



# Sacred Heart School September Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians, Parish Members and friends of Sacred Heart School,

I hope everyone has had a restful and joyous summer. As we enter into the new school year at Sacred Heart School, I know there will be lots of exceptional learning and fun to be experienced by all students, staff and parents. However, it is with a heavy heart that I will not be here to journey with each of you. I have resigned my position as the principal of Sacred Heart School as I have accepted a teaching position with Chignecto-Central Regional School Board in Nova Scotia as a teaching vice principal. This position was an opportunity for my family and me to return to the Maritimes to raise our children near our families. I have had many mixed emotions during the past week, one minute excited and happy and the next minute scared and sad. As a family we had talked about moving for the past few years and feel it was time to make the move. I want to thank all the parents, students, school councils, parent support groups, and the parish during the past ten years and in particular Father John for the hard work and dedication shown to the school community. I have and will always appreciate the effort and energy everyone has so graciously given to make Sacred Heart an exceptional place to learn, educate and form lasting friendships. I only can hope my new school will be as welcoming and caring as Sacred Heart. I wish you all the best in your new school year.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Harnish

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** Individual student photos are scheduled for Friday, September 18th, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. Information and order forms will be sent home soon.

Virtue of the Month: Faith  
Goal of the Month: Believing the Truth of God with your whole mind, heart and soul.

## Of Special Interest

- September 09th 2009  
School Commences (full day)  
Grades Kindergarten-Gr. 7
- September 13th 2009  
School Parish Mass 11:00 am
- September 18th 2009  
School Mass 9:00 am
- September 25th 2009  
Pro-D Day—No Classes for K-7
- September 28th 2009  
Potluck Barbecue—PSG  
Meet the Teacher/Staff Event  
6:30 P.M.: Main Bldg.  
(Primary Basement)

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# CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS 2009-2010

All parents/guardians and other volunteers in the school must have a criminal record check on file at the office in order to volunteer for any school activities in and outside the school buildings. The school updates the criminal record checks every three years. Anyone with a criminal record check on file from 2006 to 2009 will not need to complete one for this school year. If you have not yet completed a criminal record check for the school or have done so prior to 2006, you will need to pick up the form at the school office to submit to the R.C.M.P. for processing. If you think you may be volunteering, especially for field trips, please complete the form now. Do not delay!!

## ABSENTEE NOTES

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to Absentee Notes! to send in an absentee note explaining your child/ren's absences to teacher. Insert your absentee notes in your child's planner.



Please remember the classroom

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!**

## TUITION/SUPPLY FEES

Please ensure that your tuition accounts are kept up-to-date during the course of the school year. Many thanks to the families who have already paid for the whole school year either by post dated cheques or complete payment. You may send in post dated cheques to the school office which will be receipted through the school year as per the date on your cheque. If you send in payment with your child in the form of cash or cheque, we encourage you to put it in a sealed envelope and remind your child to either give it to their classroom teacher at the beginning of the school day, or bring it directly to the school office. Please remind your child/ren to not leave any monies sitting in their school bag, desk, etc.

The tuition rates for the 2009-2010 school year are as follows:

Single Child Rate	-	\$140.00 per month
Family Rate (2 or more children)	-	\$180.00 per month

Supply Fee: There is a \$35.00 supply fee for each child Grades 1-7 which is payable at the beginning of the school year. Thank you for your prompt attention to this fee!

## IMPORTANT FORMS REQUIRED



Each student must have a copy of their Birth Certificate/Care Card/Legal Residency Form/P.I.P.A. (Personal Information Privacy Act) and a Student Code of Conduct Form signed by the student/parent/guardian, in his/her student file. Please ensure that the school also has a current address/telephone number for parent/guardian (home and work place), emergency contact name/telephone numbers and up-to-date accurate medical information regarding your child/ren. It is also very helpful to have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate for those students who have been baptized. Thank you!

# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP NEWS



**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING for September 2009**—More information to follow.

**PIZZA DATES FOR SEPTEMBER:** We will be offering pizza lunch on Friday, September 18th and 24th. Order forms have been sent home with students today and are due back in the office with payment by Tuesday, September 15th. Please remember to hand in your Pizza Order forms on time since unfortunately no late orders can be accepted.

**MILK PROGRAM STARTS SOON!!** Order forms will go home next week for orders for the period from Sept. 28 to Oct. 28 and will be due in the office with payment on Monday, Sept. 21, 2009. The order form has all the information you will need about this program. A huge thanks to Cheryl Baker who did such a great job of organizing this program for us last year—and has so kindly volunteered to look after this great program again this fall.

