



# SACRED HEART SCHOOL

## April 2010 Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

This year we begin April with sunny skies, children laughing on the playground and a feeling of new beginnings as we approach Easter. As I look back on the year, I realize that I have had the great joy of witnessing the children's journey through the liturgical year as I started at Sacred Heart shortly before the year's onset of Advent. During these four weeks, I had the pleasure to journey with the children as they focused on the joy of the birth and light of Christ as we approached Christmas. We are coming to an end of the Lenten season, a time when students realized their limitations and acknowledged the endless temptations of our growingly complex media driven world. With the cold weather and snow of winter leaving us for the sunny skies and warmth of spring there is a feeling of new life as nature flourishes. As the Easter season approaches, we ready ourselves to celebrate a rebirth, new hope and new life through the resurrection of Jesus.

Happy Easter from all of us at Sacred Heart School.

Michael Gaal,  
Principal

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

## Of Special Interest

- \* **April 02nd, 2010**  
Good Friday—Schools Closed
- \* **April 04th, 2010**  
Easter Sunday
- \* **April 05th, 2010**  
Easter Monday—School Closed
- \* **April 09th, 2010**  
School Mass—9 AM—All welcome
- \* **April 11th, 2010**  
Parish/School Mass—11:00 AM
- \* **April 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 2010**  
Catholic Educators Conference in Kelowna  
Schools Closed

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## Sports Events

**Relays:** *Students in Grades 2 to 7 who wish to take part in relays will begin practicing soon. Permission slips and information will be sent home next week. Practices will take place at lunch time. The District Relays will take place at Masich Place Stadium on Tuesday, May 4th from 12:40 to approximately 4:15 PM. A bus will transport students to the stadium on this day, and parents are asked to arrange a ride home after the relays.*

**Basketball Tournament:** *Many thanks to Mr. O'Callaghan, Principal of Immaculate Conception School and the Knights of Columbus for organizing the great tournament on the weekend of March 26 and 27th. Basketball players from the visiting schools of St. Mary's, Immaculate Conception and St. Anne's, along with our Sacred Heart teams enjoyed a total of 12 great games. Thanks as well to the volunteer coaches (Christine Robertson and Scott Cawdell), to Gerry Chidiac for refereeing as well as the timekeepers. Thanks to Ms. Ruddy and her class for running the concession*

**SPEECH ARTS AND DRAMA FESTIVAL:** We are delighted to report that every student at Sacred Heart School will have an opportunity to participate in the PG Speech Arts & Drama Festival this year. Primary students (K-Gr. 3) will present selections in the Choric Drama classes. Intermediate students will compete in the Shakespearian Scenes category. The Festival begins on April 26th at UNBC. We hope to receive copies of the program soon and will share more info with parents.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

The College Heights Community Association presents the Spring Kids Good As New Sale on Saturday, April 17th, 2010. The sale is at the Diocesan Centre (6500 Southridge Avenue, across from the Wal Mart tire shop) from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Quality pre-owned children's items including clothing from newborn to size 12, books and DVD's, toys, strollers, bikes, furniture, maternity wear, baby items and much more. For more information, visit the CHCA website at [collegeheightsca.org](http://collegeheightsca.org)

**Third Annual YMCA Healthy Kids Marathon:** This event, planned for June 6th, is a fun filled time designed to promote healthy kids and families in spirit, mind and body. Healthy Kids Marathon encourages children between Kindergarten and Grade 7 to get active. Contact the Y for further information.

## ONE OF OUR NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Those who read the P.G. Citizen may have seen an article about a four-year old girl, Hannah Parker, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. This little person is registered for our September, 2010 Kindergarten in-take at Sacred Heart School. We would like to help her family with their expenses at this difficult time. Sacred Heart School will host a Bake-Sale after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on SUNDAY, APRIL 18th to support Hannah and her family. If you would like to donate a baked item, please send it to school on Friday, Apr. 16th or bring it to Mass with you on the 18th. If you want to purchase items, come along to the Bake Sale outside the Cathedral. Thank you!

# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP NEWS



## **PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING DATE FOR THE MONTH OF April, 2010**

- Monday, April 12th, 2010/6:30 pm/School Library

The Parent Support Group, will soon be looking for volunteers for spring Work Bees to complete some playground projects and do some painting. Plan to attend the meeting and watch for more info.

**MOVIE NIGHT—FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**

## MORE SCHOOL NEWS.....

**Sacred Heart School Registrations—(Grades K-7)—2010-2011:** Sacred Heart School is now accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 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 will be sent home with our students later this week. Please carefully check over the information on the verification sheet, make any necessary changes to current information and return the form to the school immediately to ensure your spot for 2010-2011. 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. Accompanying these forms will be some important information from School Council regarding changes to tuition and bussing for the fall.

**Please plan to attend an Open Forum on these issues on Monday, April 12 at 7 PM in the Primary Basement.**

**GALA FUNDRAISER:** The school, along with parents and teachers, is very busy planning this event. See the attached blue sheet for more information. Mark May 8th on your calendar!!

### ***SCHOOL CLOSURE IN APRIL:***

*Parents are reminded that the school will be closed from Wednesday, April 21st to Friday, April 23rd as all teaching staff will be attending the Catholic Educators' Conference in Kelowna. This annual conference is part of our professional development which is so important to our teachers. Classes will resume on Monday, April 26th.*

**THANKS!!** Miss Power would like to thank all those families who sent brown bag lunches for St. Vincent de Paul on March 30. Sixty-eight lunches were picked up and taken to the centre for their guests to enjoy. This was an excellent exercise for our staff and students to take part in during Holy Week

**EARLY LEARNING SESSIONS FOR APRIL, 2010:** The dates for this month are April 12, 19 and 26 at 12:30 P.M. in the school library.

**The School Garden:** We are planing a school garden on the Hemlock Street site once again this spring. If you are interested in helping out with this very worthwhile project, please contact the school or email [shsg2g3@hotmail.com](mailto:shsg2g3@hotmail.com)



## IMPORTANT EVENTS—APRIL, 2010

02nd		*	Good Friday—No School
04th		*	Easter Sunday
05th		*	Easter Monday—No School
06th to 13th		*	Online registrations for Grade 7 students going to Duchess Park Secondary
06th		*	Gr. 2/3 Field Trip to Ft. George Park
08th		*	Gr. 2/3 Field Trip to Art Gallery
09th	- 9:00 AM	*	School Mass in Cathedral
09th		*	Pizza Lunch
11th	- 11:00 AM	*	Parish/School Mass in Cathedral—All welcome
12th	- 12:30 PM	*	Early Learning Session in Library
12th	- 7:00 PM	*	Parent Information Night at Duchess Park for new Grade 8 Students
12th	- 6:30 PM	*	Parent Support Group Meeting
	- 7:00 PM	*	<b>Open Forum Meeting regarding changes to Bussing and Tuition for September 2010</b>
13th		*	Counsellor from Duchess Park coming to talk to Grade 7 Students
15th		*	Deadline for Grade 7's to have their course selection forms into Miss Ruddy
16th		*	Pizza Lunch
16th	- 8:30 AM	*	Assembly in Primary Basement Area
18th	- 9:00 and 11:00	*	Bake Sale after both Sunday Masses for Hannah Parker—New K. Student for Sept. 2010
18th to 24th		*	BC Arts & Culture Week
19th	- 12:30 PM	*	Early Learning Session in Library
21st to 23rd		*	<b>Catholic Educators Conference— NO SCHOOL</b>
26th to 30th		*	CTBS Testing
26th	- 12:30 PM	*	Early Learning Session in Library
30th		*	Pizza Lunch
30th	- 6:30 PM	*	PSG Movie Night!!



### Looking Ahead To May, 2010

08th	-	<b>GALA FUNDRAISER AT THE RAMADA</b>
24th	-	Victoria Day—No Classes For Students—K-7
29th	-	First Communion/Confirmation - Sacred Heart Cathedral

