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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

455 Pigeon Avenue, Williams Lake, BC V2G 4R5

CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE at www.sacredheartwl.com
The newsletters and calendars can be found under the News/Calendar tab

SKATING

The Kindergarten to Grade 7 students have their final skating day of this school year on Friday, January 27th.

Please make sure all students are dressed appropriately for the walk to and from the rink.

Students must have skates, helmets and gloves or mitts while on the ice. We skate from 1:15-2:15pm.



FAMILY LITERACY DAY—Friday, January 27, 2012

To celebrate Canadian Family Literacy Day, Grocery Alerts has some suggestions and tips to providing a healthier start to your child's development while keeping the cost down of a healthy breakfast.

Visit this website:

www.groceryalerts.ca/healthy-eating-growing-minds/

See more information on Family Literacy Day on page 3 of this newsletter.



Family Literacy Day

SACRED HEART STUDENTS' STORIES IN TRIBUNE

Some of our students had stories published in the Tribune Seasons Greetings edition. We enjoyed reading the stories written by **Samantha Evans, Joanna Rae Alphonse, April Frank, John Noskey, Jaron Sellars, Daniel Sellars, Maria Di-Marco, Mary Claire Snowball, Lincoln Sigsworth, Logan Ross, Blake Sellars, Georgia DiMarco, Paige Sellars and Jenessa Billyboy.** Congratulations **Samantha** who placed first in her age group!!



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, Jan 27—Mass 9:00

Friday, Jan 27—Skating for K-Gr 7

Friday, Feb 3—Mass 9:00

Friday, Feb 3—Ready, Set, Learn 1:30-3:00 for 3 & 4 yr olds

February 5-11 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sun. Feb 5—Mass 9:30 followed by pancake breakfast

Mon. Feb 6—Assembly & Birthday celebration 9:00

—Dress up as your favourite book character

Tues. Feb 7—Grade 6/7 class vs staff in basketball game

Wed. Feb 8—Hot Dog lunch for all students


—Afternoon dance in the gym

Thurs. Feb 9—Crazy Hair Day

Fri. Feb 10—Mass 9:00

—Winter Carnival for families 3-5pm

—**No buses running today**

Tuesday, Feb 14—Wear red, pink or white today. 

Wednesday, Feb 15—Choice for Life Dinner 6:00

p.m.

February 15, 16, 17—**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**—Staff will be attending the Catholic Educators Conference

ATTACHMENTS:

- February Calendar
- February Meal Program form
- Catholic Schools Week information

GARAGE SALE WAS A SUCCESS!!

The garage sale on Saturday, January 21st raised about **\$1500.00**. Thank you so much to Laurie Snowball for organizing the event and to the many volunteers who helped out in various ways. Parishioners and school parents helped out by donating items for the garage sale, helping with set up, donating baking or concession items, working at the garage sale and helping with cleanup. We couldn't have done it without you!
Laurie will have more details in our next newsletter.



2012-2013 REGISTRATIONS

We will soon be accepting registrations for September 2012, for new Kindergarten to Grade Seven students. Call the school for more information and watch upcoming newsletters for registration and re-registration information.

GAMES ADOLESCENTS SHOULDN'T PLAY (G.A.S.P.)

There is some very good information for parents on the GASP website. Most people have no idea how dangerous the "choking game" can be. For more information visit this website:
www.gaspinfo.com

GRADE SEVEN SWEATSHIRTS

All the grade 7's have tried on the sweatshirt samples and have brought order forms home to parents.



The order forms must be returned by Friday, January 27th. If the money does not accompany the order, please send a note letting us know when we can expect payment.

The students must print clearly, on the order form, the name they have chosen to have printed on the sleeve of the sweatshirt. Parents must sign the form approving the choice of name or nickname. On the back of all shirts will be SHCS and the number "12" in which the students have signed their name.

If all students order and pay for a sweatshirt we may receive a discount on the price. If we do I will refund families.

CELEBRATE LIFE FUNDRAISING DINNER

Love 'n Life

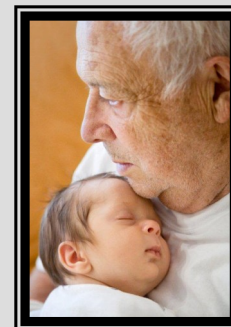
Wednesday, February 15, 2012 Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Doors open: 5:30 Dinner: 6:00

Tickets available at Sacred Heart School, United Carpet and Cariboo Book Bin

Adults \$15.00
Ages 6-12 years \$10.00
5 years and under Free

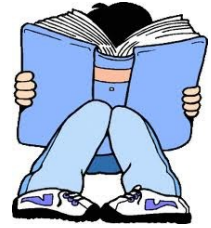
Musical Entertainment, Guest Speaker, Silent Auction & Door Prizes



Tips to encourage reading as a family

Strategies for parents to foster literacy skills in their children and strengthen their own literacy skills along the way:

