



## February Newsletter

*“Celebrating the Good News in Catholic Education”*

### Principal's Message

This small but mighty month of February brings us lots of exciting things. Starting off this month is our celebration of Catholic Education Week throughout February 6 - 11. Our theme this year is “Celebrating the Good News of Catholic Education”, and we think it is definitely something to celebrate.

It is indeed Good News for all, as we witness the great things that happen every day in our Catholic schools. It is Good News for all, how Catholic schools welcome parents as partners in Catholic education. It is Good News for us, that Sacred Heart School works so closely with family, parish and community to provide the best education for your child. So be sure to join us this week, beginning with our 11:00 Mass on Sunday, February 6, where our students will be leaders. All are welcome.

February is famous for Valentine's Day, and it is our opportunity to again stress the message of Jesus, the Good News of unconditional love that we receive from our God. And we, in turn, must live out that message of love each day of our lives.

Sacred Heart is hosting the Basketball Tournament on February 18-19. This is a great chance for our students to have lots of fun and to participate in a sports competition against the other Catholic schools in the city as well as St. Anne's School in Quesnel. Sincere thanks to the K of C who provide a dance and banquet during this tournament, and to our wonderful coaches who have trained our teams.

At the end of the month, the grand finale, is our Sacred Heart Gala: “Evening Under the Stars”. 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, and we will look forward to an exciting month. Let's celebrate the Good News!

Sister Irene Baker, Principal

**Virtue Of The Month:** *Respect*

**Goal Of The Month:** *Showing love for God and others in our speech and actions.*

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### Of Special Interest

☐ February 6th, 2011

11:00 Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

☐ February 13th, 2011

Family Retreat for First Communion & Confirmation at Sacred Heart Cathedral

☐ February 18th-19th, 2011

Basketball Tournament at Sacred Heart School

☐ February 25th, 2011

Open House at School 1-5 for New Families

☐ February 26th, 2011

GALA Fundraiser at Ramada Hotel

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## Sports Events

**Basketball Season:** Our Basketball teams have been practicing hard and performing very well. The Annual Basketball Tournament will take place at Sacred Heart School on Friday, February 18th & Saturday, February 19th, 2011. 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 this Thursday, February 10th at Purden Ski Hill. Staff from the ski hill will be visiting the school on Feb. 8th to go over 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.



Hot Lunch Pizza dates in February: February 4, 11, 18, 25

## Charitable Donation Receipts:

Charitable Donation Receipts will be available for pick-up in the school office the first week of March 2011. The Charitable Donation Receipt Envelopes will be filed alphabetically by family name. If your receipt envelope is not picked up by Friday, March 11th, 2011, it will be mailed to you, unless you specifically request otherwise.

## P.G. Speech Arts & Drama Festival 2011

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 U.N.B.C. in late April. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talents.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

We are presently taking registrations for our full day Kindergarten class for September 2011. If you have a child born in 2006 (turning 5 before December 31, 2011), 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. We will be having an Open House at the school on Friday, February 25th from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. for new families to come and take a look at our terrific school.

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL IS A DOG FREE/ANIMAL FREE ZONE

This information is to notify parents that effective immediately, it is imperative that no animals (dogs, cats, etc.) can be in the school building, in the yard or the near proximity of the school. A child who has been registered in our school for September of 2011 has severe animal allergies. Even the aftermath of the presence of animals for 6 months to a year can seriously affect this child. Thanks kindly for your cooperation in this matter and if you happen to see someone on the yard with pets, could you kindly inform them. We really need your help in keeping our students safe and healthy!

## SPRING BREAK: MARCH 14-25, 2011      *TWO WEEKS THIS YEAR!!*

**EARLY LEARNING DATES:** Our Early Learning Sessions will start up again! These sessions are intended for children between the ages of 4 and 5 who will be attending Kindergarten at Sacred Heart School. Parents must accompany their children in this program. Sessions are designed for parents/caregivers to help support their child's school readiness. These sessions will run in our Library on Mondays from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. on the following dates: March 7 and 28, April 4, 11 and 18, and May 2,9,16,30.

## PARENT SUPPORT GROUP NEWS



**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING:** The next meeting will be Monday, February 21st at 2:30 P.M. in the library. The PSG is looking for a new secretary if any parents would be able to help out.



