



# SACRED HEART SCHOOL

## March Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

With recent memories of the Sacred Heart Gala night still fresh in my mind, I continue to stand in awe of the generosity, commitment, creativity and enthusiasm of our parents and staff. These people gave countless hours to ensure the success of this evening, and all for the students and staff of our school. How amazing is that? The goal of this fund-raising event is the Exterior Beautification of the school. As this begins to happen, we will continue to be grateful many times over.

The Lenten Season is now quickly upon us, and it is a special time to reflect on all the ways God blesses our lives, and how we, in turn, can share our gifts with others. The Ash Wednesday School Mass, which our Grade 4/5 class will lead, is a time for all of us to be grateful for the gifts surrounding us. Please join us for this important Liturgy, leading us into this special season of Lent. My grateful prayer will include the Gala Committee and the many, many people who continually gift and grace our school.

Wishing you a Happy March Break and a Reflective, Grateful Lent!

Principal

Sister Irene Baker, CSJ

Virtue Of The Month:

Kindness

Goal Of The Month:

Treating others with more compassion and gentleness than you could wish for yourself.

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## Of Special Interest

### March 04th, 2011

Pro. D. Day - No Classes

### March 09th, 2011

Ash Wednesday - Mass at 9:00 A.M.

### March 11th, 2011

Report Cards Go Home

### March 14th to 25th, 2011

Spring Break!! Two Weeks!!

### March 28th, 2011

Classes Resume after Spring Break

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"Celebrate the Gifts and Talents of Everyone"



## Sports Events



**Basketball:** The basketball tournament was a great success. Sincere thanks to Fr. Pier, Mr. Gillis, Gerry Chidiac and John Rex for their great coaching of our students. It was a fun and informative time for our students who participated. This was a team building year and we look forward to great future teams from SHS. Thanks as well to Sr. Baker for her willingness to share her time. Basketball season has concluded until another year.

**Relays:** After spring break, watch for news regarding relays. Our students love to participate in this fun sport. The meet is set for Tuesday, May 3rd at Masich Place Stadium. Parent help would be welcomed!

## CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The Charitable Donation Receipts for 2010 will be available in the school office for pick-up by 2:30 P.M. on Monday, March 7th, 2011. We apologize for any inconvenience the delay in receiving these documents may have caused you. Please see Mrs. Ireland to pick up your receipt for taxation purposes. If your receipt envelope is not picked up by Friday, March 11th, 2011, it will be sent home with the eldest child in your family, unless you specifically request otherwise.

## School News

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - NO CLASS FOR K-7**

**SPRING BREAK:** Please be reminded that Spring Break is **two weeks** for the Catholic Schools this year. The last day before Spring Break is Friday, March 11th and the first day back is Monday, March 28th. We hope our students enjoy a great break with their families.

**REPORT CARDS:** Teachers have been working very hard to prepare report cards for their students. These report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, March 11th. Please remember to sign the envelope and return it to the school for the final report cards in June.

**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 date for this month are Mondays, March 7 and 28 in our school library, from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M.

**Pizza Dates in March:** Thursday, March 3rd and Friday, March 11th.

**Anti-Bullying Session:** We have an RCMP Auxiliary member coming into the school to present an anti-bullying session to our students. The presentation for Primary students will be on Wednesday, March 9th at 10:15 A.M. and for Intermediates, the same time on Thursday, March 10th.

**Primary Skating:** Due to bad weather in February which necessitated the cancellation of a skating session, the primary students will be skating at the Coliseum on Friday, March 11th from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. They will leave the school at 12:10 P.M. to walk to the Coliseum.

## PARENT SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

**GALA FUNDRAISER:** What an amazing GALA fundraiser we had on February 26th at the Ramada Hotel! The Gala Committee did a phenomenal job of organizing this event. A total of 181 tickets were sold. Those in attendance enjoyed a great buffet dinner, bid on exciting Silent and Live Auction items, bought amazing student art work and danced to great music. The event raised in excess of \$15,000 and this money will be used to improve the exterior of our beautiful old school. Sincere thanks to the parents who worked so hard to organize this event.

