some for their special valentines.

### School Council Meeting

The next School Council meeting will take place on **March 7<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** This meeting will be a Catholic Education Symposium. Area schools are asked to bring along a team. If you are interested in joining us, then please call the school to confirm your attendance. All parents are welcome!

### Report Cards

Report cards will be going home on February 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a letter going home to parents asking you to choose a time that would best suit your schedule to meet with your child's teacher(s). Simply fill in the form and return it to school. The afternoon and evening of February 16<sup>th</sup>, and the afternoon of February 17<sup>th</sup> have been set aside for **Student-Led Conferences**. Good communication between home and school is critical for your child's success.

### Early Dismissal Day

On the afternoon of Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be an early dismissal day. The afternoon has been set aside for **Student-Led Conferences**.

### Grade 2 Parents Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion

Please note that the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion held together this year since we do not have an appointed Bishop yet. These sacraments will be taking place at **Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** Father Claude will be having two more meetings for parents and guardians in order to go over the significance of these Sacraments with you, and assist you as you accompany your child in his/her sacramental preparation. We will let you know about these dates once they have been confirmed.

### Grade 8 News

There will be an **Open House at St. Joseph's Secondary School on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** You will not want to miss this occasion to find out more information about high school, get a tour of the facility and meet the staff. St. Joe's will be offering the General Learning Skill Course (GLS) again next semester beginning on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> for those students who have not completed this course. There will be more information about this course as well as a sign up sheet available at the St. Joe's Open House on February 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful course to help prepare your son or daughter for the experience of high school.

## GREEN News

Our preliminary application for EcoSchools certification was completed before the end of January, and we are well on our way to another year worthy of celebration.

In order to be an **Ethical** leader in our homes, please consider your curbside waste. If you find it challenging to rinse containers before recycling them, then discuss this as a family and assign roles for sharing the duty of being **Responsible** members of our society. If reusing lunch containers is difficult, think about the **Environmental** and financial impact that buying prepackaged food has on yourself and your society. When shopping for groceries at a supermarket, a general rule of thumb to keep in mind is to buy products from the outside walls of the store. Often what we find down the middle aisles is manufactured food rather than the wholesome goodness that has been given to us by God. May God always bless our efforts to **Grow Responsible, Ethical and Environmental Neighbours.**

senate has resolved to direct this donation towards education-education, is the key to overcoming poverty and bettering a community.

### **Dress Down for School in the Dominican Republic**

The Student Senate of the C.D.S.B.E.O. will be holding a Board Wide Dress Down/Hat Day on February 14th, Valentine's Day. Students can wear their favourite hat that day for \$2.00. All money raised will go towards the salaries of 2 teachers in a school in the Dominican Republic. The student