OUR CALLING AS CATHOLICS

“The Lord has a plan for each of us, he calls each one of us by name. Our task is to be listeners, capable of perceiving his call, to be courageous and faithful, so that we may follow him, and in the end, be found as trustworthy servants who have used well the gifts entrusted to us.” - Pope Benedict XVI

As Catholics, we are a people of hope, who profess to believe in the joy, justice and peace that come from being followers of Jesus. The Bible reminds us each week through the readings that we are called to do as much good in this world as we can, to be the hands, eyes and feet of God in this world. To do good wherever we see the need. To let our light shine and be there for so many who are suffering or as Matthew says “carrying heavy loads”, in so many ways around us each and every day.

Our challenge is not to throw our hands up in despair but to begin with small deeds. We must remember that small deeds done with great love make our world a better place, we just need to do it more often and encourage

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FEBRUARY VIRTUE – EMPATHY

Empathy is identifying another person’s feelings and concerns. It is walking like Jesus who sought to love and understand all people.

At Sacred Heart School we are striving to grow together:
- believing that God listens lovingly to us
- like Jesus, we notice when someone is hurt and needs a friend.
- listening with our ears and our heart to understand and encourage others.
- learning about the needs in our world and committing ourselves to helping all who are suffering.

LENTEN PREPARATIONS

- Shrove Tuesday, February 12th—see pink note sent home.
- Ash Wednesday Mass, February 13th at 9:00 AM, led by Grade 5/6
Family Notes...

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those around us to do the same. Not for fame or glory but for the simple reason that it is necessary.

We will be challenging our students to consider how they can, through simple acts, make our school a more deeply caring place. A place they come daily to learn and grow. A place they must feel safe in and want to come to. They must see themselves as part of the group of people who make our school a great place to be. We will look for inspiration in our faith, Jesus, the apostles, saints, etc and those in our world, Rick Hansen, Bucket Fillers, etc to give our students many role models or examples of faith in action.

As servants of God, we must do this for one another and work with other members of our faith community to make our school as welcoming and caring as we can for each and every person who studies or works here. I encourage you to share this message with your child(ren) and encourage them to always consider the other person’s feelings. How appreciating the feelings and thoughts of others leads to more respect for one another and more understanding. Empathy is something our world needs more of and our students can certainly be some of the people who make the world a little better each day by practicing it.

BUS CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio announcements for bus cancellations are changing slightly. Announcements will now refer to a School Bus Zone.

The bus zone for Sacred Heart School Mildmay is Zone 6
Walkerton, Mildmay, Formosa, Chepstow

When listening to the radio, please listen for that zone name. The message applies to all schools in the Zone. You may not hear our school’s name, as radio announcers may choose to mention individual school names only when necessary.

For more information, or to link to your local radio station for a complete list of the latest cancellations, visit the Student Transportation Consortium of Grey Bruce website.

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

Our Healthy Snack day continues to be a huge success. At times we may have to change days due to volunteer availability, which may affect whether kids have a snack on the regular day. If the day needs to be changed, we will try to advise parents, but sometimes we do not know until first thing in the morning. We will strive to have quick healthy snacks on hand should a child be without a snack.

Dates to keep in mind…

February

4 M Ski Day #3
5 Tu Pizza New Orleans
6 We Virtues Assembly 1:00 PM
7 Th
8 F Food Day—Hot Dogs x 1.25
11 Mo Ski Day #1 (rescheduled)
     Skating Day #1
12 Tu Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day
     School Chess Tourney
13 We Ash Wednesday Mass,
     9:10 AM
14 Th Valentine’s Day
     Pizza Day Godfather’s
15 F Food Day-Chicken Noodle Soup
18 M Family Day—No School
19 Tu Pizza Day—Pizza Delight
     Board Chess Tourney
20 W Report Cards going home.
21 Th
22 F Food Day-Spaghetti
25 M Virtues Assembly, 9:15
26 Tu School Council Meeting
     Pizza Day—New Orleans
27 We
28 Th Virtues Assembly 9:00 AM
1 Fr Food Day—Grilled Cheese
February Virtues Assembly

Our Assembly will be Thursday February 28th
9:15 AM, Senior Gym

Community and School Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 13th at 9:10
Families welcome to join us.

