



# 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.*

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Trustee: *Bev Eckensweiler*

Dear God,  
I praise You for showing me  
what is right and wrong  
through the examples and teachings  
of Jesus, and the Church.  
Form my conscience in the truth,  
so that I can make choices which are  
loving and good even when it is hard.  
Give me courage to stand up for what I believe,  
and work for justice in all circumstances.  
Help me to walk in the Spirit of your Son,  
who always lived life with integrity.  
Amen.

## Catholic Education Opening Doors of Mercy May 1 to 6, 2016

Pope Francis has declared 2016 a "Holy Year of Mercy" as a way for the Catholic church to "make more evident, its mission to be a witness of mercy". The Holy Year began on December 8, 2015 and will be celebrated until November 20, 2016. Throughout the year, there will be a series of jubilee celebrations on the theme of mercy for teenagers, deacons, the sick and disabled, prisoners, catechists and clergy.

As well, Pope Francis opened the Vatican's Holy Door on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The Holy Door is opened to evoke the concept of forgiveness which is the main focus of a Holy Year. The theme God's mercy is illustrated in fifteen of the sixteen bronze panels that make up the Vatican Door. There are seven such Holy Doors in the world, including one in Quebec City.

***Catholic Education Week 2016 combines both the theme of mercy and the act of opening doors of reconciliation, mercy and forgiveness to all around us. We invite you to participate in these activities, please see schedule on page 2 of the newsletter.***

## Virtue of the Month: Integrity



Integrity is following the example of Jesus, by standing firm for what we believe, even when it is hard. A person of integrity follows his or her conscience, making choices which are loving and life-giving.

## COATS 4 KIDS are gathering donations.

Coats 4 Kids are gathering gently used coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mitts to give to those who need them in the fall. All donations are given out in our area.



Drop-off boxes for collection can be found in Hanover Grocery stores, Giant Tiger and schools in Durham, Walkerton, Hanover, Ayton, Mildmay, and Chepstow.

Please help keep kids warm in winter ... your donations to COATS 4 Kids is greatly appreciated!

## Upcoming Events

Early Dismissal	May 4 <sup>th</sup> ..... 1:20 pm
Talent Show	June 17 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am
Volunteer Appreciation	June 17 <sup>th</sup> 12—1 pm
Kindergarten Celebration	June 17 <sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm
Kincardine T & F Meet	June 21 <sup>st</sup>
Grade 8 Graduation	June 28 <sup>th</sup> Time to Be Determined

## Catholic Education Week: *Opening The Doors of Mercy*

*"Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will receive mercy."  
- Matthew 5:7*

The subthemes for Catholic Education Week 2016 are as follows:

- Monday: Mercy that Welcomes**  
Jesus and the Woman at the Well: John 4: 1-42  
AM Prayer Service—Grade 7/8  
Applause Breakfast  
PM Whole School Buddy Reading & Follow-Up
- Tuesday: Mercy that Loves**  
The Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37  
AM Prayer Service—Grade 6/7  
PM Whole School Math Buddies—games, puzzles, etc.
- Wednesday: Mercy that Forgives**  
The Prodigal Son: Luke 15:11-32  
AM Prayer Service—Grade 4/5  
Heart & Stroke Skippers  
PM Early Dismissal Day (1:20 pm)
- Thursday: Mercy that Lives the Gospel**  
Zacchaeus: Luke 19:1-10  
AM Prayer Service—Grade 2/3  
Director/Trustee Visit  
PM Whole School Living Rosary  
Mother's Day Card Making with Buddies
- Friday: Mercy that Rejoices**  
Healing of the Paralytic: Luke 5: 17-26  
AM Prayer Service—Grade 1/2  
Kyle Grant—Olympic Athlete Presenting to  
Grade 1-8 students (9:00-10:00 am)  
PM Whole School Sing-Along, Dance, DPA

Throughout the whole week, all classes decorate door/bulletin board in relation to theme—writing prompt.  
Bake Sale to raise money for Breakfast Club.  
Random Acts of Kindness.

### Catholic Education Week Prayer

God of Love and compassion, help us to open the door of mercy in our school communities, in our families and in the world. Let mercy guide our living and bring us closer to the heart of the gospel. May we live as Jesus with mercy that welcomes, loves, forgives and calls us to live the gospel joyfully. Amen.



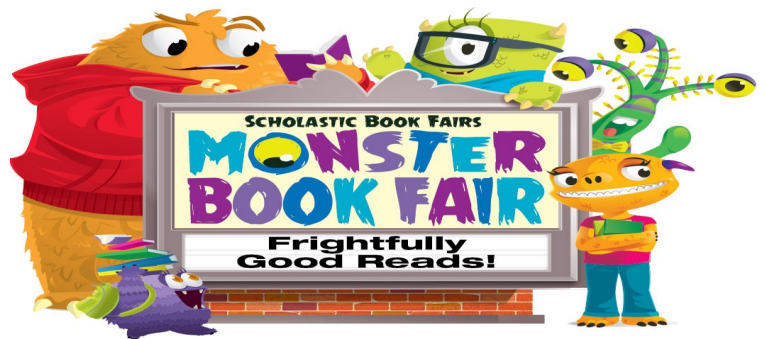
### Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Sacred Heart School in Mildmay for a limited time -

**Monday, May 9, 2016 – Thursday, May 12, 2015.**

We invite you to join us and view some of the affordable books and products with your children. In addition, for every \$10.00 spent at the Book Fair, at least \$4.00 in books goes directly back to our library. We enter every student's name in the Family Draw. They have the opportunity to win \$25.00 worth of books for themselves and \$25.00 worth of books for their classroom. We also have door prizes which consist of six-\$10.00 gift certificates to be spent at the Book Fair. Volunteers are welcome! If you would like to help with our Book Fair, please call the office at 519-367-2685.

We look forward to seeing you during our Book Fair and thank you in advance for supporting this very important fundraiser. Mostly, thank you for believing in books and the importance reading has for your child's future.



Sacred Heart School is proud to welcome **Margriet Ruurs** to our school as part of Children's Book Week, May 9-13. Margriet is the creator of many children's books and loves to tell children about being a writer and share her love of playing with words. Margriet's books include historical fiction, and fiction and non-fiction picture books. Margriet lives on Salt Spring Island, BC where she runs a booklovers' Bed and Breakfast. Margriet will be joining us on Thursday, May 12 to share her passion for children's books.

## Bus Buzz - May

Do you anticipate any upcoming changes to:

- ♦ Arrangements for child care?
- ♦ Moving?
- ♦ Joint custody arrangements?
- ♦ Moving over the summer?

All changes must be initiated through your child's school.

More information regarding school bus transportation can be found at [www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca](http://www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca).



# May 2016

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