



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.”



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as a community of believers. We thank you for the energy and spirit that you renewed in us throughout the summer months. We thank you for that time to enjoy our family and friends and reflect on what is most important in our lives.

Let this year be marked by a new enthusiasm and positive outlook so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, Lord, new lessons may be learned, new friendships developed and our love for You nourished.

We ask for Your guidance as we look for new ways of seeing, understanding and communicating.

Make us worthy of Your call so that we may reach out to support each other, and look for the spark of the Spirit in each other’s eyes. Help us to fulfill Your wishes with every honest intention and work of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter and joy to others.

We ask this in your name, Amen.

Family Notes...

WELCOME TO 2011-2012



Welcome to the new children and families who are joining us for this school year. Please help make them feel welcome and a part of the Sacred Heart School community.

Once again we will be challenging our students to be disciples of Jesus and strive to follow his example at all times. St. Teresa of Avila in the 17th century reminded people that:

Christ has no body now but yours
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks
with compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses
all the world.

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Family & Staff BBQ Junior Building

Monday, September 12, 2011
5:30 - 7:00 pm

We look forward to sharing food
and meeting families.

Please plan to join us. More details to come.

School Council Executive 2011-2012

*September is Nomination Month for School Council,
Please consider joining our parent group.
First School Council Meeting,
Monday, September 19, 2011*

Principal: Michael Murphy
Office Administrator: Rita Murray

Board Administration

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

Virtue for September is Respect/Reverence

*“Let the same character be in you that was in Christ Jesus”
- Philippians 2.5*

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As a Catholic school community, we are called to be the body of Christ for others, that we must worship as a community, that we must be a welcoming and inclusive community, and that we must work for justice in our world.



As Catholic Educators, we will strive to welcome children into a life like Jesus by our loving disposition as Catholics. We do this by smiling at others and showing we value them, by listening to what others have to say, speaking in a way that is affirming and life giving, and finally to share the loving touch of Jesus with those in our care. To be just and fair to others and to love each child parents send us. Families can be assured that children are loved and valued at Sacred Heart School.



These are important principles on which to base our year, Our touchstone for a truly affirming and deep caring school community.

The Academic School Year ahead is full of promise and exciting learning opportunities to share with friends and family. There will be opportunities for us to pray, learn, play, share and grow as a faith community. We will

deepen our relationships with those in our lives and deepen our commitment to truly being a place, a school, a community of believers, where Christ walks daily. We will strive to be his words, hands and feet demonstrating our service to one another and service to the Lord.

Thank you for continuing to share your child's faith and academic journey with the staff of Sacred Heart School, it is a privilege.

M. Murphy, Principal

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to New Students in JK: Logan Kestner, Iryn Koebel, Joanna Lorentz, Peyton Metcalfe, Nathan Romphf, Tyrone Schwehr, Noah Sheilds-Klein, Lucas Stuy, Marcella Blythe, Gabrielle Gowing, Nicholas Gutscher, Alex Grubb, Nathan Luedke, Matthew Newton, Grace Weber, Cohen Wettlaufer, Kylie Wilson.

We are excited about getting to know you and joining with you on a journey of faith and learning in our school.

Dates to keep in mind...



September

- 12 Monday, Family & Staff BBQ
- 13 Tuesday, Photo Day for Senior Building—Grades 4 -8
- 14 Wednesday, Guitar Lessons Start
- 15 Thursday, School Mass, Grade 7 organizing.
- 16 Friday, Professional Development Day
- 19 Monday, School Council deadline for submitting a nomination for 2011-2012.
- 27 Tuesday, Photo day for Junior Building, Grades JK -3
- 27 Tuesday, Senior Soccer Tournament, Owen Sound
- 28 Wednesday, National Terry Fox School Run.
- 29 Thursday, Grade 4 to Water Festival, Chesley
- 30 Friday, Virtues Assembly, 1:00 PM, Senior Building