**NEXT PSG MEETING;** FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 2:30 P.M. IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY. ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS/GRANDPARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. If there are any parents interested in receiving the agenda and minutes by email, please email Karen Lobley at karenlobley@shaw.ca to be added to the mailing list. Comments/suggestions welcome!!

The Parent Support Group is planning on holding a Garage Sale in May so start collecting your items now. A date will be announced once we get closer to May.

**Hot Lunch in Early April:** Watch for an order form to go home after spring break. The PSG is looking to start this program again - we welcome your comments and assistance!

**Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday:** On Tuesday, March 8th, students and staff will enjoy the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast. The Knights of Columbus will be doing the cooking and our wonderful Parent Support Group will be serving this breakfast at 8:30 A.M. . The next day is Ash Wednesday, when all students will be attending Mass in the Cathedral at 9:00 A.M. Parents are invited to join us for the Mass.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Our next movie night is Friday, March 4th in the Primary Basement. Doors open at 6:30 P.M. and the movie starts at 7:00. Rumours have it that "**Despicable Me**" will be playing, so intermediate students will enjoy this movie too.

## SCHOOL FORMS

**Sacred Heart School Registrations Grades K-7 2011-2012 School Year**—Sacred Heart School is now accepting registrations for the 2011-2012 School Year. 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. For more information, talk to Sister Baker. **SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT SACRED HEART SCHOOL.**

**Verification Sheets:** These pre-registration forms will be sent home right after spring break. Please ensure that you have filled them out - make any necessary changes to current information and return them to the school immediately to ensure your spot for 2011-2012.





## IMPORTANT EVENTS for March 2011

|         |                 |   |  |
|---------|-----------------|---|--|
| 02nd    | - 7:00 P.M.     | * | Annual General Meeting in School Library   |
| 03rd    |                 | * | Pizza Lunch  |
| 04th    |                 | * | Pro. D. -No Classes for K-7 Students   |
| 04th    |                 | * | Movie Night - "Despicable Me" - in Primary Basement<br>Doors Open at 6:30 P.M. - Movie starts at 7:00 P.M. |
| 07th    | - 12:30 P.M.    | * | Early Learning Session in Library  |
|         |                 | * | April Pizza Orders sent home   |
| 08th    | - 8:30 A.M.     | * | Shrove Tuesday Breakfast   |
| 09th    | - 9:00 A.M.     | * | Ash Wednesday Mass   |
|         | - 10:15 A.M.    | * | Anti-Bullying Presentation for Primary Students  |
| 10th    |                 | * | Gr. 2/3 Aquafit Challenge at 4 Seasons Pool  |
|         | - 10:15 A.M.    | * | Anti-Bullying Session for Intermediate Students  |
| 11th    |                 | * | Pizza Hot Lunch  |
|         | - 12:30 to 1:30 | * | Primaries Skating at Coliseum  |
|         |                 | * | Report Cards Go Home   |
|         |                 | * | Last Day of Classes before Spring Break  |
| 14-25th |                 | * | SPRING VACATION—NO CLASSES K-7   |
| 28th    |                 | * | School re-opens after Spring Break   |
|         |                 | * | Pizza Orders due for April   |
|         | - 12:30 P.M.    | * | Early Learning Session   |

### Looking Ahead To April, 2011

|                 |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 4th, 11th, 18th | - | Early Learning Sessions in School Library |
| 22nd            | - | Good Friday—School Closed                 |
| 24th            | - | Easter Sunday                             |
| 25th            | - | Easter Monday—School Closed               |

### What's Happening in Prince George over Spring Break:

Nurturing Children's Spirituality with Dr. Nancy Reeves - This will be sponsored by the Diocesan CWL and will take place on Thursday, March 17th, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The cost is a freewill offering. In this session, Dr. Nancy Reeves, who is a psychologist, spiritual director and award-winning author from Victoria, BC, talks about children and their relationship with God. This is a great evening for anyone who cares for children.