**Movie Night:** This Friday, February 4th will be Movie Night at Sacred Heart School. The doors will open at 6:30 P.M. with the movie starting at 7:00 P.M. There will be a concession. Come and bring a friend - it will be a great time!!

**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](mailto:karenlobley@shaw.ca).

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK:** We have many wonderful activities planned for this week, February 6-11, at Sacred Heart School. A letter detailing these events was sent home earlier this week. Just a reminder that all students are encouraged to attend the 11:00 Mass this Sunday 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 2011-2012 school year. Also, if necessary, please update any changes to the verification sheet or make note on the bottom anything you feel is pertinent for us to know and record in your child's file. Thanks.

**SECOND ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER:** This fun event is planned for Saturday, February 26th, 2011 at the Ramada Hotel. Our GALA Committee has been working very hard for months in organizing this event, which will be called "An Evening Under the Stars". 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 stay at Heffley Inn at Sun Peaks (near Kamloops), a Las Vegas Vacation Package, Jacuzzi Package at Ramada Hotel in PG, Remote Car Starter, a Shaw HD Box, Jewelry, Art Work and much more. An evening of dancing will follow. Tickets are available at the school office and also at the Ramada Hotel, for \$45 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 8th, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. Preparation sessions for the children and their families have already started. The next family retreat is planned for Sunday, February 13th from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M. in the lower church.





# Have A Great Catholic Education Week!

## IMPORTANT EVENTS—February 2011

3rd	2:30 to 4:00	*	Basketball Game - IC comes to SHS— Mixed Game
4th		*	Gr. 2/3 Class to Groop Gallery
		*	Pizza Hot Lunch
	12:30 to 1:30	*	Gr. 4/5/6/7 Skating at Coliseum
		*	Movie Night at Sacred Heart School
			Doors Open @ 6:30 P.M., Movie at 7:00 P.M.
		*	Pizza Lunch
06th to 11th		*	CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
06th	11:00 A.M.	*	Parish School Mass - All students are encouraged to attend
07th	12:30 to 1:30	*	Early Learning Session—Library
08th	8:30 A.M.	*	Purden Ski Hill Staff come for Safety Session with Intermediate Students
	12:20 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.	*	Gr. 2/3 to Two Rivers Art Gallery
	2:30 P.M.	*	Basketball Game at IC - Boys play First, Girls Second
09th	9:00 A.M. to 12:45 P.M.	*	Gr. 2/3 Cross Country Skiing at Otway Nordic Centre
		*	Gr. 4/5 to Two Rivers Art Gallery
	2:30 P.M.	*	Basketball Game at St. Mary's - BOYS ONLY
10th		*	Gr. 4/5/6/7 Ski/Snowboarding Day at Purden
11th		*	Gr. 6/7 Retreat at IC
	8:30 A.M.	*	Assembly in Primary Basement
		*	Pizza Lunch
13th	2:00 to 4:30 P.M.	*	Family Retreat for First Communion and Confirmation at Sacred Heart Cathedral
14th		*	St. Valentine's Day - Red & White Day
	12:30 to 1:45 P.M.	*	Primary Rotation for Valentine's Day
16th		*	Gr. 2/3 Worm Harvesting
17th		*	IC Basketball Team comes to Sacred Heart School
			Boys play First, Girls Second
18th	9:00 A.M.	*	School Mass hosted by Gr. 4/5
		*	Pizza Lunch
	12:30 to 1:30 P.M.	*	K/Gr.1/2/3 Students Skating at Coliseum
19th		*	Basketball Tournament and Dance at Sacred Heart
22nd		*	Baskeball Tournament at Sacred Heart
23rd		*	Gr. 2/3 Aquafit at Four Seasons Pool
25th		*	Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day
		*	Pizza Lunch
	12:30 to 1:30 P.M.	*	K/Gr.1/2/3 Students Skating at Coliseum
	1:00 to 5:00 P.M.	*	OPEN HOUSE for New Families
26th	6:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.	*	GALA Fundraiser at Ramada Hotel
28th	12:30 to 1:30 P.M.	*	Early Learning Session—Library

### MARCH

4th		*	PRO D. Day - NO CLASSES
14-25		*	SPRING BREAK - TWO WEEKS!!

“Treat all People with Dignity and Respect”