

THE PANTHERS' PRIDE



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

SACRED HEART SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER

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VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

The virtue we are working towards during the month of March is **FORGIVENESS**. Examples of how we want to show forgiveness are:

- ♥ Saying sorry to someone when we are wrong even though it is sometimes hard to do
- ♥ Taking responsibility for our actions
- ♥ Knowing that if we want to be forgiven, we have to forgive others as well
- ♥ Try to live our lives like Christ, who always forgave others and believed people could do better
- ♥ Showing that we are truly sorry by our actions, and not always our words

LENT

As you know, we have now entered the season of Lent. In order to prepare our hearts for Easter, we have asked the children to write their Lenten promise indicating what they will do to be more like Jesus. We have taken these promises and have made a cross from them to represent the cross Jesus carried and died upon.

RECONCILIATION

The students who have received their sacrament of reconciliation will be participating in confession with Father John on March 26th at school. We will also be celebrating Mass at Sacred Heart Church on March 25th, you are all welcome to attend.

FRENCH AMBASSADORS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Emilia Oliver (grade 5) and Julien Lefebvre (grade 6) for accepting the position of French Ambassadors representing Sacred Heart School. This leadership position has Emilia and Julien working with other students from OICS and O'Gorman High School to promote French culture and our French programming (Core French, French Immersion and Extended French) across our school board. They are currently planning a "Franco-fun" day for our students promoting the French culture. We can't wait!!



DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

This has been one of the worst winters for not allowing students to get outside at recess in our memory. There have been more inside recesses than we can count!

We would like to remind all parents and guardians to ensure that your children are dressed warmly. We are trying to give the children the opportunity to get outside as much as we possibly can. Please make sure your child has warm mitts (little thin gloves do not keep our hands warm for 15-30 minutes outside), scarf and a tuque that covers their ears.



OUR FOCUS AT SACRED HEART



One of the areas the staff at Sacred Heart is working on to support student learning is descriptive feedback. By providing descriptive feedback, we are trying to encourage our students to think critically about their work. Descriptive feedback can come in many forms. It can be a comment a teacher gives to the student while they are working, it can be a written comment in the form of a "Wow!" (what you did really well) and a "Now" statement (what you need to do to improve), or it can be provided during a conference with the student, etc. The purpose of descriptive feedback is to give students the opportunity to reflect on what they have done and improve on it. This feedback should be given at the point of learning so that the child can take the information and apply it to what they are working on. Often, the feedback will provide the child with strategies to improve their work. This feedback is to be based from the success criteria provided to the children before beginning the task. Remember, learning goals tell the children what they should know and be able to do, and success criteria lists what the child needs to do in order to successfully show they have achieved the learning goal.