October

- 4 Tuesday, Cross Country Competition
- 10 Monday, Thanksgiving Holiday
- 12 Wednesday, Let's Learn Clinic. (Registration for 2011)
- 14 Immunization Grade 7
- 19 Early Dismissal Day



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1. Student Accident Insurance
2. Student Information Sheet: Please Return ASAP! (Gold form)
3. School Board Calendar.
4. Volunteer sign up sheet.
5. School Advisory Council Letter & Nomination For Council Position
6. Registration for School Newsletter via email.
7. Let's Learn Clinic Information
8. Personal Information Consent Form (white)

**CLASS ORGANIZATION FOR 2010-2011**Junior Building

<i>JK/SK</i>	<i>Ms. Hallahan</i>
<i>JK/SK</i>	<i>Ms. MacIntosh</i>
<i>Grade 1</i>	<i>Mrs. Goetz Kuntz, Ms. Kirk</i>
<i>Grade 2/3</i>	<i>Ms. Nadeau</i>
<i>Grade 2/3</i>	<i>Ms. Strauss</i>

Senior Building

<i>Grade 4/5</i>	<i>Ms. Liesemer</i>
<i>Grade 5/6</i>	<i>Mrs. Reidy</i>
<i>Grade 6/7</i>	<i>Mrs. Kadlecik</i>
<i>Grade 8</i>	<i>Ms. Kroeplin</i>

Core French *Mme Donnelly, Mme Lorentz*

Reading Recovery—Mrs. Girdler
Resource Teacher— Mrs. Boerkamp

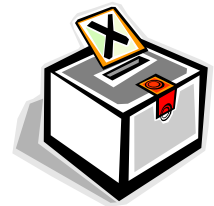
Education Assistants—Mrs. Fischer

Library Technician- Mrs. Kunkel

Custodians—Mrs. Lantz (Head Custodian), Mr. Clark

Office Administrator—Mrs. Murray

Principal— Mr. Murphy

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2011**

As per our Catholic School Council constitution, an election must be held within the first 30 days of school starting. All positions are open for consideration by parents. Elections must take place within the first 30 days of each school year. The purpose of the Catholic School Council is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.

The Catholic School Council works to connect the home, parish and community with the school by providing recommendations to the school principal and to the school board on matters of program and operations.

Nominations for parent/guardian members must fulfill the following criteria:

- I. Parents/guardians shall have children in the school
- II. Parents/guardians shall be elected by the school community electorate
- III. A trustee cannot be a member of a Catholic School Council
- IV. A person employed by the Board is eligible if:
 - not employed at the school
 - other members are informed of the person's employment before appointment.

Candidates may nominate themselves or have another parent nominate them. Nomination Forms must be completed, signed by the nominator and nominee, then returned to the school office by 4:00 p.m., Monday, September 19th, 2010. All candidates will receive notification of receipt of their nomination.

If we receive only the required number of nomination forms, these individuals will be acclaimed and all parents will be given a list of the new council in the next school newsletter. If we receive more nominations than needed an elections newsletter will be sent home with a brief biography of each candidate on the same date.

Should Elections be necessary, they will then be held on Thursday, September 22nd. A ballot box will be placed in the front hall outside the office and ballots will be

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available in the office from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Ballots will be counted that night by the principal and the past co-chair(s) of the council. All candidates will be notified of the results the following day. The school at large will be notified in the next regular school newsletter on who will be serving as school council for 2011-2012.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

As mandated by the Ministry of Education, Sacred Heart School has a Safe Arrival Program in place. *We ask that you please call our school (367-2685) before 9:00 a.m. to notify us if your child will be absent from school.* Please note that you may leave a message at anytime of the day. The messages will be checked by office staff prior to the start of the school day. When leaving a message please leave the child's name, specific reason for absence (We must inform Public Health of the reason for absence at this time of flu or G.I.) If we do not receive a call from you by 9:00 a.m., office staff will do the following:



1. Call your home phone number to ensure your child is safe.
2. If the office staff is unable to reach you at home, cell numbers, work or emergency numbers (that you must provide) will be called.
3. If the student still cannot be located, the police will be notified.

