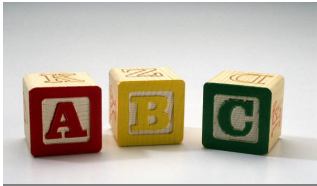
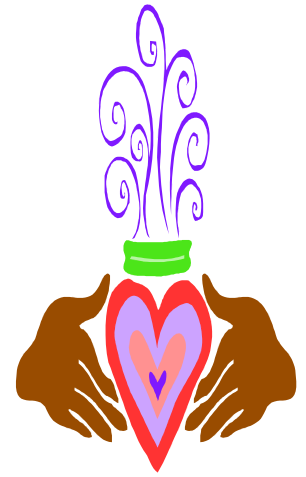


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“Catholic Schools - iLearn, iBelieve, iPray

Principal's Message

Did you realize that this is a Leap Year? It's a good thing, because it gives us one more day in our very short month of February which is already jam-packed with activities for our school!

We start off with Catholic Education Week – February 5-10. Our Theme this year is “iBelieve, iLearn, iPray”. It celebrates how Catholic Education desires to educate the whole child, helping students develop to their full potential in each area of growth. Throughout this week, our school will celebrate each aspect of this Theme. A highlight will be our Winter Fun Day sponsored by our Parent Support Group who gives us reason every single day, to be grateful! Look for further details as this week approaches.

Sacred Heart is hosting the Basketball Tournament and this year it will be held at the UNBC Sport Centre the weekend of February 24-25. Sincere thanks to the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus who sponsor this event and provide funds for this amazing venue, lunches and awards. Come and cheer our teams on!

And of course, the grand finale is our Sacred Heart Gala: An Evening in Las Vegas. Untold hours of preparation have been poured into this evening promising to make it an unforgettable event and a chance for all of us to enjoy time together on behalf of our school. We will look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, Happy Valentine's Day! This day is like another Feast Day for Sacred Heart School – we celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as well as the beautiful hearts within each of you! We have a great month coming up!

Sister Irene Baker, Principal

Virtue Of The Month: Respect

Goal Of The Month: Honouring God and others

February Issue 6

Of Special Interest

February 1st, 2012

2012-2013 school registrations begin for Kindergarten and Grades 1-7 new students to Sacred Heart Elementary

February 3rd, 2012

Primary Skating begins @ the Coliseum

February 8th, 2012

PSG - Winter FUN day & hot lunch

February 9th, 2012

Gr. 4-7 Ski Day @ Purden ski hill

February 12th, 2012

11:00 Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

February 14th, 2012 St. Valentines Day

Spirit Day wear **RED & PINK**

Friday February 17th, 2012

NO CLASSES - PRO D Day

Tuesday Feb. 21st, 2012

Pancake Breakfast

Wednesday Feb. 22nd, 2012

Ash Wednesday Mass 9:am Gr.4/5

February 24th& 25th, 2012

Basketball Tournament at UNBC

February 25th, 2012

GALA Fundraiser at Ramada Hotel

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“Celebrate the Gifts and Talents of Everyone”

Sports Events

Basketball Season: Our Basketball teams have been practicing hard and performing very well. The Annual Basketball Tournament will take place at UNBC on Friday, February 24th & Saturday, February 25th, 2012. Permission slips for the tournament will be sent home in the near future with your basketball players. Special thanks to our coaches.



Ski Trip: Our annual ski trip for the Intermediate students is scheduled for Thursday, February 9th at Purden Ski Hill. Staff from the ski hill will be visiting the school on Feb. 7th to review safety issues with our students. These students are looking forward to a fun day with skiing and snowboarding. Many thanks to the parents who volunteered to help with this field trip.



Please make sure your child is wearing proper clothing during this snowy & cold time of year as well make sure they have indoor shoes that fit. It is imperative all clothing items be marked with your child's name. It is the only way we can be sure the children have their own snow suit & boots!! Please be sure to label your children's clothing - the lost & found box is overflowing again! Please take time to come in and check for items you may be missing.

PARENTS, VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS - PLEASE REMEMBER:
IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE WHEN YOU COME INTO THE SCHOOL. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT SECURITY ISSUE. IF YOU ARE VOLUNTEERING IN ANY CAPACITY YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AND OUT EACH TIME
THANKS!



IMPORTANT REMINDER—DAY NOT IN SESSION IN FEBRUARY
Friday, February 17th is a day not in session for all students in K-7.

Charitable Donation Receipts:

Charitable Donation Receipts will be available for pick-up in the school office the first week of March 2012. The Charitable Donation Receipt Envelopes will be filed alphabetically by family name. If your receipt envelope is not picked up by Friday, March 9th, 2012, it will be mailed to you, unless you specifically request otherwise.

P.G. Speech Arts & Drama Festival 2012

We are delighted to report that all grades at Sacred Heart School have entered in the Annual P.G. Speech Arts and Drama Festival which will take place at UNBC in late April. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talents.



SPRING BREAK: MARCH 12-23, 2012

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

We are presently taking registrations for our full day Kindergarten class for September 2012. If you have a child born in 2007 (turning 5 before December 31, 2012), we would love to have them in our Kindergarten class. Please bring their Birth Certificate and Care Card when you come to complete the registration papers. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbours about our wonderful school.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING: The next meeting will be posted on Facebook - please check and join

HELP WANTED: The PSG is looking for a hot lunch co-ordinator or someone to volunteer their time one or two days a month to organize a hot lunch for our students. If you are interested or have any ideas on healthy options that can be served for lunch, please call the school office and leave a message or email karenlobley@shaw.ca.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: We have many wonderful activities planned for this week, February 6-10, at Sacred Heart School. A calendar detailing these events is attached to this newsletter. A reminder that all students are encouraged to attend the 11:00 Mass on Sunday February 12th at Sacred Heart Cathedral where each class will have a special part in the celebration.

