

Sacred Heart Catholic School Newsletter

Important Information and Upcoming Events

September 2010

Virtue Program

A Virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of themselves. The virtuous person tends toward the good with all their sensory and spiritual powers; they pursue the good and choose it in concrete actions.

All of the schools within the Northeastern Catholic District School Board are part of the Virtue Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

The Virtue Program is new to Sacred Heart Catholic School and we are pleased to be involved with this Board initiative.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we are focusing this month on the virtue of Faith. The quote from John's gospel reminds us, "*Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe.*" John 20:29 We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. This is how we become true witnesses to Christ, extend the kingdom of God and build a more humane world. The Virtue of Faithfulness will be incorporated into our Morning Announcements, our September Calendar and in classroom lessons.

Peace One Day

An organization called Peace One Day has begun a global initiative to set September 21st aside as a day to promote peace. They are looking to teach our young about peace initiatives and life saving measures. All life is sacred and our children are our most important resources in this world, for they are the future of the world. In order to actively involve our children with this initiative Sacred Heart Catholic School have a mass scheduled at the Holy Name of Jesus Church on **Tuesday, September 21st at 1:00 p.m.** Please join us for this celebration of our faith. This, I believe, is an incredibly valuable resource to teach our students to be understanding of other cultures around the world and to grow to be more tolerant than previous generations of people have been. Peace One Day makes sense and it looks to protecting the lives of the world's children, our future!

FAITH

People of Faith...



- ✦ Know that we are all part of God's family
- ✦ Want to be good like Jesus
- ✦ Pray regularly and from the heart
- ✦ Know there is good in everyone
- ✦ See good in the world
- ✦ Use and respect other people's right names
- ✦ Are confident that God loves us all
- ✦ Believe that God loves us no matter what
- ✦ Learn from Bible stories
- ✦ Learn from the family of the Catholic Church

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School Yard Improvement Committee

The School Yard Improvement Committee consisting of Marcel Desjardins, Don Berlingeri, Barb Jordan, Lori Brohm, Lori-Ann Parkes, Lori Gavin and Anne Bougie met a number of times last year. A three part plan for school yard improvement was developed and to date, we have completed the first half of Part 1. Three trees were purchased and planted by Aidae Creek Gardens but the tree seat rings still need to be built. We are awaiting the results of two grant applications before moving forward. Our two fund raisers last year, a Money Raffle and a Spaghetti Dinner, netted a profit of \$175.82. If you would like to volunteer for this committee, please call the school and leave your name. We usually meet at 6:30 prior to the Catholic School Council Meeting for 30

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~ JOHN 20:29 ~

- BEING A CATHOLIC IS FOUNDED IN FAITH - FAITH IN THE LORD.
- REMEMBER THAT IT IS THROUGH OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS THAT OUR FAITH BECOMES EVIDENT.
- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE CENTURION'S WORDS TO JESUS, "LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND I SHALL BE HEALED."
- IT IS OUR FAITH IN GOD THAT BRINGS COMFORT TO OUR LIVES.

FAITHFULNESS



Open House/Book Fair/Grade 8 Parent Meeting

You are cordially invited to our Fall Open House/Book Fair on **Thursday, September 23rd from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** It is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers and to purchase quality literature. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. We have scheduled a Grade 8 Parent Meeting for 6:30 p.m. in Room 10. Fund raising activities and a volunteer chair will be required for the committee. \$25 000 is the target for our Grade 8 Trip and it requires the cooperation of the Grade 8 students, parents and teachers to make it a reality.

Changing Minds, Changing Hearts

Kirkland Lake Pro-Life and Alliance for Life are presenting the North Eastern Ontario Pro-Life Conference on **Saturday, September 25th, 2010 from 10:00-3:00** at Sacred Heart Catholic School. The guest speakers are Michael Coren, Journalist for Life, Jakki Jeffs, the Executive Director of Alliance for Life and Dr. Leigh Clark, Physician for Life. Registration is \$20 which includes coffee, muffins and a lunch buffet. The deadline for registration is September 18th and forms may be picked up at the school office. Our Grade 7/8 students are fortunate to have a presentation by Jakki Jeffs on Friday, September 24th at 1:00 p.m. in our school library. Parents are welcome to attend.



*School Photographs
Wednesday, October 6th by
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