



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

March Newsletter

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“Catholic Schools—Sharing our Story; Celebrating Our Faith”

Principal's Message

On February 16th the school came together as a community during our Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast to prepare for Ash Wednesday and the onset of Lent. Lent is the time when Christians prepare for the greatest of the Christian festivals, Easter. It is time when Christians try to overcome their own faults and try to follow the example of Jesus in the desert by giving up luxuries, devoting time to prayer and almsgiving. School community members are asked to give up one of the many things we do not require but endlessly yearn for to provide a false sense of fulfillment. This could be one of many material items many of us covet in our lives. It is only through prayer to God and almsgiving to others that we can become closer to God and rise above the many temptations of sin in our overwhelmingly complicated world of mass media. In February, our Virtue of the Month was forgiveness, as we were forgiven when Christ was sacrificed on the cross. As we prepare for Easter throughout March and the beginning of April we all need to be still and listen so that we may hear the words of God through our prayers.

Michael Gaal
Principal

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 05th, 2010
School Mass—Grade 2/3
- March 05th, 2010
Early dismissal at 11:30 AM
Report Cards Go Home
- March 8th to 12th, 2010
Spring Break!!
- March 15th, 2010
Classes resume after Spring Break.
- March 26h to 27th, 2010
Basketball Tournament

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“Celebrate the Gifts and Talents of Everyone”



Sports Events



Basketball: Practices are continuing on Tuesday, March 2. The game scheduled for Thursday, March 4th against St. Mary's has been cancelled. Practices will be held after spring break on March 16 and 17th, as well as on the following Sundays from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M. —March 14, and 21. The Annual Basketball Tournament is scheduled for Friday, March 26th and Saturday, March 27th, 2010, and will be hosted by Sacred Heart School. Also, special thanks to Jack Page, Scott Cawdell, Christine Robertson and Gerry Chidiac for all the help they give our teams.

Congratulations to **Kourtney Forrest**, the winner of the Knights of Columbus City Wide Free Throw Basketball Contest, held on Saturday, Feb. 27th!! School winners in each age group were Jediah Anderson, Adrienne Rex, Alexis Mihis, Miguel Parra, Christopher Thalmann, Kourtney Forrest and Donna Meise. Thanks to the Knights for organizing this fun event for us.

CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The Charitable Donation Receipts for 2009 are now available for pick up in the school office. Please see Mrs. Ireland to pick up your receipt for taxation purposes. If your receipt envelope is not picked up by Friday, March 5th, 2010, it will be sent home with the eldest child in your family, unless you specifically request otherwise.

School News

CLASSROOM NEWSLETTERS: Individual classrooms will be sending their newsletters home after Spring Break. Please watch for this important information.

First Reconciliation is available for Grade 3 students and this will be held at 6:30 P.M. at Sacred Heart Cathedral on March 4th. A short reception will follow in the school library.

CAT Testing for Grade 7's: Our Grade 7's are getting ready for testing being done by Duchess Park Secondary for Grade 8 Placements. Our Grade 7's will be tested on March 18 (Thursday) at 12:30 P.M., March 23 (Tuesday) at 10:00 A.M., and March 24 (Wednesday) at 10:00 A.M.

Early Learning Dates for March: March 15th, 22nd and 29th are the Mondays in March when the Early Learning sessions will be held in the Library at 12:30 P.M. All preschoolers and their parents are welcome!

Pizza Dates in March: Thursday, March 4th, Thursday, March 18th and Thursday, March 25th.

Tennis Lessons: All of the students in our school have been given an amazing opportunity to learn some tennis skills. Each student has been offered 4 lessons—and a huge thanks to Ricardo Leiva, one of our parents, for organizing and teaching these lessons. The children are really enjoying this great sport.

Intermediate Skating Session: Last session is March 19th at 12:30 P.M. at the Coliseum. Come prepared!

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

GALA FUNDRAISER: Our amazing parents are busy organizing the school's first Gala Fundraiser, planned for May 8th, 2010 at the Ramada Hotel. Funds raised will be used to support vital facility upgrades, as well as supporting regular school programs. Donations needed for Silent Auction!!

