



# SACRED HEART SCHOOL

## April 2011 Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

This month of April drops us dramatically into the focus of the spring season, the finality of the school year and very significantly, our Church Year. Suddenly we find ourselves putting away winter things and enjoying the freedom of lovely spring air and no winter boots. Isn't it nice?

With report cards distributed before the March Break, we also realize that now we are in the last lap of the school year. Our students have been reminded of the importance of these last months to put forth their best effort in preparation for the completion of their grade with optimal results.

And yes - this is the most important time of all in our Church Year. This month we walk through the final days of Lent, pray with our Christian brothers and sisters as we recall the days of Holy Week: the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the Crucifixion on Good Friday and the silence of the tomb on Holy Saturday, all leading to the glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Carl Knudsen said: "The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise."

Wonderful surprises are always ahead. We wish you the joy of spring, the fulfillment of a great school year and Divine surprises through this Holy Lenten Season and Easter Triumph.

Sister Irene Baker, CSJ  
Principal

Virtue Of The Month: Love  
Goal Of The Month: Caring for others so much that you put them before yourself in all things.

**REPORT CARD ENVELOPES: BE SURE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL AS THEY ARE NEEDED FOR FINAL REPORT PERIOD IN JUNE.**

## Of Special Interest

- \* April 8th, 2011  
School Mass hosted by Gr. 2/3
- \* April 10th, 2011  
School Parish Mass at 11:00 A.M.  
PSG Family Fun Day - Noon to 3:00 P.M.
- \* April 15th, 2011  
Movie Night
- \* April 22nd, 2011  
Good Friday - No School
- \* April 24th, 2011  
Easter Sunday
- \* April 25th, 2011  
Easter Monday - No School

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**SPEECH ARTS AND DRAMA FESTIVAL:** We are delighted to report that students at Sacred Heart School will have an opportunity to participate in the PG Speech Arts & Drama Festival this year. Kindergarten students will be performing "The Elf and the Dormouse" and Grade 1 students will be presenting a piece entitled "Hiding". Students in Grades 2 and 3 will present "The Cats' Tea Party" in the Choral Speaking category. Grade 6/7 students will compete in the Shakespearian Scenes category. The Festival will start April 27th at UNBC and will run until May 1. We hope to receive copies of the program soon and will share more info with parents.

**NOTE FROM KOOL CATS KID CARE:** Last month during spring break, we had record attendance for a school break at this location. We were very busy doing many activities such as trips to the Public Library, swimming, a movie at the Theatre and playing at Fort George Park. The children had so much fun!

This month, we are very excited to see the sun and feel the weather change. The children will be spending a lot of their time outdoors. We may even bring our activities outdoors so we don't miss a day of beautiful weather. If you would like your child to join us in our busy out-of-school program, please feel free to contact us by phone at 250-617-9316 or you can visit us in the gym building Monday to Friday from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Thanks from Kool Cats Kid Care!!

## **PARENT SURVEY FROM CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS:**

The following letter is sent from Lynn McCracken, Superintendent of Schools at CIS in Prince George.

*Dear Parents,*

*As part of our commitment to providing quality education to your child(ren), the Catholic Independent Schools in the Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) is distributing an online survey. The survey addresses 3 groups of people: staff, students in grades 4-7 and parents. The purpose of the survey is to gather data to see in which areas we are doing well and in which areas we could improve. Results of the survey will be shared with school staff and councils. Individual schools may also share results with parents. Results may be used by staff and councils to develop goals and action plans for the future. We hope you will complete the survey for parents (it takes approximately 15 minutes) before April 25. Your opinion is valuable to us.*

***The survey link for parents is [http://www.surveymk.com/s/PG\\_Parent\\_survey](http://www.surveymk.com/s/PG_Parent_survey)***

*Also, feel free to explore the survey for students (the link is [http://www.surveymk.com/s/pg\\_Grade\\_4\\_to\\_7](http://www.surveymk.com/s/pg_Grade_4_to_7)). There is no need to have your child complete the survey at home as this will be done at the school.*

*Thank you for completing the survey and in assisting us with our continual growth and improvement.*

*Your partner in education,*

*Lynn McCracken  
Superintendent of Schools  
CISPG*

# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP NEWS



## PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING DATE FOR THE MONTH OF April, 2011

- Tuesday, April 5th, 2011/6:00 pm/School Library

Hot Dog Hot Lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th.

Family Fun Day is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th from Noon to 3:00 P.M. More info to follow!!

