



Home of the **PANTHERS!**

April 2016 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Last week marked the most incredible week of the year for Catholics all around the world, Holy Week! What a sacrifice Jesus made for us, beginning with the preparation of Holy Thursday, the deep despair of Good Friday, the moments of waiting through Saturday and the joyous explosion of Easter Sunday. We learn from Jesus' passion, death and resurrection that new life can spring forth from death and we can find meaning in tough times through the light of Jesus.

Thank you to our parent community for your continued support and generosity during Lent. Over the 40 days, the Sacred Heart Community was able to present boxes of food to Father John and the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish food bank.

With three months left in our school year, I want to make every effort to invite you, our school community, to visit our school for our upcoming events, including our Catholic Parent Council parent meeting, Catholic Education Week open house (May 2 to 6), and the Grade 6 orientation night. Kindly watch for more information through your child's communication book, the school's facebook page and e-mails from the school for additional events.

Our School Prayer:

Dear Lord, we strive to do your will. We don't follow the goals of this world because people often make material gain or power their goals. We choose your path, a path that is worthwhile, a path of love and service. In this way, all that we do is good, all that comes from what we do will be good.

Amen

Yours in faith and education,

Mr. Berthier
Principal

School Updates

Transportation: If your child receives a bus, it is important that they take the bus to and from school each and every day. If you have to pick up your child, please ensure that they are aware of this prior to them getting on the bus in the morning and then contact the school with this information. This will eliminate confusion at the end of the day.

As a friendly reminder, Mrs. Belisle is at lunch from 11:45 to 12:45. During this time the office is closed, therefore the phones and door are not monitored regularly. If you need to drop something off or you have to pick up your child, please do so before 11:40. Your understanding will be appreciated.

Please do not send toys to school with your child. There has been increase number of issues as a result of students trading or losing them. Your continued support on this will be appreciated.

Our Grade six students will be traveling to Camp Miniyowe from June 13th to the 15th. A brochure with a tentative schedule and meal plan will be provided to your child shortly.

Registrations for our Full Day Junior/Senior Kindergarten are ongoing. If you have a child that is eligible for JK (must be 4 years old by December 31, 2015), please come by the office to pick up a registration package.

Grade 6 orientation day and parent night will take place on April 27th at O'Gorman Intermediate School. The student session will take place throughout the day and the parent information session will take place in the evening beginning at 6:30 pm.

Catholic Parent Council would like to invite you to a parent meeting on April 12th to discuss the Accommodation Review Process and the future of Sacred Heart School. The meeting will take place in the school gym and it will begin at 6:30. Your input and presence will be appreciated. See you there!

As we continue to prepare our Grade 3 and 6 students for the EQAO assessments, these students will be participating in the Mock EQAO tests in reading, writing and mathematics. The assessments will take place on April 1st and April 5th.

Reminders:

Monthly Virtue: Hope

The Importance of HOPE:

Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life. We are at our happiest when we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not only on our strength, but on the help of the grace from the Holy Spirit. Hope is God's gift to us at Baptism and unites us with the risen Christ. Hopeful people work for peace and justice on earth despite facing many obstacles. They trust that God's plan will be fulfilled, even if not in their lifetime.

HOME AND SCHOOL - WORKING TOGETHER FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS

Building Understanding – EQAO is around the corner.

The primary division assessment tests the reading, writing and mathematics skills students are expected to have learned by the end of Grade 3. The junior division assessment tests the reading, writing and mathematics skills students are expected to have learned by the end of Grade 6. Both assessments are based on the *Ontario Curriculum*. The dates for these assessments will take place from May 25 to June 8th. Students are expected to be at school on these dates. Please plan trips, etc. outside of these times. Parent and student resources are available at the EQAO website. These resources include information about this year's test; sample tests from previous years; and tips on how to prepare for the test. To access the website, go to <http://www.eqao.com> and click on "Student Resources" or "Parent Resources" at the top of the page.

Champs!

Basketball Season: The Panthers basketball team did exceptional at the annual Board Tournament. The boy's team placed 1st and 2nd, while the girl's team placed first. Congratulations PANTHERS! Speaking of basketball, you will be receiving an e-mail brochure for the 20th annual P.R.I.D.E. basketball camp. This is a great opportunity for your child to continue to develop their individual and team skills. The brochure also includes information about the All Sports Camp. For more information, please contact Mr. Weltz at 705-268-4501.

A Message from the Spirit Team.....

After a heart breaking loss to the staff members, the students will be taking on the staff at blind volleyball. This game will take place on April 15th!
April 22nd is Earth Day and we are asking students to wear something that is brown, green or blue.
Do not forget to wear your "Bullying Stops Here" t-shirts on April 27th.

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 April 12th at Sacred Heart. The meeting will take place after the parent meeting which begins at 6:30.

Kids and Mental Health

Please see the attached "Quick Facts for Parents – Learning about Mental Health"
For more information on kids and mental health please visit www.kidsmentalhealth.ca.

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.

Breakfast Snack Program

Just as a friendly reminder, the Breakfast Snack Program runs from 8:30 to 8:45 every morning in the Library. If you would like to support this amazing program by volunteering or making a donation, please contact the school and speak to Mrs. Belisle or Mr. Berthier.



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