



Home of the **PANTHERS!**

September 2015 Newsletter

Greetings and welcome back!

The staff and I would like to welcome you back to another exciting school year. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all those students and families who are new to our community.

It is with great enthusiasm and commitment that I begin this year with you as principal. I have heard many wonderful things about this community and I am looking forward to working in partnership with you and your children. I believe that working together is essential in promoting the best learning experience for your children. It is my hope that, together, we can build a strong partnership that allows our young people to be successful in school.

The Sacred Heart staff is dedicated to educating and developing faith-centered students from the Catholic perspective. At Sacred Heart, we would like to continue to further develop and foster the commitment you have made by instilling Catholic values and creating an atmosphere that will generate positive growth for all our students

We look forward to an exciting and joyful year at Sacred Heart School, enriching our partnership with the Church, the home, and the community.

Yours in faith and education,

Mr. Berthier
Principal

OUR SCHOOL STAFF

Teaching Staff

FDK – Mrs. Vetter	FDK - Mrs. Puckalo	Grade 1 – Mrs. Guevremont
Grade 1 - Mrs. Vallier	Grade 2 – Mrs. Baker	Grade 3 – Mrs. Saudino
Grade 3/4 – Mrs. Lamothe	Grade 4/5 – Miss Salvati	Grade 6 – Mrs. Furlott
Physical Education – Mr. Garon	Art & Music – Mrs. Vachon	Resource Teacher – Mrs. Savard

Support Staff

Mrs. Boucher - Child and Youth Worker	Mrs. Leonard-Maille – Educational Assistant
Mrs. Quensel - Educational Assistant	Mrs. Paquette - Early Childhood Educator

Secretary

Mrs. Belisle

Custodians

Mr. Morin

Mr. Westerling

OUR SCHOOL DAY

8:50 - Entry & Opening Exercises
10:10-10:25 - Morning Recess
11:45-12:15 - Lunch Recess
12:15-12:45 - Lunch Inside
2:05-2:20 - Afternoon Recess
3:20 – Dismissal

As a safety issue, we would like to remind you that the supervision of the school yard does not begin until 8:30 a.m. It would be best if students who walk or are dropped off at school do not arrive to school before then.

Monthly Virtue: 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.

During the month of September, how will you practice the virtue of faithfulness?

Student Information Forms

Student Information Forms have already been mailed to the parents/guardians of all returning students, so you should be receiving them shortly. Please review the form, make any necessary changes directly on the form and return it to school with your child by **September 11th**. It is VERY important that we have updated contact information as well as the completed section labelled "Consent Information". If you have not received this form by the end of the second week of September, inform the office and we will send a form home with your child.

Medical Concerns

Should your child have a severe allergy, a serious medical condition or require medication to be administered at school (even if occasionally), the appropriate information and Dispensation of Medication forms must be completed according to NCDSB policy. Please contact the school office at your earliest convenience to complete the necessary forms.

Catholic School Council

The time has come to choose the parent/guardian representatives for the Catholic School Council at Sacred Heart School. The Catholic School Council provides parents with the opportunity to become more involved in the life of the school. It allows you to give feedback to the school, present your views or ideas to improve the students' experience at school and involves you in the discussion of educational issues. Please have the attached Declaration Form sent back to the school before September 25th.

Student Attendance

The Education Act states that students must attend school regularly and be punctual. It is imperative for the safety of students that parents please call the school if your child is absent. Only the initial call is necessary in the case of a stated prolonged absence.

If a child has not arrived at school and a phone call or a note has not been received, the secretary will attempt to alert parents by telephone at home or at your place of employment, if necessary.

When a pupil returns to school, he/she should find out what work was missed and complete it within a reasonable amount of time, as decided by the teacher. Extended periods of absence for reasons other than health, require permission of the principal.

Punctuality

All students are expected to be punctual and to adhere to the school hours. They should quickly be seated and ready for morning activities. Attendance is taken daily. Students who are late for a valid reason must bring a note. They are to report to the office where their time of arrival and reason for being late will be recorded at the office. They will be issued a late slip, which will be necessary for admission to class.

Persistent tardiness and absences may result in a discussion, consultation or other consequence perhaps involving parents/guardians, school board attendance counsellor, etc.

Weekly Communication Folders

We will once again be using the weekly communication folder system so that critical information and newsletters make it home. Each Wednesday, your child's teacher will send home information from the office, permission forms, newsletters, community flyers, tests to sign, completed work, etc. Simply complete your part of the tracker, sign items which need to be returned to school, remove all other items and send the communication folder back to school on Thursday morning. As the year progresses, we hope to decrease the amount of paper sent home; we are planning to have information available on our school website. It can be accessed by going to www.ncdsb.on.ca – click on "our Catholic Schools", then "Sacred Heart – Timmins". Be sure to check your child's bag each Wednesday. We are also in the process of having a school twitter account. Stay tuned for more details.