Movie night in March will be Friday, the 19th at 6:30 P.M. in the Primary Assembly Area.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING DATES FOR THE MONTH OF March 2010

- Monday, March 1st 2010. Next meeting—Monday, April 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM in Library.

A HUGE thanks to the Knights of Columbus and also those individuals from the Parent Support Group who helped out with the Pancake Breakfast on Shrove Tuesday!

Beach Party Dance: Thanks to the Parent Support Group for organizing this great social evening on Friday, February 19th. Great atmosphere, great fun and great dancing were enjoyed by all present.

Science Fair Club: Many thanks to John Rex for continued support running the Science Fair Club.

SCHOOL FORMS

Sacred Heart School Registrations Grades K-7 2010-2011 School Year—Sacred Heart School is now accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 School Year. Since some classes are getting full, we are now putting names on a waitlist for K and Grade 1. 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 Mr. Gaal. **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 2010-2011.

Diversified Transportation Ltd (Bussing):

The 3 Catholic School Councils in Prince George have in the past entered into an agreement with Diversified Transportation Ltd., to provide bussing for the children attending their respective schools. Along with the verification sheets that will be sent home for completion, a yellow Diversified Bus Registration form will be attached. If you require bussing for your child in September, it is imperative that you complete the form and return to the school ASAP. Since bussing routes for the fall are put in place from this pre-registration information, it is imperative that these forms are returned and completed as accurately as possible. Be sure to make note of daycare stop information, etc. As stated earlier, there will be a bussing charge of \$20 per month per student, to a maximum of \$50 per month per family, for families needing this service, effective September, 2010. Thank You!





IMPORTANT EVENTS for March 2010

02nd		*	Primary Indoor Tennis
02nd	- 7:00 P.M.	*	Parent Support Group Meeting in Library
03rd	- 9:00 A.M.	*	Gr. 2/3 Field Trip to UNBC Sports Centre
04th		*	Pizza Hot Lunch
05th	- 9:00 A.M.	*	School Mass—Grade 2/3 Hosting
	- 11:30 A.M.	*	Early dismissal—Report Cards Home
08-12th		*	SPRING VACATION—NO CLASSES K-7
15th		*	School re-opens after Spring Break
	- 12:30 P.M.	*	Early Learning Session
17th		*	St. Patrick's Day—Wear Green!!
			Mass at 5:30 P.M. in Cathedral—All welcome
18th		*	Pizza Lunch
19th	- 12:30 P.M.	*	Intermediates Skating at Coliseum
	- 6:30 P.M.	*	Movie Night in Primary Basement
22nd	- 12:30	*	Early Learning Session/Library
23rd		*	Aquafit Challenge at 4 Seasons Pool—Gr. 2/3
		*	School Council Meeting—7:00 PM
24th		*	Cross Country Skiing Trip to Otway
25th		*	Pizza Hot Lunch
26th	- 8:30 A.M.	*	Assembly
26th		*	Brown Lunch Bags Go Home—Gr. 2/3
		*	Basketball Tournament in Sacred Heart Gym
27th	- All Day	*	Basketball Tournament in Sacred Heart Gym
29th	- 12:30 P.M.	*	Early Learning Session
30th		*	Return Brown Bag Lunches for St. Vincent de Paul Centre
		*	School Council Meeting—7:00 PM

Looking Ahead To April, 2010

02nd	-	Good Friday—School Closed
04th	-	Easter Sunday
05th	-	Easter Monday—School Closed

What's Happening in Prince George over Spring Break:

Blast to the Past Spring Break Camp—March 8 to 12, 2010: Let your child's imagination take a journey into the past. Children will experience an old fashioned school lesson, and compare historic items with modern day items. More info 562-1612.

Xplore Sportz March Break Camp: Children ages 6-12 have the opportunity to 'test drive' a variety of Olympic & Paralympic sports every day under qualified and experienced coaches. The camp dates are March 9th to 11th. The cost is \$40 for a single day camp or all 3 days for \$95. Camps will be based out of the College of New Caledonia gym.

For more information, call 250-960-5347.



“Treat all People with Respect and Dignity”