

THE PANTHERS' PRIDE



We are smart. We do our part. We take pride in Sacred Heart!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER

September 6, 2011

Welcome Back!



Welcome back to Sacred Heart School! We hope you had a wonderful summer with your family. We are eager to begin this school year as we plan to provide new and exciting learning opportunities for your child this school year. Remember, our goal is to make our school a place where our students LOVE to come while providing the best possible education for your child.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a few new and returning staff members. Mrs Savard, Mme Bergeron and M Villeneuve have joined our Sacred Heart family over the summer while Mlle Guervremont returns to our school after serving in her role as Special Assignment Teacher with our board. We are lucky to have such an energetic group of teachers who provide great learning activities both inside and outside of the classroom. Best wishes to all of you as you begin your work at Sacred Heart School.

I truly believe we are one big, happy family at Sacred Heart School and I continue to look forward to meeting and working with you throughout the school year. Family involvement in the education of the child is key to their success. Should you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please remember I am only a phone call away.

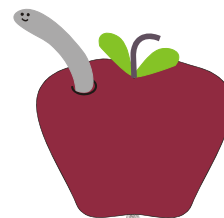
Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education.

God Bless,

Roslyn Gauthier
Principal

OUR SCHOOL STAFF

JK - Mme Bergeron
JK/SK - Mme Vallier
SK - Mme Vetter
Gr. 1 - Mlle Guevremont
Gr. 2 - Mlle Belisle and Mme Baker
Gr. 3 & 3/4 - Miss Salvati and Mme Saudino
Gr. 4 & 5 - Mrs. Cote and Mme Vachon
Gr. 5/6 & 6 - Mrs. Mulholland & Mme Quevillon
Resource Teacher/Primary Religion - Mrs. Savard
Physical Education - Mr. Garon
Music - Mr. Kirkpatrick
Art/Drama - M Villeneuve
Educational Assistants - Mme Maille & Mme Quesnel
Librarian - Mrs. Sebalj
School Secretary - Mrs. Belisle
Custodians - M Morin & M Belleau



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

STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS

Student Information Forms were mailed to the parents/guardians of all returning students during the last week of August. Please make sure you return the form to school with your child by **September 9th**, if you have not already done so. It is very important that we have updated contact information as well as the completed section labeled "Consent Information". If you have not received this form, inform the office and we will send a form home with your child.



REPORTING ABSENCE OR CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION

Should your child be absent please inform the office before 9:00 a.m. You may always inform the office of planned absences ahead of time either by phone call or by note. Please be aware that any student who arrives late must report to the office before entering class. We encourage all students to be at school on time.

If your child has alternate transportation plans, on any given day, please inform the office before **2:30** so that we can make the appropriate changes to the bus list. For your convenience, our phone is set up so that you may just **press 1** to leave your message for absences or to inform the school of a pick up time.



MAKING OUR SCHOOL A SAFE PLACE

In an effort to keep our students safe, and according to our Safe Schools policy, all outside doors will be locked. Please wait until the end of the day to pick up your child; this reduces class disruptions and congestion at the office at the end of the day. Students who are being picked up at the end of the day will wait with the teacher on duty by the front doors of the school. We ask that you wait outside to meet your child, then approach the teacher on duty to have your child signed off the "pick-up" list.

We understand that there will be times when your child must leave for appointments during the school day. For these occasions, we ask that you inform the office of the early dismissal times and we will have your child wait by the office until you come to check in with the school secretary.

As a safety issue, we would like to extend a friendly reminder that the supervision of the school yard does not begin until 8:30 a.m. It would be best if students who walk to school do not arrive to the school before then. Also, there is NO supervision of the school yard after school (with the exception of bus duty) so any students who walk will be asked to go directly home.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOME

Information letters, newsletters and order forms will be sent home with your child every **WEDNESDAY** in a red pocket folder. Please send the folder back the following day. We will also be sending a form home soon asking whether you prefer to receive notes and letters through email or as a paper copy. The email system definitely reduces the amount of paper being used which is a great step towards helping the environment.

AGENDAS

During the first week of school, your child will receive either an agenda or a homework duotang depending on your child's grade. The agendas and homework duotangs are an excellent tool to instill and maintain organizational skills and as a means of communication between yourself and your child's teacher.

The cost for the agendas is \$3.00 and we ask that the payment for the agenda be brought to school by **Tuesday, September 12th**.

We would also like to make you aware that all the teachers will have the expectation that students have their agendas or homework books signed by their parents on a nightly basis.

MILK & PIZZA

Order forms for milk and/or pizza will go home shortly and due dates for the forms and money are listed on the calendar.

Effective September 1, 2011, all Ontario schools will need to abide by the new School Food and Beverage Policy. This means that any food or beverages sold in

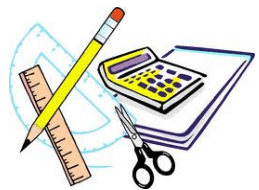


schools will have to follow healthier nutritional guidelines.

This new policy is part of the Ministry of Education's "effort to develop healthier learning environments and improve student achievement since research has shown that children who eat a healthy diet are more ready to learn and more likely to be successful in school."

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Please know that the only school supplies you will need to supply your child are a lunch bag, school bag and a pair of indoor shoes. All other supplies will be provided by the school.



It is always a good idea however, to send a box of kleenex to school as the school does not provide tissues.

MEDICAL CONCERNS

Should your child have a severe allergy, a serious medical condition or require medication to be administered at school (even if occasionally), the appropriate information and Dispensation of Medication forms must be completed according to NCDSB policy. Please contact the school office at your earliest convenience to complete the necessary forms.

MONTHLY VIRTUES

Our students will be celebrating the virtue of **FAITH** this month. We will be learning how to pray regularly and from the heart, how to work towards being good like Jesus and how to see good in the world.