We must ensure the safety and well being of our students. Thank you for your cooperation.

PEANUT SENSITIVE SCHOOL



We must seek your support in not sending peanut butter as well as all nut products to Sacred Heart School. We continue to have students who are potentially SEVERELY allergic to nut products. Please continue to check labels carefully and please ensure products with nuts do not come to

school or are eaten on the bus. We want to support one another and respect health conditions in our school community. We appreciate your concern and cooperation.

WOWbutter, a peanut butter replacement product, is not permitted within our school. Please ensure that your child does not bring this product in his/her lunches or other products that look identical to peanut butter. We do not want to confuse the issue with these products.

NO SCENTS IS GOOD SENSE

We have posted signs entering both of our buildings, indicating: "No scent is good sense". Thanks for not wearing perfumes, etc., to school. We also request that students not bring body deodorant sprays to school. Scents can make some of our staff and students sick, which would then require them to go home and miss a day of learning or work.



ALLERGY AWARENESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

We have a number of allergies in our school and these range from mild to severely allergic. It is important that all students be aware that some things they take for granted, eating peanuts, drinking milk, etc can be a life threatening concern for those who have an allergy.

To help with student understanding and increase student safety, we will be talking about PAL:Protect A Life™ From Food Allergies. This is an educational awareness program designed to teach staff, families and students what food allergies are and how to help their friends who have food allergies.



The PAL program teaches five simple steps kids can take to keep their classmates safe:

1. Food allergies are serious. Don't make jokes about them.
2. Don't share food with friends who have food allergies.
3. Wash your hands after eating.
4. Ask what your friends are allergic to, and help them avoid it.
5. If a friend who has food allergies becomes ill, get help

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immediately!

Together, through awareness and understanding we can ensure the safety of children with allergies at our school and increase our ability to see things from another person's point of view.



SCHOOL HOURS

Supervision of the school yard does not begin until 8:25 am. Children must wait at the entrances to our play yard for a staff member with an orange vest to be visible before beginning to play. We ask walkers not to arrive before 8:25 am. During severe or extreme weather conditions, students may enter the school upon arrival at 8:25 am, otherwise students enter the school at 8:45am bell. Please note that our school day ends at 3:20 p.m. and students will be dismissed at that time. Walkers and bikers should proceed home at that time.



SCHOOL DAY:

8:25 am -	Yard Supervision Begins
8:45 am -	Entry Bell
8:50 -	Announcements/ Prayer /O Canada /
8:50-9:30 -	Period 1
9:30-10:10 -	Period 2
10:10-10:50 -	Period 3
10:50- 11:05 -	Recess
11:05-11:45 -	Period 4
11:45-12:05 -	Lunch (in classrooms)
12:05-12:40 -	Recess Outside
12:40 pm	Entry Bell
12:45-1:25-	Period 5
1:25-2:05 -	Period 6
2:05-2:20 -	Recess
2:20-3:00-	Period 7
3:00-3:20 -	Period 8
3:20-	Full Dismissal
(Buses leave between 3:20 and 3:50)	

MSH PAL Day + Pajama Day

Food allergy awareness day.
September 20, 2011

More details to come, volunteers are needed. Please leave your name with Mrs. Murray.

NEWSLETTERS

School newsletters will be sent home once a month with the youngest of each family. A reminder list of dates will be provided, a full calendar of school activities will be available on our school website, which can be found beginning at our board website: www.bgcdsb.org. Other important information will be sent home throughout the month as needed. You can also access our school newsletter from our Board's website at: Click on our school name and it will take you to the site.

Remember that if you no longer need your newsletter you may return it to the school for recycling, simply sign it and indicate that it has been read. As well, you may receive notification by email that our new newsletter is available online.

