



# Sacred Heart School January Newsletter

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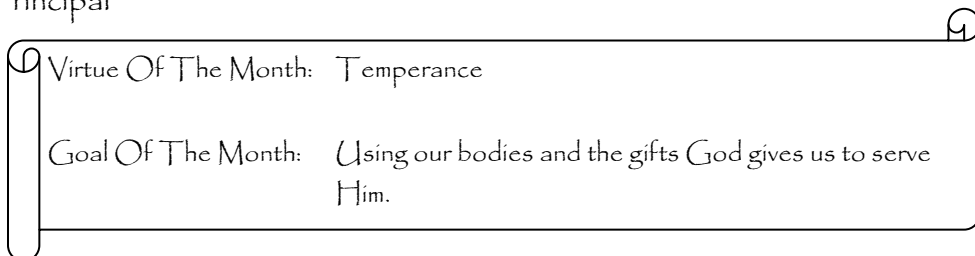
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## Principal's Message

January, 2010

Welcome back and Happy New Year. As we embark on 2010, we as a community have many blessings to be grateful for through the presence of God's love in our daily lives. We can be thankful that we were able to experience the light of Christ in our lives during the Christmas season as we celebrated the birth of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. God's love fills our school through people who make it a great place to learn with joy and hope as our school community grows. We look forward to the New Year with pride in what we have accomplished as a school community and what will be accomplished in the months to follow. Every end can become a beginning, for the man or woman who has faith in the God who invites us to begin again, again and again. He alone makes it possible by sharing His very life with us. At the Holy Mass on New Year's Day celebrating the great Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, we were invited as Catholics to emulate her "Yes" to the invitation of God and make it our own. We are invited to make a place for Him within us and become bearers of Christ to the world.

Michael Gaal  
Principal



## Of Special Interest

January 04th, 2010

Classes Resume—K-7

January 08th, 2010

School Mass—9 AM

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Movie Night—Doors Open at 6:45 P.M. Movie start at 7 pm

January 10th, 2010

School Parish Mass 11 AM

January 11th, 2010

PSG Meeting—Library at 7 pm

January 27th, 2010

School Council Meeting

January 29th 2010

Pro D. Day—No Classes—K-7

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# Sports Events

## **Basketball Season:**

**The Basketball Season will get underway in January 2010. More information will be coming home soon. We are still looking for any individuals who may be interested in helping with coaching! If you are interested please contact Mr. Gaal, Principal at the school—563-5201.**



**Skate Season: Our skating sessions will commence on January 15th, 2010. Watch for further information and permission slips which will be coming home later this week. Please ensure that your child/ren have the proper equipment—i.e., helmet/skates/gloves/mittens and any necessary warm clothing.**

**Early Learning Program:** The Early Learning Program at Sacred Heart School will start up again on January 11, 2010 and will run from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. This is a great opportunity for your pre-school aged child to experience some wonderful learning activities. The January dates for this program are the 11th, 18th and 25th.



## PARENTS IN ACTION

**Turkey Lunch:** Thank you to these individuals who helped make the Turkey Lunch such a wonderful event at the school: Stephanie Rex, John Rex, Tony Royan and Sheri-Lee Prudente. Also, a special thank you to Raul Coto who did such a great job of cooking the turkeys. The students, staff and invited guests really enjoyed the dinner. It was a wonderful way of celebrating Advent together as a school. Also huge thanks to Ave Maria for donating the turkeys!

## Winter Weather Busing Policy #335

Schools shall not be closed because of cold or inclement weather. On days when student attendance is reduced substantially because of cold or inclement weather conditions or because travel is considered treacherous, regular scheduled instruction may be modified for those students who attend school. School bus service in Prince George, will not be cancelled because of cold weather. Other CIS schools in the Prince George Diocese will follow the practices of the public school districts in which they reside. Individual bus runs may be cancelled for the day (morning and afternoon runs), because of dangerous road conditions. Cancellations will be announced on local radio as soon as possible after the decision to cancel a run is made. The decision to keep a student at home for the day because of winter weather conditions shall be made by the parents. Students shall not be expected to wait for a school bus for more than fifteen (15) minutes past the scheduled pick-up time. If the bus has not arrived by that time, students should return to their homes or to another prearranged place of shelter. Parents/Guardians will be informed of these regulations annually via school newsletters in the fall and periodically throughout the winter months. All staff are expected to report for work at school unless a travel advisory is issued for the area and the principal grants Inclement Weather Leave.



