

THE PANTHERS' PRIDE



SACRED HEART SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We wish you all the very best in the new year. May God provide you with a prosperous, happy and healthy year!

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



On Monday, January 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., we will be accepting registrations for children born in 2007. For registration, please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization record, health card and baptismal certificate. Should you need to register your child but you are unable to attend

on that day, please contact the school and we will make alternate arrangements for you. The best type of promotion always comes from within, so if you know anyone who is considering registering their child in Junior Kindergarten, please inform them of our registration date and times. Thank you for continuing to support Sacred Heart School.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

The virtue we are working towards during the month of January is COURAGE. Examples of how we want to show courage are:

- ♥ Knowing that sometimes doing the right thing is hard but with courage we can do the right thing. The easy way is not always the right way.
- ♥ Stand up respectfully when we see something wrong being done.
- ♥ When someone is treating someone poorly, try not to watch what is going on. Speak up and stop it.
- ♥ We know what God expects of us. Have the courage to try and live up to it.
- ♥ Followers of Christ remember the Golden Rule and treat others the way they would like to be treated.



WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL

We would like to introduce you to some new terminology: learning goals and success criteria. These two words have become the focus for our school as we strive towards making sure all our students are successful learners.

Learning goals are brief statements, posted in the class, that describe in simple, child-friendly language what the students should know and be able to do by the end of a period of instruction. When the students understand what is being expected from them for that period, it will be easier for them to focus on achieving those goals, monitor their progress and set their own goals.



Success criteria describes, for students, what successful learning "looks like". Simply put, the teacher and the students work together to develop a list of what should be included in a piece of work in order for it to be considered "successful". This success criteria will provide the teacher with the basis to provide descriptive feedback on how your child performed on the task.

PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR

You are invited to look at the proposed school calendar for the 2011-2012 on our NCDSB website (www.ncdsb.on.ca). Please provide any input you may have on the calendar by January 21, 2011.

WE FLIP IN FEBRUARY

Just a reminder that all grade 3 to 6 classes will "flip" February 1st. This means your child's morning classroom teacher will now be their afternoon teacher and vice versa. This is done half way through the school year to ensure that there is an equal amount of English and French instructional time.

IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY

Grade 3 Swim Program: Jan. 11, 13, 18, 20, 25
Grade 4 Swim Program: Begins Jan. 27th
P.A. Day (no school): January 31
Catholic School Council Meeting: Jan. 17th.

