



Sacred Heart Happenings

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"Our school community strives to promote love and respect for God, self and others, while fostering lifelong learning and celebrating Catholic faith, traditions and values."



Prayer to Follow God Completely

O My God
give me your grace
so that the things of this earth
and things more naturally pleasing to me,
may not be as close as you are to me.

Keep my eyes, my ears, my heart
from clinging to the things of this world.

Break my bonds, raise my heart.

Keep my whole being fixed on you.

Let me never lose sight of you;
and while I gaze on you,
let my love of you grow more and more every
day.

John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Happy New Year! On behalf of our whole school staff, we want to wish you and your family a very joyous year. School has resumed rather quietly and children have settled back into routines.

We celebrated Mrs. McGrath's retirement before Christmas and we wish her all the best in her new "career". We welcome Shirley Bushell, an experienced EA who has joined our staff.

During 2011, I want to work on improved access to information for parents and this is centred primarily around using email addresses and updating our school website and online calendar each week. By visiting our school website you should be able to find school related information you need quickly. If the information is not there, please email and we will do our best to add that information. As well, your email address will permit me to provide notifications regarding upcoming events or important information that has been added to our website. This notification will happen once a week. Please share with us, if haven't already, whichever email address(es) you would like to receive our school information at. Please visit our website often, we will strive to update it often and provide good information and useful internet links.

- M. Murphy, Principal

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**School Mass on
Fri. Jan. 7th at 9:05**

The Grade 8 Class will be assisting Father Terry in the celebration of our School Mass. Families welcome to join us.



School Council Executive 2010-2011

School Council Co-Chair: Heather Fortney-Wilson,
Nicole Wise; Treasurer: Mary Ruetz;
Secretary: Sherri Dillon
Next Meeting: Monday, January 10th, 2011

Principal: Michael Murphy
Office Administrator: Rita Murray

Board Administration

Director of Education: Bruce MacPherson
Superintendent: Catherine Montreuil
Trustee/Commissionaire: Bev Eckensweiler

Virtue for January is PATIENCE

"Let the same character be in you that was in Christ Jesus"
- Philippians 2.5

Family Notes...

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1. CATHOLIC CULTURE

JANUARY VIRTUE –PATIENCE

Patience is the virtue this month. Patience is quiet hope & trust that everything will turn out well, even when it is now difficult. It is also showing acceptance of ourselves & others when mistakes are made. To be patient is to be like God who never gives up calling us to love him, and walk in his way.



At Sacred Heart School we:

- We believe that God’s timing may be different than ours.
- We wait our turn without complaining.
- We accept that everyone makes mistakes.
- We believe that it takes time for all things to reach their potential.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

BUS CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TERM 2 REPORT CARDS GRADES 1-8

Our first report cards for Grades 1-8 are being prepared and will come home on February 2nd. For term 2, interviews will be by parent or teacher request. Information regarding interviews will come home next week.



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Dates to keep in mind...

January

- 7 * School Mass at 9:00 am.
- * Cream of Potato or Chicken Noodle Soup
- 10 Catholic School Council Meeting, 6:30 PM Senior Library.
- 13 Ski Forms and Money due.
- 13 Soup Day—Beef Barley
- 13 Knights of Columbus Freethrow
- 14
- 14 January PD Day
- 18 Skating for JK-4
- 20 Ski Day #1 (Thursday)
- 20 Skating for JK-4
- 26 Ski Day #2 (Wednesday)
- 27 Intermediate Boys Board Volleyball tournament.
- 28 January Virtues Assembly
- 31 Intermediate Girls’ Volleyball Tournament

February

- 3 Professional Development Day No school for students
- 4 Ski Day #3 (Friday)

GRADE 9 REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

Grade 8 Parent and Student Information Nights will be held at Sacred Heart High School on **Thursday January 20th** and **Monday January 24th** beginning at 7:00 p.m. All parents of Grade 8 students are encouraged to attend one of these evening sessions to learn more about Sacred Heart High School, programs, diploma requirements and course options.

Parent Council

Our next meeting is
Monday, January 10th
at 6:30 p.m.

Special guests—Director Bruce MacPherson, Chair of the Board Norm Bethune will discuss the future of Catholic Education.



Upcoming PD Days
Friday, January 14th &
Thursday, February 3rd

No school for students.
Teachers will be involved in
professional development.

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The next Kindergarten Report cards will be the week before March break.

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

Please consider helping us out by volunteering for our program which happens Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. The ladies have a very effective system in place and the actual work is about 1.5 hours when you are at school. For more details, please contact Wendy W. , Vicky R. or Shelley H. or call the school and we will have one of the ladies contact you.



3. ORGANIZING CULTURE

HEAD LICE

We have had little response to our request for volunteers so we will not be having head checks as we hoped. Most parents want to know if there is something to check for or eliminate in their own household and head checks provides a quick way to ensure clean heads. We will advise parents should we be aware of any issues in particular classrooms. The Grey Bruce Health Unit and Canadian Pediatricians Association have pushed to change thinking around head lice and schools no longer exclude children who have the condition.



If we get enough people we will have head checks. If you could spare 2 hours to help us check all students (a team of 4-6 can do our whole school that quickly) please consider volunteering. Experienced ladies will help you learn what to look for and recommended methods for eliminating head lice.

4. EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

SCHOOL CLIMATE ACTION

Our Safe Schools Committee met in December to discuss the results of our survey. We will be making a concerted

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effort to deal with issues around student awareness of school practices and policies and dealing effectively with bullying. Our children have expressed overall that they feel safe at school. We will spend every other week, starting January 17 dealing with the different kinds of bullying.

DID YOU GET NEW ELECTRONICS FOR CHRISTMAS?

A reminder to students and parents that cell phones, IPOD's, DS's, and other hand held electronics are not to be used at school by students. While these tools provide everyone with great convenience, the classroom should be a place of focused learning that is not interrupted by text messages or gaming activities.

Family members are reminded as well, to refrain from texting their children during instructional time. *The office is willing to relay important messages to children at recess times and if it is urgent, we can bring your child to the phone.*

Recess is a time for physical activity and positive social interactions, where students learn to interact and engage in activities together. Older students who may require a cell phone for after school activities, are requested to leave them locked in their lockers. Should the need to call a parent arise, there is a student phone in the office for health or emergency use. If you allow your child to use electronics as a form of entertainment on the bus, it should be kept securely in the child's knapsack in their locker. The school cannot be responsible for any loss or damage that could occur should these expensive items come to school or while on the bus.

**APPROPRIATE CLOTHING
for Winter**



With colder weather now a regular thing, please ensure that your children are adequately dressed before sending them off to school. Children have up to 70 minutes of outdoor recess and being dressed for it is very important. Dressing in layers is always an effective strategy for winter.

As well, we recommend that you label your children's mittens, hats, boots etc. in order to help us identify items when they are found. We find too many good hats and mittens and they are left in lost and found because we are unable to find their rightful owners. We will donate unclaimed items in the fall, October and the spring, April of each year. If your son or daughter loses items, please come in and visit our lost and found to see if you can find them.



**January
Virtues
Assembly**



Our Assembly will be
Friday, January 28th
9:15 am, Senior Gym

Newsletters by email: Please consider getting our newsletter by email, we only have 50 paper editions going home now and we would like to make that 0, so please do sign up. It also permits us to provide other information by email and quick updates and reminders about school events or activities.



Ski/Snowboard Program

Our skiing / snowboarding dates are:

Thursday, January 20th
Wednesday, January 26th
Friday, February 4th

Forms and payment are due on
Thursday, January 13.

All students and volunteers participating are required to wear helmets.



Skating for Grades JK-4

Grade JK-4 will be going skating on the following days:

Tuesday, January 18th
Thursday, January 20th
9:30-10:30

Permission form and payment of \$2 per student due by **Thursday, January 13.**

All students and volunteers participating are required to wear hockey helmets.



MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH BRUCE

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CHILD

Early Dismissal Days

So the children are out early and you are wondering what they are going to do? Why not have them participate in activities designed to get them PLAYing? The Early Dismissal Day is March 2nd. The kids can come to the arena for a free skate and/or play ball hockey outside. For more information call Steve.

Futsal

This program is going to be offered to students between the ages of 10-14 at Immaculate Conception School in Formosa from 7:00pm – 8:30pm on Wednesdays. If you would like more information on this exciting program please contact Greg McLean at 519-367-3435.

Gymnastics

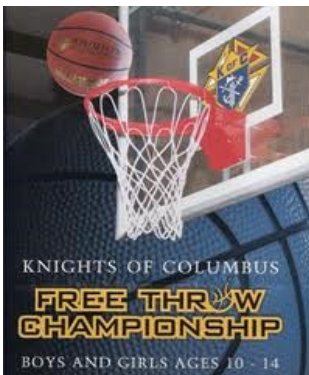
The gymnastics program was a great hit in the fall that we are going to be offering a session after March Break. Look in the Leisure Guide that will be coming out next month for registration dates so you don't miss out on this opportunity.

South Bruce Wellness Program – Exercise Gym
 The Municipality of South Bruce has opened a Wellness Program up at the Mildmay-Carrick Recreation Complex in the Curling Room. Are you looking for a way to get physically fit? Do you wish you had more energy? If you have answered yes to these questions then you need to register for a membership to the Wellness Program for ages 12-?. For more information on membership fees please contact Steve.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ABOVE PROGRAMS PLEASE CONTACT STEVE SCHWIPPL AT (519) 392-6623 OR sschwippl@town.southbruce.on.ca OR www.town.southbruce.on.ca.



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Competitions

School level—
Thursday, January 13, 2011

District Level—
 Mother Teresa in Walkerton
January 22nd, 2011

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Recreational Funding Available

Need help with funding for Recreational Programs, school electives, class trips? The Bruce NCB program may be able to help you:

- Available for families living in Bruce-County
- Maximum subsidy currently available is \$200.00 per child per year
- Total family income under \$35,000.00 per year
- Children 18 years of age and under (residing with parent)
- Refunds can be processed with a paid receipt.

For more information or an application form

SACRED HEART SCHOOL WILL BE OFFERING THE



“Rainbows For All God’s Children”

Program. This is a program designed for children who live in single-parent families, step-families and families going through transitions. It is designed to help them work through their grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem and to accept what has taken place in the family. If you think your child would benefit from this 12 week program, contact the school office as soon as possible and a consent form will be sent home with your child.

We will also be inviting specific children who have participated in the past or who staff feel would benefit from the program. Children participate in a weekly group of 4-5 children and a staff advisor. Groups work through a program guide each child receives. This is a very good experience for the children and our Board culminates the year with a “Celebrate Me” for children and advisors which brings children together from across our school board for a day of fun activities and food.