VERIFICATION SHEETS: Pre-registration forms will be sent home with students later in the month. Please ensure that you fill the forms out and return by the noted date to ensure your spot for the 2012-2013 school year. Also, if necessary, please update any changes to the verification sheet or make note on the bottom of anything you feel is pertinent for us to know and record in your child's file. Tuition accounts should be in up to date to ensure registration confirmation for the next school year. Thanks.

THIRD ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER: This fun event is planned for Saturday, February 25th, 2012 at the Ramada Hotel. Our GALA Committee has been working very hard for months in organizing this event, which will be called "An Evening in Las Vegas". There will be a wonderful buffet dinner served and door prizes. Many items have been collected for the Silent Auction - this was a huge hit last year with lots of great donated items being auctioned. Some of this year's Silent Auction prizes will include, a 3 night stay in Las Vegas, Jewelry, Art work, Stained glass, a Keurig Gourmet brewing system, a helicopter ride and much more. An evening of dancing will follow. Tickets are available at the school office and also at the Ramada Hotel, for \$50 per person. These tickets are selling very quickly so get yours soon to avoid disappointment. This promises to be a great evening out.



COMMUNITY/PARISH EVENTS

SACRAMENTS: The Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, May 20th, 2012. Preparation sessions for the children and their families have already started. The next family retreat is planned for Sunday, February 19th from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M. in the lower church.



Catholic Women's League: - The next general meeting will be held on Thursday February 2nd at 7:00pm in the Church basement. The CWL is looking for new members - they are an integral part of the parish community hosting the Country Bazaar each year, donating monies and time to Sacred Heart School, the Red Cross Blood donor clinics and preparing lunches for funerals and events at the Cathedral. Please consider coming to the monthly meeting to find out more!

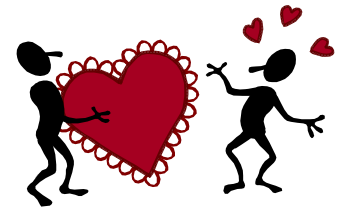
Knights of Columbus: February Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be held on February 5th after the 9 & 11 masses. Please bring the family and invite the neighbors too!! The February date features an interactive display from the CNIB.

Sacred Heart Youth Group: Mark your calendars!!! The dates for our 2nd Annual Cat Chat Vacation Bible School have been set for July 2nd-July 6th!!! We will be needing lots of youth and adults as volunteers!!! Please contact Claudia if you would like to help out.

Do you enjoy acting? We need some young actors to help Fr. Pier with his homily during the monthly Children's Mass on the 2nd Sunday of every month. If you are interested, we will be having a skit practice on Sunday, February 5th, immediately following the 11am Mass in the basement of the Church. There will be a delicious lunch provided. Please contact Claudia, your youth ministry coordinator, if you have any questions. God Bless!!!
Claudia (250-561-9170)



Have A Great Catholic Education Week



IMPORTANT EVENTS—February 2012

01st			2012-2013 Student registraion begins
03rd	10:30 to 11:30am.	*	Primary Students Skating at Coliseum
03rd			Pizza Day
05th (Sunday)	after 9 & 11 masses		Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast - with CNIB display - Bring the whole family!!
06th to 10th		*	CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK (see attached calendar)
08th			Winter FUN day & hot lunch provided by PSG
09th		*	Gr. 4/5/6/7 Ski/Snowboarding Day at Purden
09th			Gr. K-3 Fire Department Hazard House visit
10th	10:30 to 11:30am.	*	Primary Students Skating at Coliseum
10th			Pizza Day
12th	11:00am		School Parish Mass
14th		*	St. Valentine's Day - Red & Pink Day
	8:30am		Valentine's Day Assembly
	12:30 to 1:45pm	*	Primary Rotation for Valentine's Day
16th			Pizza Day
17th			PRO D DAY - NO CLASSES Gr.K-7
19th	2 - 4:30pm		Family retreat for First Communion & Confirmation
21st (Tuesday)	8:30am		Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast in the Gym hosted by PSG and Knights of Columbus
22nd	9:00am		Ash Wednesday Mass - Hosted by Gr. 4/5 Please join us
24th	10:30 to 11:30am.	*	Primary Students Skating at Coliseum
24th			Pizza Day
24 & 25th		*	Basketball Tournament at UNBC
25th	6:00pm to 1:00am.	*	GALA Fundraiser at Ramada Hotel
29th		*	Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day



Looking Ahead To March, 2012

01st			Pizza Day
02nd	-		No Classes for Grades K-7—Report Card Writing Day
09th			School Mass 9:00am - Hosted by Gr. 2/3 Please join us
09th			Pizza Day
09th			Report Cards go home today
12th– 23rd	-		No Classes—K-7—Spring Break!
26th			First Day of classes after Spring Break!!
30th			Pizza Day

Looking Ahead To April, 2012

05th			Stations of the Cross
06th			Good Friday - NO CLASSES FOR GRADES K-7
08th			Easter Sunday
09th			Easter Monday - NO CLASSES FOR GRADES K-7
12th			Spirit Day - Wear your CRAZY HAT to school today!!
13th			School Mass - hosted by gr. 4/5
13th			PSG - Movie Night
15th			Parish School Mass 11:00am
20th			Environmental Assembly
27th			PRO D DAY - NO CLASSES Gr.K-7



“Treat all People with Dignity and Respect”