- Ensure your child knows that how well they read or write has nothing to do with their intelligence. Every person is intelligent in their own way and each person is unique and needs to learn in the way that best suits them. With practice, your child will become a good reader.
- The television can be used as a tool. After your child watches a television show or an episode, talk to them about it. Ask them questions like, "What was your favourite part?" or "What was the episode trying to teach the audience?" This reinforces media literacy skills, a medium that is encompassing our lives today.
- Don't lose sight of the fact that children model behaviour they see. Ensure that your child sees you reading, whether it's the newspaper, the mail or a recipe. This shows your child how important it is to read.
- While reading a story to your child, pause to ask them what they predict will happen next or have them summarize what has happened in the story thus far. Good readers think about what they are reading and this will reinforce critical thinking skills.
- All reading is good reading. If your child is a reluctant reader, allow them to read comics, a graphic novel, a magazine or an instruction manual for their favourite sport. They will be introduced to new words, sentence structure, and they will engage their brains with new ideas and information.
- When you are in the mall, grocery store or out for a walk, have your child read signs, posters and flyers. This will enhance their reading skills and teach them to be an active and engaged consumer.
- Have your child help you make dinner by reading a recipe card. Making them feel like your helper will arm your child with confidence.
- Play board games that involve making words or reading instructions on cards. This highlights to your child that literacy skills connect with everyday activities and reading is fun.
- Watch a movie based on a book. This can inspire your child to read the book because they enjoyed the movie so much. To really enhance critical literacy skills, have your child identify the key differences between the movie and the book.
- The reading process needs to be enjoyable so select books that represent your child's reading ability and not the reading level your child "should" be at. If your child feels like every time they read, they are going to fail or be criticized, they will resist reading.
- Reading aloud helps children develop pace and voice. Have your child read to the family dog, teddy bear or their younger sibling. These are nonthreatening audiences that will develop your child's confidence.



Developing literacy skills is a task that requires a lot of patience from the parents and the literacy learner. As such, making the process enjoyable for everyone involved can go a long way in alleviating anxiety and opening the doors to developing lifelong literacy skills.

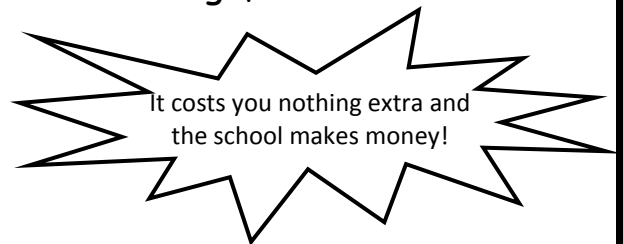
Sacred Heart School Grocery Card Program

Please consider purchasing grocery cards through our school. We carry Save-On Foods, Safeway and Real Canadian Wholesale (Superstore) cards. These cards can be used for everything these businesses sell, including gas at the Superstore. **You can still collect your points (Save-On points or Air Miles at Safeway) when you use the grocery cards.** If you purchase a \$100 card you do not have to spend it all at once. The cards carry a balance.

When you buy a \$50 card from the school it is like donating \$2.50

With sales of \$250 the school makes \$12.50

With sales of \$1000 the school makes \$50!



We are selling the cards after Mass on Sunday mornings and through the school office during the regular school day. Currently we are making a profit of about \$300 per month. If more families participated in the program our profit would rise considerably!!

This could be a MAJOR fundraiser for our school which would ensure that we maintain current books and resources, special programs and field trips.

Please come by the school office to pick up shopping cards. If you purchase a \$100 card you do not have to spend it all at once. The cards carry a balance.

Consider setting up a monthly order through the office! We can even set up pre-authorized debits if your monthly amount is consistent.



We also carry
Tim Hortons & Starbucks
cards.

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BREAKFAST/LUNCH MEAL PROGRAM

Please complete the form below if you wish your child to take part in the breakfast and/or lunch program for February 2012

MONTHLY COST

Daily breakfast \$40.00
Daily lunch \$60.00



*****PLEASE return by Mon. Jan. 30th*****



Sacred Heart School FEBRUARY 2012 Meal Program

Yes, I would like my child to take part in the meal program as follows:

Breakfasts

Lunches

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Student Name(s)

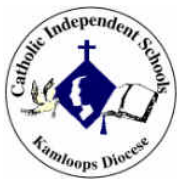
Grade(s):

Forms must be completed each month.

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

PLEASE make sure this form is returned to the school on the date noted. If you are not able to send the fees at this time please return the form and make a note that fees will be paid at a later date. Thank you!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



February 5-11, 2012

iLearn, iBelieve, iPray

The mission of the Sacred Heart Catholic School is to deliver a high quality education aimed at excellence in academics, athletics, religion, and music, within the framework of the B.C. School Curriculum, the teachings of the Catholic Church and the resources available to us to ensure happy, well-rounded Children of God.

Sunday, February 5th Celebrating with the Parish

Join us at the 9:30 a.m. Mass to celebrate our Catholic School. ✠ Our school students will be participating as readers, choir members, altar servers and gift bearers. After Mass please join us for a **pancake breakfast** prepared by the Knights of Columbus.



Monday, February 6th Celebrating Literacy

We are starting the day with an assembly and a birthday celebration at 9:00. We will have the presentation of the Catholic Schools Week proclamation at the assembly. Students are invited to dress up as their favourite story book character today. The buddy reading classes will get together for some quality reading time! Our Grade 6/7 class will focus on their Service Project.



Tuesday, February 7th Celebrating Physical Activity

Join us for our lunch time game of basketball— Staff versus Grade 6/7 students. The Grade 4/5 class will talk about the Service Project they have chosen.



Wednesday, February 8th- Celebrating God's Gifts

We will find out more about the Grade 2/3 Service Project. Today all the students will have a free hot dog lunch. In the afternoon there will be a dance in the gym. We will start with all the students trying out some group dances. Maybe the Macarena or the chicken dance? Fun, fun, fun!!



Thursday, February 9th- Celebrating the Community

The K/1 Service Project will be highlighted today. It is also Crazy Hair Day! Students can show us their wackiest, craziest hair styles. The Principal for the Day will be announced today and his/her duties will be performed on Friday. There will be a surprise for our students today....but it's a secret!



Friday, February 10th Gathering

We begin the day with Mass at 9:00. ✠ Our Principal for the Day will have some special duties to carry out today.

After school today will be our Winter Carnival from 3:00-5:00p.m. Students must have a parent/guardian with them to take part in the festivities. We are planning to have sledding activities outside and bouncy gyms inside. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided for everyone.



**The Good News
in Education**