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TERRY FOX RUN 2011

Schoolwide event, along with other schools from across Canada will be:
Wednesday, September 28th, 2011 at 11:05 am

We will once again encourage student participation and ask students to think about what Terry Fox achieved and who they are walking/running/jogging for.

Families are welcome to join us.

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If you want your newsletter by email, simply send in that information to Mrs. Murray or email us at msh@bgcdsb.org.

MILK, PIZZA, OTHER FOOD DAYS

1. Milk is 75 cents and is available daily. A milk card can be purchased 20 for \$15.
2. Pizza Day will remain on Tuesdays. Pre-Order form for term/year is being sent home. If only ordering once in a while, order must be made and paid for on Monday. \$1.25 per slice.
3. We will also offer one of Soup, Salad, Grilled Cheese, and Spaghetti on Fridays. Pre-Order form is being sent home for this as well. First food day will be September 15th (a Thursday, when there is no school on Friday for students). \$2 per item. For grilled cheese, first sandwich is \$2 and each subsequent sandwich is \$1.
4. Hot Dogs consumption will be reviewed by School Council once again. We will have 3-4 hot dog days during the school year.



Please note: We must comply with PPM 150 which limits the sale of items which do not meet their nutritional guidelines.

STUDENT SAFETY

As part of the dress code for elementary students in our school board, we are requesting that all pupils' necklaces and neck wear (i.e. chokers, chains, whistle straps, neck key-chain holders etc.) be constructed of break-away material, or preferably, not worn at all.

STUDENTS RIDING BIKES

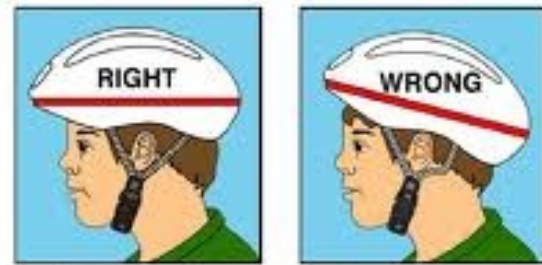
Please be advised that all students who ride a bike to Sacred Heart School MUST wear a helmet. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring your child is kept safe, follows the law and wears a helmet. As well, students must not use the bus loading area when riding to school.

STUDENT PLANNERS/SCHOOL HANDBOOK

We are asking \$2.00 for each planner to offset the cost which is \$6.00 per planner. So please send your share of the planner cost to the school as soon as possible.



At the front of our student agendas, there is



Wear the helmet flat on the head, not tilted back at an angle!



Make sure the helmet fits snugly and does not obstruct the field of vision. Make sure the chin strap fits securely and that the buckle stays fastened.

information to assist with procedures throughout the year. Please read the handbook in the agenda carefully, as important information is included in it. Feel free to contact the school if you have any questions about the information and please sign the agenda to show you have had a chance to read it.

SIGN IN PLEASE

All parents/visitors to our school are required to sign in upon entering the school and report to the office. We ask that you please check in and if you require your child during the instructional day, we would be happy to page them to the office.



NOTES

We require a note if your child needs to leave the school for any reason. If your child has regularly scheduled music lessons, etc., one note at the beginning of the year is sufficient to inform us of this routine. ***Please note: Students are not allowed to leave the school premises during school hours without adult accompaniment.**

INDOOR SHOES

A reminder that students must wear indoor shoes at all times, (these can be their gym shoes or **clean** outdoor shoes) or slippers. If the fire bell should ring in cold or wet weather, children are not permit-



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Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival

Grade 4 Students
Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Our students will be attending this event again this year. Our Grade 4/5 classes will be attending this

event. The Water Festival website indicates the following goals for the day:

“The Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival has 46 hands-on, interactive activity centers that are educational and fun for elementary school students. Our goal is for students to enjoy themselves using cross-curricular skills to learn about the importance of water conservation, protection, technology and ecology.

The festival will motivate students to become water stewards in their classroom and community. By combining the hands-on, interactive activities with messages relevant to their daily lives, students will soak up knowledge of the properties, uses, connections and importance of water.