Parent Council
Tuesday, February 26th at 5:15 p.m.
Topics—Safe Schools, Mike Neuts, Easter Egg Decorating, Family Nights, etc.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Thursday, May 9th, 2013

First Communion
Sunday, April 21st, 2013

Those celebrating their birthdays in February are...
3  Mr. Murphy
12  Kyle Durrer
    Mrs. Fischer
13  Jaylynn Fischer
    Christopher Lorentz
15  Mitchell Metcalfe
19  Mrs. Kadlecik
20  Mrs. Weiler
21  McKenna Hickling
25  Jared Liesemer
Senior Volleyball Teams 2012-2013

Thank you to our coaches, Ms. Nadeau and Mrs. Fischer, for preparing our Girls’ team for the Board tournament and Mr. Murphy for preparing the Boys’ team.

Girls’ team members:

Our Girls Team has had their tournament day cancelled twice. We look forward to hearing their results.

Boys’ team members:

Our boys competed on Wednesday January 30th, where they finished third in their pool. As a team they were disappointed with their play on the day, but they were very proud of their effort and improved skills. They also had a great match with Chepstow, with some of the best play between two teams all day. We felt ready to go but experienced inconsistency with our serves and simply gave away too many points. Well done and thanks for your commitment to our team and representing our school so well.

Junior Volleyball Representatives for 2012

Shawn Borth
Alicia Campbell
Zach Hawkins
Stephanie Hill
Miranda Huber
Kassie Kadlecik
Logan King
Madison Metcalfe
Kali Riegling
Alena Ruthven
Rylie Wise

Thanks go out to Mrs. Reidy who accompanied the players to the skills and mini-tournament day. Mrs. Liesemer helped with running our house league and giving the many kids who wanted to play time and training.
**Public Speaking Results 2013**

**Junior Division Grades 4-6**

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**Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Competition 2013**

Congratulations to the following students who won our school competition. Kyle Durrer won his age group in the Walkerton shoot off, he will next compete in Chesptow at the District Competition.

- Age 14: Justin Fischer
- Age 13: Josh Borth
  Charlie Wise
- Age 12: Caleb Hawkins
  MacKenzie Goetz
- Age 11: Kyle Durrer
  Avery Wettenauer
- Age 10: Kali Riegling
  Colin Huber
- Age 9: Zach Hawkins
  McKenna Hickling

Thanks to Ms. Kroepelin who organized our event.

**Public Speaking Results from the Legion Competition**

A few speakers were invited to the Legion competition on Saturday, February 2, 2013 in Walkerton. Our speakers were again successful in presenting their work.

**Results:**

- Grade 4, 5, 6 - Michaela Durrer won the Junior division.
  Alicia Spitzig received an honourable mention.

- Grade 7, 8, 9 - Allie Niesen finished 2nd.

Both Allie and Michaela will now speak at the next level in the Legion Public Speaking Contest on February 23rd, in Harriston.

We wish both speakers continued success and enjoyment of the process. It is great to learn from other speakers as you present yours. Well done girls.

**REPORT CARD 1**

Your child’s report card will be coming home on Wednesday, February 22nd.

The report card looks different from last year:

- Page one reports on the two most critical components of our Catholic Education - Religion and Learning Skills.
- Page two and three report have marks and comments for the subject areas. Marks for grades 1 to 6 are reported as A, B, C, and D. Marks for grades 7 & 8 are reported as a percentage.

Page three bottom and page four are areas to be completed by the student and parent.

- Page 3: Student comment
- Page 4: Parent comment & request for interview

Interviews will be held after school on Thursday, February 23. These interviews are by parent or teacher request only. Should your child’s teacher request an interview you will receive that information with your report card.

Interviews will be arranged for all parents and staff who request them.
In 2012, Mike presented to our students and our parents and had an amazing impact on our school community. As a Safe School Committee and School Council we wanted to have Mike back to talk with individual classes and then to speak once again to parents and older children in the evening. Dinner and presentation is $15.

For those who are not familiar with Mike’s story, in 1998, ten year old Myles Neuts died after he was found hanging from a hook in a washroom stall at an elementary school in Chatham. Mike and his family have worked tirelessly since then, to effect change. He talks about bullying, standing up for each other, understanding differences and the need for empathy.

Mike is a powerful presenter, do plan to join us.

Tuesday, March 26, 2013
5:00 PM
Sacred Heart Church Basement

Parents from other school communities are welcome to join us for the evening presentation.