

Sacred Heart Batawa Catholic School

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Off to a Roaring Start at Sacred Heart

September and the first part of October has been a busy and successful time. Our Catholic School Council hosted our Annual Meet and Greet, which was attended by many families and our Chair of the Board, John Brisbois, as well as Trustee Sean Kelly. Our little school managed to collect over \$1600 for the Terry Fox Foundation and as a result Mr. Terry gave up his hair in front of the whole school.

Our Catholic School Council served an amazing Thanksgiving Lunch for all students. We have also managed to create several leadership groups for our Grade 7/8 students and you will soon see the benefits of their hard work. These groups will work closely with the Bata Development Corp. and will promote leadership activities at our school. Their first initiative was a canned food drive for our local food bank. The Leadership Team set a goal of 200 cans, and ended up with a total of 620 cans. Way to go Sacred Heart! The generosity of our small school will surely benefit many. We look forward to even more opportunities to share our Faith in Action.



A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**O Heavenly Father:
We thank Thee for food
and remember the
hungry.
We thank Thee for health
and remember the sick.
We thank Thee for friends
and remember the
friendless.
We thank Thee for
freedom and remember
the enslaved.
May these remembrances
stir us to service.
That Thy gifts to us may
be used for others.**

Amen.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 23rd– Grade 7 Hep B Shots
- Oct. 24th– School Mass (11:am)
- Oct. 25th– Terrific Kids/Terry Fox Presentation
- Oct. 27th– PA Day
- Oct. 31st– Halloween

Our School Schedule

- 9:00** Yard Supervision Begins
- 9:15** Instructional Time
- 10:35–** Recess
- 10:50–** Instructional Time
- 12:10– 1:10–** Recess and Lunch
- 1:10–2:10** School Wide Math
- 2:10–3:30–** Instructional Time
- 3:30–** Dismissal



Milk and Pizza Sales to go Online

Our school has a great opportunity to participate in a program that will help decrease the amount of cash that is coming into our school. If your child is going to purchase items such as milk, pizza, spirit wear or even pay for a field trip, parents will now have the ability to pay via credit card or directly from their bank account. This initiative will help free up the classroom teachers by not forcing them to count money, and will save Mrs. Shangraw hours of time as well. Our school will continue to accept cash or cheque, but this new system will be our preferred method of payment. Instructions will come home with your child on Monday October 16th, and you can login and check out the online shopping experience.

Safe Entry Procedures

At Sacred Heart Catholic School we endeavour to be a safe and welcoming environment for all of our students, staff and families. We have a safe entry system that is in operation from 9am until 3:30pm each day to ensure that all visitors who come to the school check in at the office and be screened appropriately. We do from time to time have members of the community who enter the school before or after hours and do not check in at the office. The office must be your first stop every time you enter the school, and the secretary or Principal will make a call to the teacher you wish to see, before heading to their classrooms. Teachers, EA's and school staff could be meeting with other parents, each other, or on the phone discussing confidential information and it could be embarrassing for any of the parties should this information be overheard. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter, as we try to ensure the safety and confidentiality of all of our students, staff and families.

Safe Arrival Program

Parents/guardians are asked to call the school at 613-398-6393 whenever your child will be late or absent. A message may be left at any time on the answering machine. Please indicate your child's name, grade, teacher and reason for the child's absence. If no call is received, office staff will use the contact information provided to locate the child or the parent regarding the absence.



Fresh Grade is In Use!

As you should be aware our province initiated a Program and Policy Memorandum that states that every child from K-6, must have an portfolio of their accomplishments and work. Our school board has chosen to use a program called Fresh Grade. Many of you should have received notices in September and by now should have had some exemplars added to your child's portfolio. If you have not seen anything yet, please get into contact with your child's classroom teacher to determine why this is not happening. Fresh Grade promises to be an excellent opportunity for families to learn just a little bit more about what their child is doing in class!



Numeracy Quick Tip:# 2

Mix in Math!

Mix in math. The kitchen is filled with tasty opportunities to teach fractional measurements, like doubling and dividing cookie recipes

Reading Program Set to Start in November

At Sacred Heart we we will be attempting to run a reading program with our K-3 students. The program will involve members from our greater community who will come in and read with our students once per week. The goal of the program will be to have all students read to, or be read to by an adult once per week. The adults will ask the students questions about what they have read, as them to make connections and talk about what they have read and help them develop strategies for attacking words that they are unfamiliar with. If you or anyone you know has the some free time and could volunteer at the school on morning per week, please contact the school ASAP so that we can get your into the program and complete the training.



Literacy Quick Tip:# 2

Make Reading Fun

Your child's reading is not likely to improve rapidly if she sees it as a chore. Try to make it as fun as possible by being creative. For example, if your child loves to read mysteries, why not settle down together with a favorite spy book and read by flashlight?

Remembrance Day at Sacred Heart

This year at Sacred Heart we will hold our Remembrance Day ceremony at 11am on Monday November 13th. Given that Remembrance Day is on a Saturday this year, we will do our service after Remembrance Day, and perhaps some military members from our community might be able to attend in uniform. This will help give our ceremony an authentic feel and help the children make connections. If there is anyone from our military community who would like to share a military



Introducing our Sacred Heart Catholic School Council

Chair– Kristy Schmidt

Treasurer– June Kellar-Parr

Fundraising Coordinator-Miranda Coutu

Secretary– Carrie Cheyne

Thank you to these ladies for coming forward to help our students have the best possible experience. Council meets once per month, and coordinates events that support learning in the classroom and activities outside of school to promote our school goals.

Upcoming Meetings:

Nov 7/17

Dec 5/17

Jan 9/18

Feb 6/18

Mar 6/18

Apr 10/18

May 8/18

June 5/18

All meetings begin at 6pm

Freedom of Information Act and School Communication

Recent changes to the Freedom of Information Act have placed requirements around the use of email addresses and sharing of information with parents in this manner. As a result, we will require an updated email address for each and every family, so that we can email newsletters, order forms, or other information from the central office. Fresh Grade is not impacted by this change, and can continue as is. Please examine the paperwork sent home with your child, and ensure the proper email address and contact information is present. We would also ask that you go to our school website and register your email address for updates on school activities and newsletters. Go to www.alcddb.on.ca and choose Sacred Heart (Batawa) from the drop down menu. Then fill your email into the associated box.

Sacred Heart Protocol for Sharing Concerns

Over the course of the year there are bound to be concerns over things that take place in the classroom, on the yard, or during various activities. Both teachers and parents might have a concern and sometimes the first instinct is to go to the principal about such issues. However, in the best interest of the relationship between the teacher and student/family, in all cases it is understood that the classroom teacher or parent, should be the first point of contact. If the issue at hand can not be resolved after an initial conversation between the teacher and parents, then the parents or teacher may wish to meet as a team with the principal. The relationship between home and school is crucial to the success of our students and our school. If issues arise, please work through them as soon as possible.