



Home of the PANTHERS!

December 2015 Newsletter



Principal's Message

Advent is a time to prepare for a new coming of Jesus our savior.

Some people want the savior to come with great power to reward them and wipe out their enemies. But Jesus is a loving and peaceful savior. He calls his followers to make the whole world loving and peaceful. During Advent, we try to prepare our homes and our lives for Jesus, the King of glory and the Prince of peace.

It is wintertime. Days are short and nights are long. We need the light of Christ. We need Christ's warmth, love and joy. And so we gather around the wreath of hope.

The circle of this wreath will remind us of the coming of Christ, whose love for us has no End.

The light of these candles will remind us of the coming of Christ, who is the light of the world.

The green colour of these branches will remind us of the coming of Christ, who brings us eternal life.

Together with your families and friends we encourage you to share this Advent Prayer.

During the month of December, our school community will be showing our Virtue of Love by; gathering food at our Christmas play for Sacred Heart Parish's Christmas baskets; "Feed Our Family Fund", where students will be asked to bring in loose change to fill our John Deere bank located in the front entrance; and finally, creating Christmas hampers for NEOFACS. "Where there is charity and love, God is there." Thank you for your continued support.

From the staff to your families, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2016.

Yours in faith and education,

Mr. Berthier
Principal

Important Dates for December

December 2nd – Volleyball Tournament

December 3rd – Feed Our Family Fund starts

December 4th – Gr. 4/5 helping at the food bank

December 7th - The Knights in Lights Present: **Blanket Sails and Pillow Forts**, Children's Variety Show

December 9th – Advent Mass at 9:30

December 10th – Reconciliation with Father John December 10th – FDK Pikatou Presentation

December 11th – Last day for donation to our Feed Our Family Fund

December 14th – School Christmas play at OHS (1:15 and 6:30)

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: Love

A loving person.....

- **wants the best for others**
- **is willing to make sacrifices for the good of others**
- **knows that we are all lovable**
- **prays for others**

God has given us many people in our lives to show us examples of **LOVE**. Our families, teachers, and friends show us their love everyday. Love can be seen in the simplest acts of kindness, such as sharing a pencil, playing a game, or even saying Thank-you. We should always show our love for others because love is about seeing the good in people even when they make us angry. Sometimes the greatest acts of love happen when we are angry, such as hitting our sibling back or not screaming at our friends. Jesus is always with us and we should always try to remember His most important lesson, the lesson of love, because love is not about us-it is about looking out for the good of others.

St. Augustine's thoughts on LOVE:

He poses the question: What does LOVE look like.

His answer is simple: Love has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others. That's what love looks like.

During the month of December, how will you practice the virtue of love?

Feed Our Family Fund

Over the next week, we are asking students to bring in loose change to fill our John Deere Tractor Crossing bank located at the front entrance. The goal is to raise enough funds to feed a few families within the Sacred Heart Community. Your continued support is appreciated.



2014-15 EQAO Results Are In!

	Grade 3		Grade 6	
	School Results	Board Results	School Results	Board Results
Reading	68%	55%	91%	66%
Writing	73%	53%	91%	61%
Mathematics	77%	55%	77%	43%

Congratulations to the students and staff for their hard work. A special thank you goes out to you as parents for your continued support and work in preparing your child for this test.

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 December 3rd at 6:00 pm.