With this information, students will become aware of the value of conserving and protecting water. Plus, all activities have been designed to readily integrate with the year-round classroom curriculum.”

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ted to take time to put on shoes. Students and staff must exit the building as quickly as possible. Indoor shoes prevent anyone outdoors in stocking feet in cold, wet weather. It is safer for your child as well.

TELEPHONES

The school telephone is very busy and we ask that, unless it is an emergency, students refrain from using it. Alternative transportation should be arranged before the school day begins and asking parents to drop off forgotten items will be kept to a minimum. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. We prefer for cell phones not to be brought to school please. **If for a special reason the cell phone must come to school, the student must keep the phone off during the school day, provide the office with their phone number, and should they use the phone inappropriately, keep the phone in the office during the school day.**



MEDICATION FORMS

A reminder that medication forms must be completed **before** medication can be administered at school. Please contact the school office if you are in need a form for your child. Prescription medication forms must be completed by your doctor. Most non-prescriptive medication should not be brought to school, but there are exceptions especially for children who have allergies or other conditions which would require this type



of medication.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE



Families are encouraged to review the student accident insurance that is available. It provides very good coverage at a reasonable price.

Please return the forms by Sept. 17 if you are interested. It is worth considering.



INTERNET AGREEMENTS

Internet agreements must be completed/reviewed by all students using the internet at Sacred Heart School. Students may not use the computers for internet use until the procedures are completed. Please be sure to return your agreement form and follow expectations.

The following is excerpted from our Board Administrative procedure manual which is located on our school board's website. Select the following links—**About Bruce-Grey CDSB > Policy and Procedure > Administrative Procedure**, then page AF: 6-32c:

Terms and Conditions for Internet Access

All persons using Board Internet access services will:

1. Do so in a manner which reflects our Vision Statement.
2. Use download, uploads, and capturing to limit their time on the Internet, in order to provide others with equitable access to limited resources.
3. Back out of any site which is transmitting unacceptable information or graphics, and immediately report the accidental visit to the teacher/principal/supervisor.

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4. Use proper, socially acceptable communication language ~ no profanity, sexual, racial, religious or ethnic slurs.
5. Honour all copyright restrictions with respect to the distribution of computer software.

Students using Board Internet access services will:

1. Always get permission from their teacher before accessing the Internet.
2. Only download files with teacher permission.

Users will not:

1. Send or display any offensive pictures or messages.
2. Use obscene language, or language reflecting racial, sexual, ethnic or religious prejudice.
3. Willfully damage computer software, computers, computer systems, computer networks, or computer peripherals attached to school computers.
4. Use passwords, e-mail addresses belonging to other individuals.
5. Employ Board-provided Internet access for commercial purposes.
6. Violate security systems which have been put into place to protect computers, file servers, networks and users, both within and outside the Board.
7. Play games, or use Internet access in any ways which waste finite resources. This includes printer paper, diskettes, printer ribbons (cartridges) and other materials provided by the Board.
8. Purchase products through the School Internet.

Students will not:

1. Provide personal information about themselves or others through the Internet (name, phone number, address, etc.)
2. Arrange to meet anyone with whom they have had contact on the Internet, except with parent/guardian approval.

Users who are identified as security risks for having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied Board Internet access.

All staff and students will review this guideline during the first week of school. A permission form for Internet Access is required for students in grades 4 and up. Grade 4's will receive a permission form this week to be return to school. They are kept on file until student's graduate from our school.

NUTRITION PROGRAM NEWS

We will be running an Eat and Learn Program again this year. At present we need some volunteers who would be able to come into the school and help prepare snacks for children. Snacks will be provided 3 times per week through the school year, typically Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Volunteers work for about two hours to prepare food and deliver it to



classrooms. For more information contact Vicki Reinhart or Wendy Waechter or Shelley Hawkins.