**MOVIE NIGHT—FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH . MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! Movie: STAR WARS.**

**GARAGE SALE** - planned for May. Remember this when you are spring cleaning.

## MORE SCHOOL NEWS.....

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS—(Grades K-7)—2011-2012:** Sacred Heart School is now accepting registrations for the 2011-2012 school year in the noted grades. This is only necessary for students new to our school. Some of our grade levels are filling up very quickly so please contact the school as soon as possible. If your child/ren have any younger siblings who will be of school age (Kindergarten), this fall please pick up your registration form at the school office, or, at your request, we could send the registration form home with the eldest sibling. **SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT SACRED HEART SCHOOL.**

**VERIFICATION SHEETS:** These pre-registration forms attached to this newsletter are being sent home with our students today . Please carefully check over the information on the verification sheet, make any necessary changes to current information, sign and return the form to the school immediately to ensure your spot for 2011-2012. As well, if your child will not be attending Sacred Heart School in the fall, please let us know so that we can plan our classes. These forms are due in school by April 15, 2011.

**EARLY LEARNING SESSIONS FOR APRIL, 2011:** Early Learning Dates for March: Sacred Heart School is again providing an Early Learning Program, which is intended for children between the ages of 4 and 5 who will be attending Kindergarten at our school in September of 2011. This is a great time for our new kinder students to spend some time in our school and become more comfortable in our surroundings. Parents/caregivers are required to attend these sessions with their children. The dates for this month are Mondays, April 4, 11 and 18 in our school library, from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M.

**PIZZA DATES IN APRIL ARE APRIL 1, 8, 15, 29.**

### **BROWN BAG LUNCH:**

As part of Holy Week activities, all students/staff in our school are invited to decorate a brown lunch bag, take it home and create a lunch for a guest at the St. Vincent De Paul Drop-In Centre. The lunches will need to be made on Monday, April 18th as they will be picked up on Tuesday morning, April 19th. The lunches can contain the usual lunch items: sandwiches, wraps, muffins, fruit, juice boxes, cookies, etc. There are just 2 items that cannot be in the bag: money and canned foods that require a can opener. The children are very welcome to add a note wishing the recipient well or a Happy Easter. Thank you in advance for your generous response to this project.

**ALADDIN:** Rehearsals for our school-wide play are in full swing. The performance is planned for Thursday, May 26th in the Auditorium. Watch for more information to follow.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS—APRIL, 2011

05th	*	PSG Meeting in Library at 6:00 P.M.
	*	April/May Milk Orders due
	*	Mass at 12:10 P.M. for 50th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Cathedral
07th	*	Gr. 2/3 P.M. Nature walk to observe Signs of Spring
08th	*	Pizza Lunch
	*	School Mass at 9:00 A.M. hosted by Gr. 2/3
10th	*	Parish School Mass at 11:00 A.M.
	*	PSG Fun Day in School Gym - Noon to 3:00 P.M.
11th	*	Early Learning Session in Library
12th	*	Grade 6/7 Class to Science Expo at Civic Centre
14th	*	Primary Arts & Culture Rotation in PM to mark BC Arts & Culture Week
15th	*	Verification Pre-Registration forms due at office
	*	Pizza Lunch
	*	Movie Night - Doors Open at 6:30 P.M. Movie at 7:00 - STAR WARS
18th	*	Early Learning Session in Library
19th	*	Brown Bag Lunches accepted for St. Vincent de Paul
	*	Gr. 6/7 - Aqua-fit challenge at Four Seasons - 9:30 to 10:45 A.M.
21st	*	Holy Thursday - Children's Stations of the Cross
22nd	*	Good Friday - No Classes
	*	Service in Sacred Heart Cathedral at 3:00 P.M.
23rd	*	Holy Saturday
24th	*	Easter Sunday
25th	*	Easter Monday - No Classes
26th to 29th	*	CTBS Testing
27th	*	PG Speech Arts and Drama Festival Starts
29th	*	Pizza Lunch
	*	May Pizza Orders due
	*	Easter Egg Hunt for Grade 2/3 Class



## Looking Ahead To May, 2011

8th	*	First Communion & Confirmation
24th	*	Victoria Day - No School
26th	*	"Aladdin" School-Wide Play Performance



### **MESSAGE FROM ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PARENT SUPPORT GROUP:**

"AbracaDAZZLE MAGIC SHOW" Fundraiser coming to St. Mary's School on Sunday, MAY 1st at 1:00 pm. A Magic Show for all ages by Mr. John Kaplan, Canada's outstanding illusionist. Wonderful family entertainment. Tickets on sale March 30th. General Admission ADVANCE Tickets ( to April 17th ) are \$ 12.00 each; REGULAR Tickets ( after April 17th ) are \$ 15.00 each. VIP Reserved Seating Tickets are \$ 20.00 each (limited number of seats and only available at School Office). For tickets or information, contact Mary at 250-612-1309 or mhusband@telus.net or Chellie at 250-564-2966.

