

# Sacred Heart Catholic School Newsletter

Important Information and Upcoming Events

December 2010

## Virtue for the Month of December Charity

As we enter the season of Advent to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus, it is rather suitable that this month's virtue is CHARITY. Many of us are already engaging in the mad rush to purchase gifts to put under the tree on the 25<sup>th</sup>, but let us be mindful of the fact that charity is not always about giving material things. Our quote for the month is "Where charity and love are God is there". As St. Thomas Aquinas described it "Charity is friendship first with God and secondly with all who belong to God." (2a2ae, 25,4). How can we practice charity and generosity in our community without necessarily giving material things? This month at Sacred Heart Catholic School, we will be demonstrating charity by collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank. Each Monday, during our Advent Service, the students are called to the front to donate their items to help less fortunate families within our community during the Christmas season. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



*Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> is the  
last day of classes.  
Classes resume on Wednesday,  
January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.*

## One Solitary Life

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant teacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never travelled, except in his infancy, more than two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompanies greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

While he was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through a mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, his seamless robe. When he was dead, he was taken down from the cross and laid in a borrowed grave through the courtesy of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of all human progress. I am well within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever were built, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has this one solitary personality.

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## Staff Versus Student Volleyball Game

The three student school teams are being challenged by the staff to a volleyball game on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Fans are welcome to come out and cheer your favourite team onto victory!

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## Concert



The Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Please come and join us for a wonderful evening of entertainment. All family members and neighbours are welcome to attend. The Grade 8 Fund Raising Committee will be sponsoring a **Silent** Auction plus selling fudge, suckers, etc.

## Turkey Dinner

The students and staff will be treated to our third annual Turkey Dinner at lunch time on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks is extended to the CWL ladies for volunteering their time and culinary skills to prepare the food. The cost for the dinner is paid for from student funds.



*Wishing you peace and happiness during this joyous season.*

*Merry Christmas!*



## Grade 8 Fund Raising

**Fund Scrip Cards** for over 100 big name stores that donate 1% to 10% of the value of your purchases to the Sacred Heart Grade 8 School Trip are available to purchase. Ms. Tabitha Goulden is present on Fridays from 11:30 to 12:30 in the hallway by the office to purchase gift cards for Your Independent Grocer, Foodland, Canadian Tire, Esso, etc. You can also order on line at: [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) or by phoning Tabitha at 642-5612. She will even deliver them to you if you live in town! Cash only please.

The Grade 8 students sell a variety of **healthy snacks** daily at lunch time in the gymnasium. Students may purchase the snacks which cost \$0.50 to \$2.

A **Grade 7/8 Dance** will take place on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The admission will be \$5.00 and the dress is "Smart Casual" as it is a Christmas Dance. Smart Casual means dressing up in "your Sunday best". It is not to be mixed up with "semi-formal". Water and other treats will be available to purchase.

A **Christmas Bake Sale** is scheduled for Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the front foyer. All donations of nut free baking will be gratefully accepted.



**Bubble Gum Day** will be held on Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Licenses must be purchased for \$1 to have permission to chew. Gum may be purchased for \$1.25 a pack or individually for 25 cents or 10 cents.

