



# Home of the **PANTHERS!**

January 2016 Newsletter

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## **Principal's Message**

Welcome to 2016! The staff and I hope that each and every one of you had a restful and memorable Christmas break surrounded by family and friends. As we look ahead to this new term, we would like to thank the many staff, students and parents who have helped to make Sacred Heart School such a great place for children to learn. Sacred Heart School is the heart of the community, success for each, a place for all. We would also like to thank our Catholic School Council for all of their work up to this point in supporting student achievement, preparing pathways, and supporting student activities through their fundraising activities. We look forward to the new activities in the winter and spring terms. From the staff to your families, we wish you a blessed 2016!

Yours in faith and education,

Mr. Berthier  
Principal

### **Our New Year Prayer**

Dear God,  
Please give the leaders of our world  
A courage born of peace  
That they might lead us gently  
And all the fighting cease.  
Thank you Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
We ask for a year of joy  
Thy peace, thy joy divine  
Springing undimmed through all the days  
By thy days of shade or shine.  
Happy New Year!

### **We want your e-mail address!**

Currently, Sacred Heart School posts the newsletters and other information on the Board's website under the tab "Our Schools". We are working on creating an internet option that will allow us to send electronic information throughout the year via the internet. It's an easy and great way to share information in a timely manner from our school to our families. We are currently working on the technical aspect of this and should be resolved shortly. We encourage all Parents and Guardians who have not yet done so, to send us your name and e-mail address in order for our list to be complete.

## **Junior Kindergarten or Kindergarten Registration**

We will be holding our registration for children new to Junior Kindergarten or Kindergarten for September 2016 on;



**Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Junior Kindergarten** registration is for children born in 2012 and **Kindergarten** registration is for children born in 2011 (who have **not** attended JK at Sacred Heart School).

The following items will be required for registration: a birth certificate for your child, a Catholic Baptismal Certificate, your child's immunization records and proof of address. Tours of the school will be set up during this day. If you are unable to stay for or make it in, other tours will be every Tuesday and Thursday at 10am or 2pm.

Please call the school to set up an appointment and tour at (705) 264-5869.



### **Important Dates for January**

January 4<sup>th</sup> – First day of classes. January 8<sup>th</sup> – School mass at Sacred Heart Parish.

January 21<sup>st</sup> – Pajama day.

January 26<sup>th</sup> – Full Day Kindergarten Registration from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

January 26<sup>th</sup> – Accommodation Review Committee Meeting for Sacred Heart School will take place in the school Library beginning at 6:30

January 26<sup>th</sup> – Wear your 'Stop Bullying Here' t-shirt

January 29<sup>th</sup> – P.A. Day

## **Reminders:**

### **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

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Open from 8:00 am to 11:45 am  
Closed from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm  
Open from 12:45 pm to 4:00 pm

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.

If you are coming into the school, you are reminded that you must report to the office and not go to your child's classroom or locker. We appreciate your support on this.

### **Monthly Virtue: Forgiveness /Le pardon**

Forgiveness is to release the need to be right, even if we know we are and to focus, not on our anger, but on what's possible for ourselves and others if we make amends. When we forgive, no matter how difficult, we experience freedom from our pain and sorrow and become people who are more love-based rather than fear-based, creating a better world. Ask to be forgiven, forgive others, and forgive yourself because peace cannot exist without forgiveness.

Quote: "Forgiveness is not always easy. At times, it feels more painful than the wound we suffered, to forgive the one that inflicted it. And yet, there is no peace without forgiveness." Marianne Williamson

### **School Improvement Plan**

The 2016 School Improvement Plan is posted and you can locate it on the Board's website under "School".

### **HOME AND SCHOOL - WORKING TOGETHER FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS**

#### **Building Understanding and Excitement for Children – Math and Science**

##### *Snow-globe science*

Whether or not it's snowing outside, your young scientist can create a 'blizzard' inside with this fun project.

Have your child fill two jars with water and two with mineral or baby oil. Then, he/she can put a drop of glycerin (available at drugstores) in one water jar and one oil jar. Now it's time to add the 'snow' (1/2 tsp. glitter or crushed egg shells) to each jar and seal tightly. One by one, your child should shake the four jars and set them down to observe.

Which liquid creates the longest blizzard? The speed of the falling snow depends on the **viscosity** of the liquid. The more **viscous** (or resistant to flow) it is, the more friction there is – and the longer the blizzard lasts!

*Primed!*

“Is that a prime or composite number?” Playing this game can help your child remember the difference. Follow these instructions.

1. Have your child make a 100s chart by drawing 10 rows of 10 boxes and numbering them 1-100 (1-10 on the first row, 11-20 on the next row, and so on).
2. The object is to find the most prime numbers. TIP: Go over what a prime number is – a whole number that can be divided only by itself and 1. (All other numbers are composite, except for 1, which is neither prime nor composite.)
3. To play, take turns choosing a number on the chart. Circle it in red if it's prime, or colour it in blue if it's composite. Score 5 points for finding a prime number and 2 points for a composite number. NOTE: Use scratch paper to figure out if the numbers can be divided by any number other than 1 and themselves.
4. When all the squares are taken, high scores wins.

**A Message from the Spirit Team.....**

In January, you should look forward to Pajama Day! So get your snuggly onesie on and come to school on January 21<sup>st</sup>!

Also in January, there will be a student vs teacher basketball game. The teachers will take on the newly assembled Panther Basketball team. Get ready for Mr. Garon's reverse dunks!

Finally, wear your “Bullying Stops Here” t-shirts on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Provincial Report Card #1**

Elementary report cards will be going home for term 1 on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you as parent to call and speak to your child's teachers prior to you receiving the report card. Parent meetings are also welcomed.

**“What is going on at Sacred Heart?”**

In the next issue, you will see our math and science pods that we created to extend your child's thinking in math and science. Also, we are connecting with Science Timmins to have them come to the school to present to the students and for us to take a few trips there. The pods and the Science Timmins opportunities will compliment what we are doing in the curriculum. Wait until you see what is going on!

**Catholic School Council**

2015-16 Catholic Parent Council members;

Co-Chairs – Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Dupont

Members – Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Fenton, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Lauziere, Mrs. Savard, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Chenier and Mr. Westerling

Our next meeting will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.