LET'S LEARN CLINIC 2011

In October we will be having our annual clinic to register students for September 2012. This clinic is for all children eligible to attend and can be used to help you see how ready your child may or may not be. It can be very useful to hear what the assessment people have to say about your child's development so far and in speaking with staff you may feel more willing to send your child to school for JK. The government is moving in this direction and has acknowledged the vital role early support and learning for children is. So if you have a child ready to attend in September 2012, please consider attending our clinic which is set for Wednesday, October 12, 2011.



Please call to book an appointment for this event. Runs from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Again this year, four days have been designated by the Bluewater and Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board as early dismissal days for students. On these days, students will leave for home two hours earlier than normal. For the remainder of the school day, staff will be involved in a number of professional development activities. The early dismissal days for 2010-2011 are:

October 19, 2011
March 28, 2012

November 30, 2011
May 9, 2012



MUNICIPAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

During the school year, there will be opportunities for:

- students' work to be displayed
- students' special achievements to be publicized
- students to be photographed in a variety of activities for newspapers, yearbook or display
- class lists to be posted for various activities



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- students to be interviewed or newspaper, newsletters, etc.

We make every attempt to exercise discretion in the best interest of our students. At the same time, we must respect parental/guardian wishes for privacy in accordance with the Act. **Please review the back side of your Student Information Sheet and sign the consent if you have no objections to your child being identified. Please ensure the emergency contact on this sheet is also completed. ** If you have any concerns regarding the disclosure/publication of your child’s name, picture, work, etc., please contact the school principal.**

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY



**Tuesday,
September 13,
grades 4-8
Senior Building**

**Tuesday,
September 27,
Grades JK-3.
Junior Building**



Reminder notifications will be sent home.

All proofs will be back in the first week of October. Retakes are scheduled for November 2nd, starting at 10:30 AM.

Parents are welcome to come and check the picture taken, to ensure a quality shot. Scott, our photographer, does take his time and always strives to get the best picture possible.

CELL PHONES, IPODS, DIGITAL CAMERAS

With the growing prevalence of electronics in our society, our students become more dependent on their favourite

electronic devices. As we return to school we discourage students from bringing cell phones, IPODS, and digital cameras to school as students will not be able to use them during school or on the property. Students need to be fully aware of their surroundings during instructional time and when in the hall, playground, gym, etc. for safety reasons. Also we work and play as a community and these devices can negate respectful interactions with others. We would appreciate it if you would **not allow** your children to bring these items to school. Should your child need to get hold of you, there is a student phone available in the office for guided and emergency use. Parents always have access to their children through the main office. Should your child come to school with these objects they will be without them until the end of the day, at which time they will be sent home with the child. The school will take no responsibility for these items should they become damaged, stolen or lost.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



Most students ride to school on a bus each day. Sometimes students forget what the expectations of riding on the bus are and need to be reminded of some safety rules to keep everyone safe. Please review these expectations with your child (ren).

1. Students are to sit in their seat facing the front of the bus.
2. Place back pack on the lap or in front of their feet on the floor.
3. Keep feet and bags out of the aisle.
4. Stay seated until the bus comes to a full stop.
5. No eating on the bus. (Allergies, choking hazard)
6. Students are expected to adhere to the bus driver’s expectations and respect the safety guidelines that are in place.

* insert regarding bussing included.

HEALTH CONCERNS

If your child has any medical or health concerns, please complete the medical information on the back of the Student Information Sheet each student will be bringing



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BELMORE SKATING CLUB



The Belmore Skating Club is pleased to once again offer the “*Skate Canada*” *Kidskate/Canskate - Learn to Skate* and Test Stream – *Star Skate* programming for the 2011/12 season.

Skating sessions are **Mondays and Wednesdays** (beginning October 17)

Kidskate – 6:00 to 6:30 pm (\$75.00/10 week session) 3 & 4 year olds

Canskate – 6:00 to 6:45 pm (\$165/season) 5 years of age and older

Junior Test “Star Skate” Program – 4:30 to 5:50 pm (\$200/season)

Senior Test “Star Skate” Program – 5:30 to 8:20 pm with a break for the *Kidskate/Canskate* Programs (\$270/season)

- partnering available on the Monday evening
- private lessons available by request

Register now as we have limited space available for Kidskaters!

