

Sacred Heart Catholic School Newsletter

Important Information and Upcoming Events

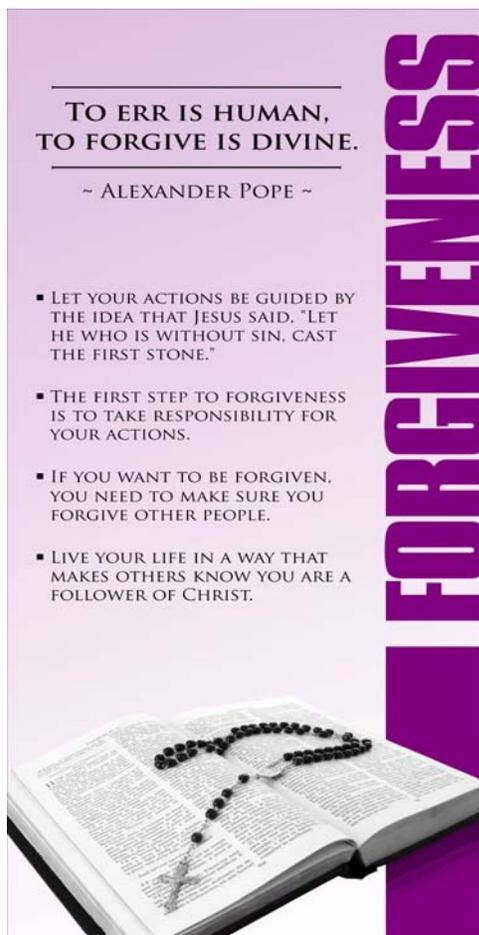
March 2011

Virtue for the Month of March

Forgiveness

Quote of the month: *To Err is Human, to Forgive is Divine* - Alexander Pope

How timely that the virtue for this month is FORGIVENESS, not only because we are in the season of Lent but also because it is an important cornerstone of our faith and one that Jesus modeled for us in his life and death. We are reminded that forgiveness is a gift to ourselves as we let go of the burden of resentment when we forgive another person and it's a gift to our children when we teach and model it to them. This month Sacred Heart Catholic School will be exploring the virtue of forgiveness during our Ash Wednesday Service and by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 22nd.



The NCDSB Strategic Plan is to address this question: **How do we better serve today's learners in our Catholic schools?**

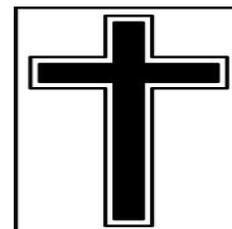
"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." (Proverbs 16:3)

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is undertaking a review of its operation to develop a strategic plan for the next four years. It is our intention to work directly with you, one of our many stakeholders, throughout this process to ensure your ideas, concerns and suggestions are understood and considered.

Our timeline is to collect information through the use of interviews, an on-line survey and some planned open house sessions in March and April and then bring these findings to the Board of Trustees. We promise to post all on-line comments and interview responses on our web site www.ncdsb.on.ca. However, any specific mention of names will be omitted.

We expect in late April to be able to publish some initial feedback/findings on this process as we journey towards a formal Strategic Plan being developed for the Board of Trustees. Your comments and the comments from all of our stakeholders will shape the Strategic Plan that will guide NCDSB over the next four years.

Please visit our web site at www.ncdsb.on.ca to complete the survey and share your comments about Catholic education and how we can better serve today's learners in our Catholic schools.



Skating Carnival

Grades 4 to 6 will be attending the Kirkland Lake Skating Club's Ice Show on Friday, March 4th in the afternoon at the Joe Mavrinc Community Complex. The students are asked to bring a non-perishable food item which will be donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank as their admission into the show.

Science Fair

Monday, March 7th is the date of our annual Science Fair in the gymnasium. It will be open from 10:30-11:30a.m and 2:00-3:00p.m. for public viewing.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey

In our continuing effort to increase school effectiveness, we have implemented an online school survey for students, teachers, and parents – Tell Them From Me (TTFM). The information for parents was mailed to each household earlier this week and must be completed by **Friday, March 11th**. TTFM allows students, teachers, and parents to give their input into school improvement initiatives in an **anonymous way**. The parent survey is completed online and will require approximately 30 minutes. It measures such topics as two-way communication, parent support of learning at home, school support of learning and social/emotional development, and parent support of learning at school. The survey also allows parents to give their thoughts and feedback in an open-ended question response. Please take the time to complete it.

Shrove Tuesday, Free Pancake

Luncheon for all students and staff on the 8th and Mardi Gras in the afternoon!

The Mardi Gras consists of a number of activity centres for the students to participate in such as an arcade, musical chairs, hot potato, cooperative games, etc. and also a food/rest station. As this is a fund raiser for the Grade 8 Trip, we are charging \$5 to participate in the activities and for the refreshments and snack. If your child wishes to participate in the activities, please have him/her bring the money to school by Tuesday morning.

Grade 8 Fund Raising

Mardi Gras : Afternoon of Tuesday, March 8th

Healthy Snack Cart : Variety of snacks sold at lunch time in the gymnasium. Cost \$0.50 to \$2.

Bubble Gum Day: Friday, March 11th. Licenses \$1, Gum \$1.25 a pack, 25 cents or 10 cents each.

Bake Sale : Wednesday, March 30th beginning at 12:40 p.m. Donations of nut free baking gratefully accepted.

Fudge : A variety of fudge is still available at \$7 a half pound from any Grade 8 student.

Thank you for your continued support with the Grade 8 Toronto Trip Fund Raisers!



*Friday, March 11th is
Saint Patrick's Day at*

Sacred Heart Catholic School!

*Dress in green and/or gold, wear
shamrocks, leprechaun hats, etc. Show
your Irish Spirit!*



*Enjoy March Break
from the 12th - 20th !*

Stay safe!