**POTLUCK BARBECUE:** Planned for the evening of the Meet The Teacher Night on Sept. 28. More info to follow.

## COMMUNICATION

Communication is a key component to developing a positive and constructive partnership. As Staff, at Sacred Heart School, we aim to work collaboratively with parents/guardians and students to provide the best possible education. It is important to keep connected to the school and your child's classroom. As a school, we use a variety of means to communicate with parents/guardians such as newsletters, e-mails, student agendas and telephone calls. Please ensure that you are checking your child's backpack and agenda and receiving a copy of the school newsletter. If you would like to be added to the group lists for emails for your child's classroom, or the school email list from the office, please forward your email address to the school or your child's classroom teacher. Thank you!

## EARLY LEARNING SEPTEMBER 2009

The dates for the month of September are: September 14th, 21st and 28th and these sessions are held in the school library starting at 12:30 P.M. and lasting for about 45 minutes. This is a great opportunity for your pre-school aged children to attend and experience some wonderful learning activities. Pass the word, if you know of someone who might be interested in bringing their child or grandchild. We would be happy to have them!



## SPORTS EVENTS

- **Cross Country:**

Cross Country Running is the first extra curricular program offered at Sacred Heart School. It usually runs for the month of September and perhaps the first week of October depending on the date of the Cross-Country Meet. The 1st training session will take place on Thursday, September 17th 2009 at 2:15 pm-3:30 pm. Please note below the dates/times for practices:

Mondays	-	2:15 pm—3:30 pm
Thursdays	-	2:15 pm—3:30 pm

All participants must assemble in the primary basement area and then they will proceed on foot to Ft. George Park for warm-ups and training (weather permitting). Please ensure that your child/ren returns his/her signed permission letter to the school as soon as possible. Students will return to the school for pick up after each practice. If you pick up your child/ren at the park, it is essential that you inform the sponsor teacher (s) before leaving with your child/ren from the park. (We can drop children off at Exploration Place Daycare if required.)



## IMPORTANT EVENTS—September 2009

09th (Wednesday)	-	8:15 am	▪	School Commences—Grades K-7 Please join us for our 1st school assembly 10:15 am (Primary Bsmt) Regular Dismissal at 2:15 P.M.
13th (Sunday)	-	11:00 am	▪	School/Parish Mass—Please Join Us! (Cathedral)
15th (Tuesday)			▪	Pizza Order Forms due into office
			▪	Gr. 2/3 Fall Neighbourhood Walk—(Weather Permitting)
17th (Thursday)	-	1:00 pm.	▪	Vancouver Opera Performance—Jack Pine
	-	2:15 to 3:30	▪	Cross Country Run Practice
18th (Friday)	-	9:00 am	▪	School Mass—Hosted by Grades 6 & 7
	-	10:00 m	▪	Individual Student Photos Taken
			▪	Pizza Hot Lunch
21st (Monday)			▪	Milk Orders due into office for Sept. and Oct.
21st (Monday)	-	2:15 to 3:30	▪	Cross Country Run Practice
24th (Thursday)			▪	Pizza Hot Lunch
	-	Noon to 2:00	▪	Gr. 2/3 Trip to Art Gallery
	-	2:15 to 3:00	▪	Cross Country Run Practice
25th (Friday)			▪	Pro. D. Day—No Classes for Students
28th (Monday)	-		▪	PSG Potluck Barbecue—More into to follow
	-	6:30 P.M.	▪	Meet the Teacher Night—Main Building Primary Basement

### Looking Ahead to October 2009:

01st (Thursday)	-	2:15 to 3:30	▪	Cross Country Running
02nd (Friday)			▪	Worms Presentation to Grade 2/3
09th (Friday)			▪	Terry Fox Run
12th (Monday)			▪	Thanksgiving Day—No Classes K-7

**SACRED HEART COOKBOOKS:** Just a reminder that we still have some of our amazing “Food From the Heart” cookbooks available for sale. These books would be great to have on hand when a last minute gift is needed. The cost is \$15 each—please see Mrs. Ireland to purchase. Thanks!!

### “Lost and Found Box”

**The Lost and Found Box is a labeled large white box located downstairs in the Primary Basement. Please drop by the school and check the box periodically for any lost items or encourage your child/ren to also check the box. Any items not claimed will be taken to St. Vincent de Paul during the course of the school year at various intervals. Thank You!**