A **registration night** will be held on September 19th at the Belmore Arena from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Handbooks and receipts will also be distributed this evening.

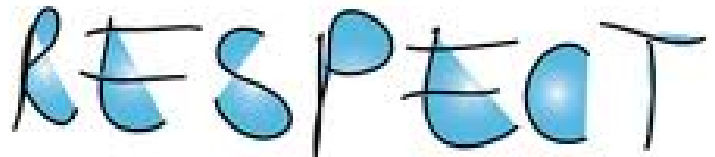
For more information please contact Brenda at 357-1935

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- Chickenpox -

- Fifth Disease-
enough to participate in all activities.

During this school year as noted above the Health Unit wants more regular attendance information regarding reasons for children staying home, so please do always provide a reason for absence.



VIRTUES OF DEEP CARING

September: Respect / Reverence

This month’s virtue across the schools of the Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board is Respect and Reverence. Respect and reverence is valuing ourselves and others as unique persons, created and loved by God. It is also car-

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ing for the environment as God’s gift to us. We respect God when we have a prayerful reverence and awe for God’s greatness and goodness.. Please check the calendar for the theme each week.

- Praise God for His greatness
- Honour ourselves as children of God
- Care for others because we are persons created in God’s image
- Treat all things as a gift from God

DRESS CODE

Parents are reminded that our dress code is in effect at all times, unless permission has been given for different clothing for a special school event. September is still warm and we want to ensure all students dress appropriately and in a modest manner. Shorts should be of mid-thigh length or longer. Shirts should cover shoulders. Tops should overlap bottoms. Hats and sunglasses are good during hot days. Footwear should be securely attached to feet; so if sandals are being worn, they should have a strap on the back to help keep them on the foot. Please ensure that they are ready to be outside in the sun and enjoying the beautiful weather safely.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We have many amazing parents, grandparents and former students who like to volunteer at our school. Without them, many of our wonderful programs and activities would not exist. If you have any time in your busy week that you would like to help out in our school community it would be greatly appreciated. Please find attached or sent home a volunteer sheet inviting your involvement. Thank-

ing you in advance for your time and generosity.



FATHER TERRY CLASS VISITS

You will notice on our monthly calendar that Father Terry has class visits. Each class has at least one visit per term, with the visit taking place at the Church. Father Terry shares his knowledge and the students often ask very inquisitive questions! We are very lucky to have such a supportive relationship with our parish community. It is truly wonderful that our students have a friend in Father Terry.

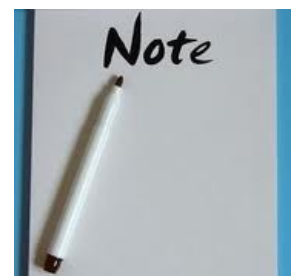
Classes will begin meeting with Father Terry on September 21st. We hope each class can meet with him about three to four times a year.

Board Calendars

We will be sending to each family a one page calendar with an overview of the school year and Board contact information. As well, you will receive our Board’s Virtues Calendar, highlighting the virtues each month and family related activities for each week of the month.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

Experience indicates that problems sometimes develop due to incorrect interpretations of information or a lack of transfer of information from home to school and vice-versa. Should you or your child have a serious concern which they do not seem to be able to resolve, please contact the teacher to arrange an interview. Clarification will frequently resolve the problem in the initial stages before it becomes a major concern.



If you have a concern, we hope that you feel comfortable about discussing it. It is only through dialogue and open communication channels that we can hope to resolve difficulties and allay misunderstanding.

