

Sacred Heart School
November Newsletter
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“Catholic Schools - iLearn, iBelieve, iPray”

Principal’s Message

On November 1 and 2, the Catholic Church celebrates two special days - All Saints’ Day and All Souls Day. At this time, we recall all the great Saints of Heaven, and, in fact, all those now enjoying the loving embrace of God. On All Souls’ Day, we remember and pray for all those who have gone before us, especially the loved ones of our families and friends. Soon after, our whole country takes time on November 11, Remembrance Day, to be grateful and remember those wonderful men and women who gave their lives for our country. Each of these three special days gives us reason to be grateful for the example of courage and virtue that these great souls provided for us. May we learn from their powerful witness of goodness and generosity as we move forward in our own lives, endeavouring to also follow their lead.

But we have amazing examples of generosity right in our midst!

Our students have given us immense reason to be proud by their over-the-top generosity in our Terry Fox Campaign that raised over \$2,000. They then turned around and immediately began contributing coins for the Giving Tree which will be set up at the Festival of Trees. The money collected goes to those agencies in town who help the most needy among us, especially at Christmas time.

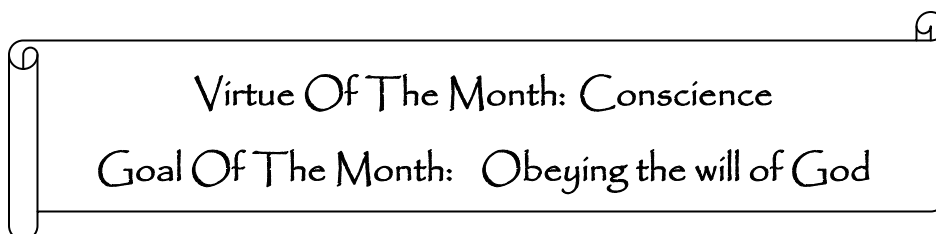
As we approach the end of November, the Season of Advent begins, when we prepare for the celebration of Christmas and we hear again the message of Love that Christ gave us. Our students are obviously doing that by their concern and desire to help others. Kudos to you students of Sacred Heart! We are extremely proud of you!

Blessings

Sister Irene Baker - Principal

WAY TO GO!

Sacred Heart truly is the “*Small School with a BIG heart*” the fundraising done to support the Terry Fox run was amazing! A total of \$2055.73 was raised! The students enjoyed the challenges to see Sr. Irene wear a wig or two or three!! And Mr. D wear a dress! What FUN that was!! Mrs. Nielly also had snacks for every student and finally Ms. Ruddy kissed a llama!! The Grade 6/7 class won the classroom challenge, so Ms. Ruddy will host a party for them in the near future to celebrate the accomplishment. Thanks everyone for a very successful year!



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Of Special Interest

~ **November 1st, 2011**

Photo Retakes —8:45am

~ **November 4th, 2011**

School Mass—9:00am in Cathedral

~ **November 10th, 2011**

Remembrance Day

PrayerServicePlease Join Us—SH Cathedral

~ **November 11th, 2011**

No Classes—K to 7—

Remembrance Day

~ **November 29th 2011**

Report Cards home with Students

~ **November Parenting**

Series “Who’s In Charge In Your House” Nov. 1, 8,

15 & 22 - 7-9pm - sign up with the office ASAP

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Photo Retakes



Photo Retakes have been scheduled for November 1st at 8:45am. In order to ensure delivery of all portraits before Christmas, portrait packages will only be made for students who submit a Photo Order Envelope with payment to the photographer on photo day. **There is no risk as all photos are fully guaranteed.** If your child was absent for the original photos, or if you have chosen not to order from the first previews, please have your child obtain a Photo Order Envelope from the school office. The student will give the photographer your payment enclosed in the Order Envelope on photo day.

Absentee Notes



Check with the school office to see if you have any outstanding notes. Please keep in mind, that notices would have been sent home with your child/ren for the month of September. Notices regarding any outstanding notes will be inserted in your child's report card envelope. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to Absentee Notes! 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!**

Sports Events

Go Panthers!



Scheduled Volleyball Games (Girls & Boys):

- Tuesday, November 1st 2011 -Venue: Sacred Heart School
Girls play first starting at 3:15pm
- Thursday, November 3rd 2011 -Venue: St. Mary's School
Boys play first starting at 2:45pm
- Thursday November 17th 2011 -Venue: Immaculate Conception School
Boys play first starting at 3:15pm

There will be a Volleyball Tournament at St. Mary's School on Nov. 18th & 19th. More info to follow.

