



# Sacred Heart School September Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Welcome to our new school year at Sacred Heart! Oprah Winfrey is quoted as saying, "Cheers to a new year and another chance to get it right!" As we embark on a new year's journey with your children, that is our goal – always striving to make it better, "to get it right!"

We are happy to welcome our new secretary, Ms. Laurie Hooker, and a new Gr. 4-5 teacher – Mrs. Kortney Huber. We welcome back Mrs. Candice Royan who will be teaching French and part-time Kindergarten two days a week. Mrs. Rita Ireland will still be with us (Thank God!) working one day a week as our new bookkeeper.

We welcome all our new students and a smiling, enthusiastic Kindergarten class. We're all anxious to get started!

We count on your help by assuring good attendance and punctuality from your children – it's best to be here by 8:10 a.m. each day, ready for our 8:15 a.m. start to the day. We also truly value good communication so that together we are doing our very best for each of these students entrusted to our care.

We ask for God's blessing on our new year ahead and look forward to graced growth for each of us!

Sr. Irene Baker  
Principal

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** Individual student photos are scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. Look for information and order forms which will be sent home with students on Monday, the 19th.

**Cat.Chat Music Concert:** Our parish is hosting an exciting Cat.Chat concert for families and kids of all ages coming up on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm and again at 6:30 pm for all Parish and Family members. Audiences have been "wowed" by the Cat.Chat family's unique blend of ministry and entertainment. **What is a Cat.Chat concert?** The concert is filled with powerful music, crowd participation, unicycling, juggling, yo-yos, prizes, good humour, prayer times and family fun. After the concert, the Cat.Chat family and Moses the Cat stick around to take photos, sign autographs and "chat" with the families. This year's concert theme is: **Knowing Jesus: The Ultimate One!** You won't want to miss this great event! You can visit their website at [www.catchat.ca](http://www.catchat.ca)

Virtue of the Month: Faith

Goal of the Month: Knowing the truth of God.

## Of Special Interest

- September 07th 2011  
School Commences (full day)  
Grades Kindergarten-Gr. 7
- September 09th 2011  
School Mass - 9:00am
- September 11th 2011  
School Parish Mass 11:00 am
- September 20th 2011  
School Individual Photos
- September 26th 2011  
Potluck Barbecue—PSG  
Meet the Teacher/Staff Event  
6:30 P.M.: Main Bldg.  
(Primary Basement)

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# POLICE RECORD CHECKS 2011-2012

All parents/guardians and other volunteers in the school must have a criminal record check on file at the office in order to volunteer for any school activities in and outside the school buildings. The school updates the criminal record checks every three years. Anyone with a criminal record check on file from 2008 to 2011 will not need to complete one for this school year. If you have not yet completed a criminal record check for the school or have done so prior to 2008, you will need to pick up the form at the school office to submit to the R.C.M.P. for processing. If you think you may be volunteering, especially for field trips, please complete the form now. Do not delay!!

## ABSENTEE NOTES

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to Absentee Notes! Please remember to send in an absentee note explaining your child/ren's absences to the classroom teacher. Insert your absentee notes in your child's planner.



Also, please remember that if your child is late arriving to school they must sign in at the school office for a late slip to ensure that we keep accurate attendance records.

**ABSENTEE NOTES ARE CRUCIAL TO OUR SCHOOL FUNDING!**

## TUITION/SUPPLY/BUSING FEES

Please ensure that your tuition accounts are kept up-to-date during the course of the school year. Many thanks to the families who have already paid for the whole school year either by post dated cheques or complete payment. You may send in post dated cheques to the school office which will be receipted through the school year as per the date on your cheque. If you send in payment with your child in the form of cash or cheque, we encourage you to put it in a sealed envelope and remind your child to either give it to their classroom teacher at the beginning of the school day, or bring it directly to the school office. Please remind your child/ren to not leave any monies sitting in their school bag, desk, etc.

The tuition rates for the 2011-2012 school year are as follows:

Single Child Rate	-	\$190.00 per month
Family Rate (2 or more children)	-	\$240.00 per month

Supply Fee: There is a \$35.00 supply fee for each child Grades 1-7 which is payable at the beginning of the school year. Thank you for your prompt attention to this fee!

Busing Fee: There is a fee of \$50 per family per month for student busing this year, which is to help cover the expense charged by Diversified Transportation.

## IMPORTANT FORMS REQUIRED



**Each student must have a copy of their Birth Certificate/Care Card/Legal Residency Form/P.I.P.A. (Personal Information Privacy Act) signed by the parent/guardian, in his/her student file. Student Code of Conduct forms and information verification sheets will be sent home with your children over the next week. It is very important to keep work and contact numbers current with the school office. This information is needed in case of emergency. It is also very helpful to have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate for those students who have been baptized. Thank you!**

# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP NEWS



**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING** —Meetings will start in Oct. More information to follow.

**PIZZA DATES** We will be offering pizza lunch on Fridays again this school year, starting on October 7th. Order forms will be sent home with students and are due back in the office with payment by Monday Oct. 3rd. Please remember to hand in your Pizza Order forms on time since, unfortunately, no late orders can be accepted.

