



# Sacred Heart School / 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.*

Principal .....Murray Kuntz  
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Director of Education .....Jamie McKinnon  
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*Dear God,*

*In winter time when nature seems to sleep  
and the world awaits the new life of spring,  
I am reminded of Your patient love which always waits  
for my response.*

*Help me to learn the lessons of winter:  
to be patient with people who bother me,  
and wait my turn without complaining,  
accepting that Your timing may be different than mine.*

*Teach me to live in the Spirit of Jesus your Son,  
who with patient acceptance,  
carried out Your mission in the world.  
Amen.*

## Patience



Patience is quiet hope and trust that everything will turn out well, even when it is now difficult. It is also showing acceptance of ourselves and 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.

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

### Thank You Catholic Women’s League and Parent Council

Thanks to the Sacred Heart CWL and our Parent Council for providing our student body with a delicious Turkey Dinner on December 21st. Thanks to the many volunteers who gave freely of their time.

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to Mrs. Lindsay Brigden who returns from her maternity leave today. Mrs. Brigden will be taking over as our Resource Teacher. Thanks to Mrs. Ashley Grant who filled this role for the first four months of the school year.

### REMIND

Bus cancellations will be shared via the school REMIND system. If you have yet to sign up for REMIND you can text @shmf to (519)800-3236.

Wishing you and your family all the best in 2017! May God continue to bless our school community in the year ahead.

## Me-to-We

Thank you to all who donated used clothing in our recent clothing drive! Our "Me to We" Team is pleased to advise that we collected almost 1200 lbs. of clothing which has been donated to The Kidney Foundation. Our school will receive money for every pound of clothing we collect and the Me to We team has chose to use this money to help fundraise global needs in Sierra Leone.

Thank you to all who donated! Your donations support Sacred Heart Mildmay, the Kidney Foundation of Canada, the environment and families in need around the world. Stay tuned for another clothing drive that we hope to have in the Spring.



### Hour of Code

The students here at Sacred Heart participated in Hour of Code computer science week from December 5-9th. All of the classes participated using special coding apps on the iPads or visiting the BGCSB Hour of Code website on the Chromebooks. They joined millions of other students from around the world for a week of coding.

On Friday, December 9, Jaxon Huber, Luke Herman, Desiree Schumacher, Keira Bross, Matthew Lorentz, and Fayth-Marie Dietz represented Sacred Heart School at SHHS in Walkerton where they joined a board-wide celebration of coding and computer science. The highlights of the day included learning how to use a robotic Sphero, a Makey Makey kit and code using Osmo. Everyone had a wonderful time and the students will make excellent teachers when this

### *Grade 9 Registration for September 2017*

**Grade 8 Parent and Student Information Nights** will be held at SHHS in Walkerton on

**Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup> in the Cafeteria beginning at 6:30 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.

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

**Tip #88** – Children thrive on routine because it gives them a sense of control and security in their lives. As parents we can offer great benefits to our children by providing routines, setting limits and ensuring there is structure to our family commitments and obligations. When we model these actions to our children they learn organizational skills that will help them as they move into adulthood and take control of their own lives.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

### MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

**Tips #68** – Life sometimes throws so much “stuff” at us that we feel we are running on a treadmill that just won’t stop. Down time seems non-existent, and experts tell us that most adults are not at their best because they are constantly sleep deprived. If you see yourself in that statement, then it is time to stop for a moment and ask how this busy life is impacting your married relationship. Do you make your spouse a priority, or do they get the leftovers, of which there are often none? Do you find yourself impatient with the one you love because you are stressed and tired? Marriage is a commitment to the other made in love – are you putting your spouse first, or last? It is an important question to resolve if you want a connected, loving, joyful marriage.

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### School Costs

Our school recognizes that expenses for such things as field trip costs and other school fees can cause unnecessary stress in some households. If you find yourself in this position, please contact Mr. Kuntz (by phone or note) to see what arrangements can be worked out. Confidentiality will be maintained.