

# THE PANTHERS' PRIDE



*We are smart. We do our part. We take pride in Sacred Heart!*

SACRED HEART SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We wish you all the very best in the new year. Sacred Heart Parish would like to extend their gratitude for the generosity of the families and staff at Sacred Heart School. The donations of canned goods helped to fill the 34 Christmas Food Baskets prepared by volunteers at Sacred Heart Parish and delivered to those in need in our community.

## JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

On Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., we will be accepting registrations for children born in 2009. With the support from our board, we are happy to announce that we will be offering a new and exciting program this Spring. If your child is registered for Junior Kindergarten at Sacred Heart School for this September, then your child will have an opportunity to attend a Saturday morning program that will run for six Saturdays. The goal of this program is to give your child the chance to interact with their classmates before school begins! Your child will be introduced to the school community while engaging in fun learning activities in French. For more information you can call the school or visit the board website at [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca).



The best type of promotion always comes from within, so if you know anyone who is considering registering their child in Junior Kindergarten, please inform them of our registration date and times. Thank you for continuing to support Sacred Heart School. For registration, please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and baptismal certificate. Should you need to register your child but you are unable to attend on that day, you may always register online on the NCDSB website ([www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca)). Should you choose to register online, we would still require the necessary formal documentation listed above but it could be brought in at a later date.

## WE FLIP IN FEBRUARY

Just a reminder that all grade 3 to 6 classes will "flip" after the **P.A. Day February 1<sup>st</sup>**. On Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, your child's morning classroom teacher will now be their afternoon teacher and vice versa. This is done half way through the school year to ensure that there is an equal amount of English and French instructional time.

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

The virtue we are working towards during the month of January is **COURAGE**.

Examples of how we want to show courage are:

- ♥ Knowing that sometimes doing the right thing is hard but with courage we can do the right thing. The easy way is not always the right way.
- ♥ Stand up respectfully when we see something wrong being done.
- ♥ When someone is treating someone poorly, try not to watch what is going on. Speak up and stop it.
- ♥ We know what God expects of us. Have the courage to try and live up to it.
- ♥ Followers of Christ remember the Golden Rule and treat others the way they would like to be treated.



## SHS WELCOMES BACK THE NHL

Let me tell you, it has been a very LONG three months listening to Mrs. Belisle and Mr. Garon whining about there being no hockey! ☺ To celebrate that we all survived the lock-out, we will be playing a staff vs. students hockey game out in the yard at lunch on Friday. Feel free to come and watch and make sure you cheer for the good guys (staff)! All students will need to remember to wear their hockey jerseys, shirts, or colours on Friday.



## BUG AND A WISH UPDATE

In the November newsletter, we informed you about a program we like to call "bug and a wish". You were told that the goal of the "bug and a wish" program is to teach students how to resolve conflicts in a positive way. Part of the program requires students to report when they are being 'bugged' and how they are being 'bugged'. During the month of November, we had 30 incidences reported by students. Of the 30 incidences reported, 50% indicated someone said something mean to someone, 23% of the incidences were for hitting and 27% were for a variety of incidences (pushing, inappropriate language, etc.). We are happy to say that our 'physical' infractions have decreased dramatically (approx. 30% down from 57% in October) however, it is very unfortunate that saying and being mean to others is on the rise (it was 14% in October). We are taking the necessary measures to inform students how words can hurt and how this is a form of bullying. We hope next month's results are better.