



# Home of the **PANTHERS!**

October 2015 Newsletter

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## **Principal's Message**

October is the month to give thanks. We should give thanks for the food that God has provided and for the blessings He has bestowed on all of us. Our Faith and personal relationship with God should be something that we foster on a daily basis and not taken for granted. When we trust in God, He will guide and provide for us. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths." -Proverbs 3:5,6

Sacred Heart continues to grow and strengthen due to the bonds that have been created between our school, the community, our parish, and the overwhelming support that is provided by our families. During the month of October the school will be collecting non perishable food items for the Timmins Food Bank. I am hopeful that during this month that you will help us, help those individuals in need in our community.

As we approach our Thanksgiving weekend, we should be mindful of the many things in our lives that we can be thankful for. We are grateful for our publicly funded Catholic Schools, our health, the love of our families and friends and for the gifts of life.

In closing I would like to share this Thanksgiving Prayer:

God, Creator, we celebrate your overflowing love, and we give thanks to you for all that we have and all that we are. May we offer thanks to you by sharing what you have blessed us with, our talents, our graces and our faith. May we live in your light and in your love during this season, and during all seasons of life.

Amen.

On behalf of the entire school community, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving surrounded by family and friends!

Yours in faith and education,

Mr. Berthier

Principal

### **Important Dates for October**

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Superintendent Visit

October 7<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country Run at Gilles

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Milk forms are due.

October 12<sup>th</sup> –Thanksgiving

October 14<sup>th</sup> – Little Caesars fundraising order form due for Grades 4, 5 & 6.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bishop Visit

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Cross Country Run at Opishing

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Parent Council Meeting

October 9<sup>th</sup> – Last day to bring in non-perishable food items.

October 15<sup>th</sup> – IEP's go home

October 15<sup>th</sup> – School Mass at Sacred Heart Parish.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> – Days of Action and Prayer for Climate.



### **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.

### **Monthly Virtue: Faith**

The quote from John's gospel reminds us, *"Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe."* John 20:29. We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. This is how we become true witnesses to Christ, extend the kingdom of God and build a more humane world.

During the month of October, how will you practice the virtue of faithfulness?

### **Catholic School Council**

Thank you to everyone who considered sitting on Sacred Heart's Catholic School Council. We currently have 14 parents who have put their name forward. Our first meeting will take place on October 8th, beginning at 6:00 pm. The meeting will take place in the Parent Room, located across from the office on

the main floor. At this time, we will review the role of council members, begin establishing our goals and select future meeting dates.

### **Terry Fox Walk**

Our entire school community walked 2 to 3 km on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the Cancer Foundation in memory of Terry Fox. This event raised over \$315.00. A big thank you goes to your support and to all of our volunteers who helped us put this event together. A special thank you goes out to Mr. Garon, who coordinated this great and worthwhile event.

### **Kindness Matters**

The staff and students at Sacred Heart School are being challenged to make kindness a more conscious focus at our school. We hope this extends to our SHS families as well, so that the school and home have a common *Kindness Matters* focus! Mr. Berthier will be meeting with each class to introduce the *Kindness Matters* campaign after Thanksgiving. Will you and your child take the pledge?



### **Community Liaison Officer**

The entire staff would like to take this opportunity to welcome Constable Trevor Southcott to our team. Constable Southcott has been assigned to our school and will be supporting and visiting our school a few times a month.

Constable Southcott has been a police officer since 2007. He has served as a coach officer for new recruits and a Scene of Crime Officer, which is essentially a first level Forensic Identification Officer. Currently, he is a member of the Emergency Response Team (ERT) team and will support the school during our lock downs.

Welcome Constable Southcott!

### **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY:**

Sacred Heart School will be closed on Monday, October 12 to celebrate Thanksgiving. We wish you and your family an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