Practices will be held on Monday's November 7 & 14 after school **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

MILK PROGRAM:

Milk days are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. This is a great program and we thank our Milk Maids who help in distributing the milk to our students and also thanks to our Parent Volunteer, Sheri Prudente, for her organization of this program.

RECYCLING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL:

We have many programs that keep our school green. We have composting worms in the Grade 2/3 classroom. We have Blue Jewel Curbside Recycling coming to our school every 2 weeks to pick up all our recycled paper, milk cartons, etc. We re-use and recycle whenever possible! Each class is also collecting the juice boxes, cans and bottles from lunches.

THANKS!!

We are most grateful to those families who have donated pocket change to the **Festival of Trees Giving Tree** project this year the tree will be titled "**Peace on Earth - Giving Tree**". Nine local charities will benefit from the sale of the tree at the annual event. A goal of \$400 per school has been set we have till November 4th to collect monies in the classroom jars. The classroom with the highest amount collected will enjoy a Pizza lunch. Please consider sending in your spare change to help the community. A special account has been opened at the Spruce Credit Union called "Giving Tree committee - account # 278085-500 you can make deposits directly for your donation if you like.



Parent Support Group News



PIZZA DATES FOR THE MONTH OF November 2011

- ◇ Thursday, November 10th
- Friday, November 25th

HOT LUNCH DATES FOR THE MONTH OF November 2011

- Wednesday's November 2nd, 16th, & 30th - Order forms will be sent home for the (16 & 30)
- Please remember to hand in your Pizza/Hot Lunch Order Forms on time as per the date noted on the order form. **Note: NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING—November 2011

Tuesday, November 22nd - 2:30pm in the School Library

HALLOWE'EN DANCE: A BIG thanks to all the parents who helped out/were in attendance at the Halloween Dance on October 28th. Special thanks to all the parents who worked so hard at organizing this fun event. Everyone in attendance had a great time!!

COOKBOOKS: When you are thinking about Christmas shopping, please keep in mind the Sacred Heart School Cookbook. These sell for \$15 each and make great gifts!! They are available in the school office.

MOVIE NIGHT: Mark Friday, November 25th on your calendar as our next Movie Night of the school year. More info to follow. (Other movie nights booked are January 20, April 13 & May 11, 2012)

PSG has a set up a FACEBOOK page - <http://facebook.com/pages/Sacred-Heart-Elementary-School/127658757272916>

All events, fundraising and news will be posted! Please take the time to like us, share the page and make comments!

Before and After School Supervision: Supervision is provided outside the school starting at 7:50am After school, students are supervised on the school grounds from 2:15pm dismissal to 2:30pm If students are not picked up by 2:30pm, parents must make other arrangements for them. For more information on Kool Cats Kid Care, which is offered out of our gym in the intermediate building, parents can call 250-964-2668. Students left after 2:30 must be picked up from the school office in person - Please do not park and wait for them as they will be waiting for you in the office.

Fundraising at Sacred Heart School:

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER: In an effort to raise funds for the end of year retreats, the Grade 6/7 class will be selling beautiful poinsettias. These make great gifts and holiday decorations for the office and home. The price is only \$13 per plant so very affordable. The plants will be in 6 3/4" pots and should be 14 to 17 inches tall, depending upon the growing season. Order forms and payment must be received by Nov. 25th in order to insure delivery by December 7th. The ordered plants will be delivered to the school and a notice will be sent out so that you can pick them up as quickly as possible. Order forms are available from any Grade 6/7 student or at the school office. Many thanks from Ms. Ruddy and her class for your support!



HELP YOUR CHILD'S CLASS FUNDRAISE WITH YOUR RECYCLING:

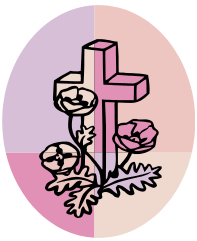
To help support yearly class field trips and initiatives at our school, accounts are at the BBK Bottle Depot for each class at our school. You can drop off your recyclables to BBK (by Costco) and let them know which class and school you want the proceeds to be given to. Thanks for your support! - In addition the 4/5 class has an account at the Nechako depot on 1st Ave.

