



Sacred Heart Catholic School

October 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:

September got off to an excellent start. We had a wonderful turnout of families at our Open House. Thank you to those families that supported our Book Fair. We obtained over \$1,000.00 in book fair profits which we will use to increase our Library collection. October promises to be a very busy month. There are many classes going on Field Trips this month. We will also be organizing our annual fundraiser the "Walk-a-Thon" on October 14th weather permitting. This is our school's major fundraiser for the school year. Students from JK to grade 3 will be walking at Sacred Heart. Students from grades 4-8 will be walking around the track at St. Joe's. We will be walking from 1-2:00 p.m. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate. If not, we have a rain date for 21st. It will be a day of fun, friendship and healthy living. Hope to see you there!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Shannon McDougald

Sacraments

If you child has not had any of their Sacraments, and you are interested in your child having them completed, then please contact Father Claude Thibault at Blessed Sacrament Church at 613-932-2996. Your child must be baptized first in order to receive the

Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion.

Before and After School Daycare

We would like to remind all of our parents that Sacred Heart continues to offer a before and after school daycare program. This program is offered on school premises, by a qualified daycare provider. Please call Mary Seguin at (613) 551-8862

Thanksgiving Mass

We would like to invite everyone to our very special Thanksgiving Mass on October 13th at Blessed Sacrament Church at 9:30 a.m. Parents are most welcome!!

PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Last Spring students in grades 3 and 6 wrote tests in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Below you will find the percentage of all students at or above the Provincial Standard (attaining Level 3 or 4), compared to the Provincial and Board results. This information, along with school-based information, such as that from

classroom assessments, is used by the school to help improve student achievement.

<u>Grade 3</u>	Province	Board	Sacred Heart
Reading:	65%	72%	52%
Writing:	73%	81%	71%
Mathematics:	69%	72%	57%

<u>Grade 6:</u>	Province	Board	Sacred Heart
Reading:	74%	78%	55%
Writing:	73%	76%	32%
Mathematics	58%	62%	3%

TOONIES FOR TUITION

Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association is promoting and protecting Catholic Education in Canada. CCSTA has established an Endowment Fund to assist students attending Catholic schools with limited or no public funding. The Toonies for Tuition campaign is the main source of revenue for this fund. They are encouraging members of our Catholic community to donate two dollars to the Endowment Fund. All proceeds will go toward student tuition. For more information on the Endowment Fund, please visit their website at www.ccsta.ca. You may wish to send a toonie to school on October 4th and we will forward it to the Endowment Fund on your behalf. Thanking you in advance for your generous spirit of sharing.

Ministry of Education Website

Parents play an important role in helping their children build a passion for reading. To assist parents, the Ministry of Education launched the abc123 website located at www.Ontario.ca/abc123. The site features fun and practical tips for parents

on how to get their children interested in reading, writing and math.

Whole School Head Lice Check

We want to rid ourselves of this pesky little bug so we will be conducting a whole school head lice check on Friday, October 21st. Parents are encouraged to report to the office if their child has head lice. It is hoped that by everyone routinely checking hair that we can eliminate head lice out of the school and away from our homes. Thank you to everyone for doing such a good job!

Back on Track - Walkathon Fundraiser

Kick-off – Friday, October 7th



Why do we fundraise? 100% of money raised through fundraising goes back to the students to fund field trips, to purchase new school uniforms, to purchase sporting equipment, to help those in need, etc. On Friday, October 7th we will hold a fundraiser kick-off in the school gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. At this time, students will learn about the importance of fundraising, learn how they can do their part and learn about the prizes to be won!

Imagine this! If every student collected \$25.00 we would raise \$6000.00. Please encourage your child to do his/her part for the benefit of the Sacred Heart Catholic School community.

All money and pledge sheets are due to the school –regardless if no money was collected – by Thursday, October 13th.

Thank you in advance for your support of our fundraiser. You are welcome to join us for our walkathon on Friday, October 14th at 1:00 p.m.

School Council Meeting

We had a great turn out at our last School Council meeting. Elections were held and the new School Council was formed. Crystal Oakes is our Chair, Carolyn Hines the Secretary, Mary-Ann Jeaurond is our Treasurer and non-teaching staff member, and Chris diTomasso is our teacher representative. Many thanks to these individuals for taking on this commitment. Our next school council meeting will be held on October 27th at 6:00 p.m. everyone is welcome!

Pizza Day

If the busses are cancelled due to inclement weather, Pizza will not be available to students who come to school on inclement weather days. Students will need to bring their own lunch to school if the busses are cancelled. *Please ensure that pizza money comes to school in an envelope/baggie with your child's name on it with the exact change. Your pizza day committee thanks you in advance for your consideration!*

Child Abuse Prevention Month

October is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Ontario. The Children's Aid Society of S. D. &G. is increasing awareness about Child abuse prevention this month. Our school has designated October 14th as a day to wear purple to school to show your support. Students will be invited to participate in a colouring contest to be completed at home. Simply return the colouring sheet to school by October 31st, and we will

enter it for them. There will be some cool prizes!

Protect Your Family from the Flu

With the beginning of each school year comes an increased risk of children and their families getting the flu or other related illnesses. Here are some simple measures you can take to help protect your family from becoming sick:

- Keep your child home from school when he or she is sick.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve (not in your hands) and teach your children to do the same.
- Get your flu shot!

For more information, call the Eastern Ontario Health Unit at 613-933-1375 or 1 800 267-7120 and ask for Health Line. A list of the free flu shot clinics' dates and times is available on the Eastern Ontario Health Unit's website at www.eohu.ca.

GREEN Team News

The month of October promises to be full of planning and action for our GREEN Team members. From October 17th to the 23rd, we encourage you to live out our calling to be good stewards of the earth by reducing, reusing and recycling in every way possible. Each day of Waste Reduction Week, our school will operate a 'boomerang' lunch, encouraging students to take their food garbage home with them at the end of each day. To help all our families reduce

their impact on the planet, please view a portion of the Waste Reduction Canada website which gives suggestions for what to do with some items around the house.

<http://www.wrwcana.com/uploads/File/pdfs/R C Resources-Consumers-FAQs.pdf>

Our GREEN Team will begin adding plants to our already-established prayer garden in the schoolyard, but we are also looking at adding materials to the front of the school. If you have any plant materials to share with the school when clearing out your own gardens you are encouraged to contact us so that we may use your discarded perennials in our own ecological improvements.

Lastly, our school has registered for numerous 'GREEN' initiatives this year, including EcoSchools, Recycle My Cell and Ease My Load. In our EcoSchools initiative for 2011-2012 we attained silver status, and this year we hope to aim higher. Please view

<http://ontarioecoschools.org/> for more information about this program. Recycle My Cell is new to our school, and we wish to draw attention to the many electronics that are discarded and ultimately thrown in the trash. This program, running from October 17th to November 17th, aims to teach the importance of recycling electronics (all old and out-of-use cell phones, smartphones, wireless PDAs, pagers, batteries and accessories) so that they may be decommissioned, posing no threat to our environment. You are encouraged to send or drop off your electronics at school so they may be recycled safely.

http://www.wrwcana.com/recycle_my_cell

Don't forget that there are many businesses that will recycle old materials for you. Home Depot offers recycling of CFL bulbs, paint, and batteries by simply bringing your materials to their store. <http://www.homedepot.ca/eco-options/initiatives/recycling-programs>

May God continue to bless us all in our efforts to **Grow Responsible, Ethical and Environmental Neighbours.**

Up Coming Parent Workshop

On November the 7th at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Maman will speak to parents on raising children. This will be an excellent

opportunity for all parents. Hope to see you there.