In seeking a resolution to concerns, the proper recourse is the following:

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- a) call or meet with the classroom teacher - if this does not resolve the difficulty,
- b) call or meet with our resource teacher, if not resolved,
- c) call or meet with the principal, if not resolved,
- d) call or meet with our area superintendent (Mrs. C. Montreuil), if not resolved,
- f) call or meet with our Director of Education (Mr. B. MacPherson), if not resolved,
- g) call or meet with your local trustee—Mrs. B. Ecken-swiller.

Sharing your concerns will not only help you feel better but it will help us ensure concerns are heard and dealt with at the earliest possible opportunity.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Diocesan Mass 2011

The Diocese of Hamilton will hold its School Board Mass on September 29th, 2011 in Hamilton. The mass is celebrated by the Bishop of Hamilton, Douglas Crosby.

Safe Schools 2011-2012

- **A Safe School Committee** will be formed once again, this year in September. It will include students, parents and teachers. They will meet monthly and provide structure and coherence to our activities to ensure our school remains a safe place for all students.
- **Bullying**—we will strive to be a school that has NO BYSTANDERS. When bystanders intervene bullying stops and that makes bullying unwelcome and unpopular. We will continue with student awareness and understanding and provide parent information about how they can help at home.
- **School Code of Conduct**—included in the newsletter on page 14. It will be reviewed by students, then School Council and school staff. The Revised version will be posted in each classroom and sent home in October's newsletter.
- **Bus Safety**—during October we have bus evacuation training for all students and this is repeated in the spring of each year.
- **Fire Safety**—We will have two fire drills in September and two again in May to ensure students know what to do should we ever have a fire.
- **Lockdown Procedures**—We will review and practice for a Lockdown, again as a readiness exercise and helping students understand what they must do in that type of situation. Fall and spring practice.

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- Tornado Readiness—help students understand what to do should a tornado warning be declared. This will be a family readiness exercise, headed by Nicole Wise and it will take place during the month of October.
- Other emergency situations will be reviewed and students will be given best practices around what to do in any of these types of situation.

Early preparation and review of safety procedures in a number of different emergency situations will help students feel confident that they will know what to do!

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons are once again being offered at the school this year. Cathy Kempert has 2 spaces available to anyone who has an interest in learning this instrument. Please contact her at 519-506-0572 if you would like to sign up or have any questions about the lessons.

Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations

VISION OF THE LEARNER

THE GRADUATE IS EXPECTED TO BE:

1. A discerning believer formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.
2. An effective communicator who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values.
3. A reflective, creative and holistic thinker who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.
4. A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential.
5. A collaborative contributor who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.
6. A caring family member who attends to family, school, parish, and the wider community.
7. A responsible citizen who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

Class	2010-2011
JK	Addison Durrer Mitchell Metcalfe
SK	Kailynn Moyer Addison Burgess
1	Hailey Schmidt Dalainey Burgess
2	Connor Schnurr Andrea Rejep.
3	Amber Ruetz Tucker Fortney
4	Stephanie Hill Amber Ruetz
5	Darren Ruetz Mackenzie Metcalfe
6	Wesley Diemert
7	Keaton Lyon Laura Diemert
8	Rachel Borth Tori Kupferschmidt

Sacred Heart School, Mildmay

Code of Conduct

Students are to be treated with respect and dignity. In return, they must demonstrate respect for themselves, for others and for the responsibilities of citizenship through acceptable behaviour.

Respect and Responsibility are demonstrated when a student:

1. Comes to school prepared, on time and ready to learn.
2. Shows respect for themselves, for others and for those in authority.
3. Refrains from bringing anything to school that may compromise the safety of others.
4. Follows the established rules and takes responsibility for his or her own action.
5. Exercises self discipline, gets along with others and resolves conflicts peacefully.
6. Demonstrates courtesy through proper manners to fellow students, staff and guests.
7. Affirms and accepts differences among all people.
8. Respects the property of self and others.
9. Acts safely at all times.
10. Always walks through the school in a quiet and orderly fashion.

At right are the students who were recognized for putting our Code of Action into practice each day at school. Congratulation on this honour to each of the recipients.