Lost & Found Box

PARENTS - Please take the time to come in to the school and check the "Lost and Found" Box . It is amazing how many items have ended up in the box which is located in the Primary building assembly area. All of these items belong to someone!! Please come and look for clothing, shoes and other items missing from your house!!

WHO'S IN CHARGE IN YOUR HOUSE - PARENTING SERIES November 1, 8, 15 & 22 7-9pm

Sr. Irene Baker - Principal and Dr. Dorothy Ryan will facilitate a "just in time" series for parents and care givers topics include; Who's in charge here anyway?, Disciplining when Capital Punishment is NOT an option!, Turning Fear/Depression/Anxiety into Freedom & Bullet Proofing Parents in the Midst of Chaos! Invest 2 hours of your time, once a week, for a month - you'll be surprised with the results Please contact the school office to confirm your attendance 250.563.5201. There is no cost for the series however donations will be accepted to offset the cost of material provided.



IMPORTANT EVENTS—November 2011

01st			➤	All Saints' Day
01st	(Tuesday)	- 10:30 am	➤	Photo Retakes
01st			➤	Volleyball Games @ Sacred Heart School (Girls 3:15pm)
01st		- 7 - 9pm	➤	Parenting Series # 1 "Who's in Charge Here Anyway?"
02nd			➤	All Souls' Day
02nd	(Wednesday)		➤	Hot Dog Hot Lunch Day
03rd			➤	Volleyball Games @ St. Mary's School (Boys 2:45pm)
04th	(Friday)	- 9:00 am	➤	School Mass—Hosted by Gr. 2/3
07th	(Monday)		➤	Volleyball Practice 2:15 to 3:15 P.M.
08th		- 7 - 9pm	➤	Parenting Series # 2 "Disciplining when Capital Punishment is NOT an Option"
09th	(Wednesday)	- 7pm	➤	GALA Committee meeting in school library
10th	(Thursday)		➤	Remembrance Day Prayer Service
10th			➤	Pizza Hot Lunch Day
11th	(Friday)		➤	Remembrance Day—No Classes for K-7
14th	(Monday)		➤	Volleyball Practice 2:15 to 3:15 P.M.
15th	(Tuesday)		➤	Grade 6 Immunization Day
15th	(Tuesday)	- 7 - 9pm	➤	Parenting Series # 3 "Turning Fear, Depression/anxiety into Freedom"
16th	(Wednesday)		➤	Hot Lunch Day
17th	(Thursday)		➤	Volleyball Games @ Immaculate Conception (Boys 3:15pm)
18/19th	(Friday & Sat)		➤	Volleyball Tournament—St. Mary's School
20th	(Sunday)	- 11:00 am.	➤	School Parish Mass
21st			➤	December Pizza orders home
22nd	(Tuesday)	2:30pm	➤	PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING IN LIBRARY
22nd	(Tuesday)	- 7 - 9pm	➤	Parenting Series # 4 "Bullet Proofing Parents in the Midst of Chaos!"
24th	(Thursday)	- 10:30am	➤	School Choir Performs at Festival of Trees
25th	(Friday)		➤	Deadline for Poinsettia Orders—Gr. 6/7 Fundraiser
25th	(Friday)		➤	Advent Assembly
25th	(Friday)		➤	Pizza Hot Lunch
25th	(Friday)		➤	PSG Movie Night
27th	(Sunday)		➤	First Sunday of Advent
28th			➤	December Pizza orders due to office
29th	(Tuesday)		➤	Report Cards Go Home with Students
30th	(Wednesday)		➤	Hot Lunch Day

Looking Ahead To December, 2011

01st		Pizza Day Hot Lunch
01st		Parent Teacher Interviews—5-8 P.M.
02nd		NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
02nd		Parent Teacher Interviews—8:00 A.M. to Noon
06th	-	Turkey Lunch for Students/Staff—PSG Sponsored Event
15th	-	Christmas Concert/7:00 pm/SH Cathedral
16th	-	School Mass/9:00 am
16th	-	School Assembly/Christmas Caroling/10:15 am
16th	-	Early Dismissal 11:30AM—½ day only
		Christmas Vacation commences

Looking Ahead To January 2012

03rd		First day of school for 2012
03rd		Pizza orders due (No LATE orders!)
13th		School Mass
27th		NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Pro D Day