**MILK PROGRAM STARTS SOON!!** Order forms will go home in the next few weeks for our milk program. The order form has all the information you will need. A huge thanks to Sherri Prudente who has volunteered to organize this program for us this year.

**POTLUCK BARBECUE:** Planned for the evening of the Meet The Teacher Night on Monday, Sept. 26. More info to follow. There will also be a Used Book Sale that evening so watch for some great bargains.

## Kool Cats Kid Care

Is glad to be back in the Sacred Heart gym building offering after school care from 2:15 - 6:00pm. They have expanded their space to offer additional room for more students - Registration for vacant spaces is now being taken - Please contact them @ koolcats2@hotmail.com or by phone at 250.617.9583 to have your questions answered or to arrange registration.

## BUSING REMINDER:

If your child usually takes the bus home after school, and you are picking him/her up at the school for a particular day, it is imperative that you notify the school office before 2:00 pm so they can be removed from the busing roster for that particular bus for that day. Otherwise, the bus monitors will look for your child and the bus may be delayed unnecessarily. Thanks!!

## SPORTS EVENTS

- Cross Country:

Cross Country Running is the first extra curricular program offered at Sacred Heart School. It will run for the month of September and the first week of October. The date of the Cross-Country Meet is October 7th at Rainbow Park. The 1st training session will take place on Thursday, September 15th 2011 from 2:15 pm to 3:30 pm. Please note below the dates/times for practices:            **Mondays and Thursdays**            -            **2:15 pm—3:30 pm**

All participants must assemble in the primary basement area and then they will proceed on foot to Ft. George Park for warm-ups and training (weather permitting). Please ensure that your child/ren returns his/her signed permission letter to the school as soon as possible. Students will return to the school for pick up after each practice. If you pick up your child/ren at the park, it is essential that you inform the sponsor teacher (s) before leaving with your child/ren (We can drop children off at Kool Kats or Exploration Place Daycare if required.)



## Kidproof At Home Alone Workshop (8-12 year olds)

This course is being offered by the Family YMCA - Kids will learn how to be safe, confident and well prepared for this new responsibility. This is a two hour course on September 24 from 10-12noon. The cost is \$35 - Please contact the Family Y at 250.562.9341 local 226 for information or to register. [www.pgymca.com](http://www.pgymca.com)

## On line payment options

Sacred Heart Elementary is exploring options for on - line payments - If you feel this is an option you would prefer to have for paying tuition, busing and other school fees we ask you to call



## IMPORTANT EVENTS—September 2011

07th (Wednesday)	-	8:15 am	▪	School Commences—Grades K-7
09th (Friday)		9:00am	▪	School Mass Grade 6/7 to host
		12:15pm		Cat.Chat Live Music Concert
		6:30pm		Parish/Family Cat.Chat Music Concert
11th (Sunday)	-	11:00 am	▪	School/Parish Mass
15th (Thursday)	-	2:15 to 3:30	▪	Cross Country Run Practice
19th (Monday)	-	2:15 to 3:30	▪	Cross Country Practice
20th (Tuesday)	-	9:00 a.m.	▪	Individual Student Photos Taken
22nd (Thursday)		2:15pm to 3:30		Cross Country Practice
23rd (Friday)		9:00am		Terry Fox Assembly
26th (Monday)	-	2:15 to 3:30	▪	Cross Country Practice
			▪	PSG Potluck Barbecue—More info to follow
	-	6:30 P.M.	▪	Meet the Teacher Night—Main Building Primary Basement
28th (Tuesday)			▪	October Pizza Order Form Sent Home
29th (Thursday)	-	2:15 to 3:30	▪	Cross Country Practice

### **Looking Ahead to October 2011**

3rd (Monday)	-	2:15 to 3:30	▪	Cross Country Practice
6th (Thursday)			▪	Cross Country Meet—Rainbow Park after school
07th (Friday)			▪	First Pizza Day of School Year!!
	-	9:00 a.m.	▪	School Mass—Gr. 4/5 to host
			▪	Terry Fox Run
10th (Monday)			▪	Thanksgiving Day—No Classes K-7
14th (Friday)			▪	Pizza Day
21st (Friday)			▪	Pro. D Day—No Classes for Students
22nd/23rd (Saturday and Sunday)			▪	CWL Country Craft Bazaar in School Auditorium
28th (Friday)			▪	Pizza Day
31st Monday		9:00am	▪	Halloween Assembly

### **"Lost and Found Box" PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD CLOTHING**

The Lost and Found Box is a labeled large white box located downstairs in the Primary Basement. Please drop by the school and check the box periodically for any lost items or encourage your child/ren to also check the box. Any items not claimed will be taken to St. Vincent de Paul during the course of the school year at various intervals. Thank You!

Thank you to all students and parents who donated money to the NUDF for our year end slide show DVD's. The total was \$284.35 - the donation went to repairing the well at Kamdini Primary - 1700 students use this well each day... way to go!

**SACRED HEART COOKBOOKS:** Just a reminder that we still have some of our amazing "Food From the Heart" cookbooks available for sale. These books would be great to have on hand when a last minute gift is needed. The cost is \$15 each—please see Ms. Hooker in the School office to get a copy or two!. Thanks!!