Note: Student safety shall be the primary concern that determines actions taken as a result of cold or inclement winter weather.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER—DAY NOT IN SESSION IN JANUARY

Friday, January 29th is a day not in session for all students in K-7.

# Parent Support Group News



## PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING—January 2010

- This will be held on January 11th, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the School Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Cookie Dough/Cheesecake Fundraiser: The Parent Support Group would like to thank all families who supported this fundraiser at our school before Christmas. Special thanks to Anna Turnquist who did a great job of organizing and coordinating this project.



PIZZALUNCH: Pizza forms were sent home with students on Monday, January 4th and are due back by January 11th. No late orders were be accepted. This form covers pizza orders for Friday, January 15th and 22nd, as well as Thursday, January 28th.



MOVIE NIGHT: Coming Soon To SH School Theatre on Friday, January 8th, 2010— our Single Feature—7:00 pm—9:00 pm (Primary Basement). Doors will open at 6:45 pm. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Stephanie Rex @ [jfrex@shaw.ca](mailto:jfrex@shaw.ca)

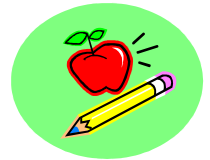


OLYMPIC TORCH RUN: Ms. Ruddy, our Grade 6/7 Teacher, is looking forward to participating in the 2010 Olympic Torch Run on Friday, January 29th right here in Prince George. She has been assigned her run in the vicinity of Tamarack St, and 17th Avenue. Come and cheer her on!!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: BC Transit will be coming to Sacred Heart School on the 14th of January to provide a presentation to our students regarding safety around bussing. There will be separate presentations for intermediate and primary students.

UNBC Teacher Ed Program: Sacred Heart School will welcome student teacher, Miss Rebecca Gilbert, to the Grade 2/3 classroom for a 10 week practicum beginning in early February. Miss Gilbert comes with a wealth of experience in education in both BC and Alberta. We look forward to having her join us for her final practicum .

SACRAMENTS: It has been announced by the Office of the Bishop that Confirmation and First Communion will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, May 29th, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. Students in Grade 2 and higher may participate in these sacraments if they have received the Sacrament of Baptism according to the Catholic rite.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS—January 2010

01st	(Friday)		➤	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
03rd	(Sunday)		➤	Epiphany of the Lord
04th	(Monday)		➤	Classes Resume (Grades K-7)
06th	(Wednesday)	- 2:30 pm	➤	Staff Meeting
08th	(Friday)	- 9:00 am	➤	School Mass—Please Join Us!
08th	(Friday)	- 6:45 pm	➤	Movie Night!! Primary Basement Door Open at 6:45 pm, Movie starts at 7 pm
10th	(Sunday)	- 11:00 am	➤	School/Parish Mass—Please Join Us!
11th	(Monday)	- 12:30—1:30 pm	➤	Early Learning Session
11th	(Monday)	- 7:00 pm	➤	Parent Support Group Meeting—Library All parents welcome.
14th	(Thursday)		➤	Presentation from BC Transit
15th	(Friday)		➤	Pizza Lunch
18th	(Monday)	- 12:30—1:30 pm	➤	Early Learning Session
19th	(Tuesday)		➤	Gr. 2/3 to Two Rivers Art Gallery
22nd	(Friday)	- 8:30 am	➤	School Assembly—Please Join Us!
22nd	(Friday)		➤	Pizza Day
25th	(Monday)	- 12:30—1:15 pm	➤	Early Learning Session
27th	(Wednesday)	- 7:00 pm	➤	School Council Meeting—Library
28th	(Thursday)		➤	Pizza Lunch
29th	(Friday)		➤	Pro D. Day—No Classes—K-7

### Looking Ahead To February, 2010

16th	-	Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Breakfast
17th	-	Ash Wednesday
26th	-	Professional Development Day— No classes for K-7

#### **Memories from our Christmas Concert?**

Mrs. Murphy is looking for digital photos or video recordings taken at the Christmas Concert. If you have any, please email to Mrs. Murphy at [shspg@netbistro.com](mailto:shspg@netbistro.com)  
**THANKS!**