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A Student's Prayer

Loving Father, I stand before You in the midst of confusion and complexities of life. My future sometimes seems distant and unknown. Give me, O Lord, the vision to see the path You set before me. Grant me the courage to follow Your way, that through the gifts and talents You have given me, I may bring You life and Your love to others. I ask this through Jesus, Your Son and my Brother.
Amen.



NEW STUDENTS

A warm welcome to all new students joining us for Semester 2 at Sacred Heart High School. We are a great school and we are glad that you have decided to join us!

SCHOOL COSTS

Our school recognizes that expenses for such things as field trip costs and other school fees can cause unnecessary stress in some households. If you find yourself in this position, please contact the principal to see what arrangements can be worked out. Confidentiality will be maintained. Our school has received some donations that can be used to cover some costs. Special thanks to these donors.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS



Do you plan to graduate this year? If so, have you submitted the paperwork to the school office verifying the completion of your 40 hours of volunteer service? Without the completed paperwork you will not be able to graduate in June.



Late Bus/ Taxi

February	6,7,8,14,15,16,21,22,23,27,29
March	1,6,7,8,19,20,21,26,27
April	2,3,4,10,11,12,16,18,19,23,24,26,30
May	1,2,7,8,10,14,16,17,22,23,24,28,29,30
June	4,5,6,11,13,14,18

BUS CANCELLATIONS

In the event of inclement weather please listen to our local radio stations for bus cancellations. If all rural buses are cancelled, the school will remain open for study purposes. Regular classes will be cancelled.



ASK A TEACHER WEBSITE

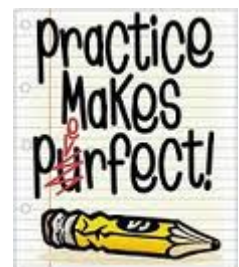


Need help with your homework or preparing for a test? The Independent Learning Centre offers a free service year-round between 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday. The Ask a Teacher service connects students in Grades 9 to 12 with Ontario certified teachers in online classrooms for free.

Using text and a virtual whiteboard, students can receive one-on-one tutoring in all subjects, in real-time. To access this service go to <http://www.ilc.org>.

LITERACY TEST PREPARATION

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will be written on the morning of March 29th this year. Successful completion of this test is the most common way for students to fulfill the literacy requirement which is needed by all students to be eligible for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Literacy Test preparation materials can be found at <http://www.eqao.com> under "Student Resources".



Literacy test preparation sessions will be held at Sacred Heart after school on the following Tuesdays—February 21, 28, March 6, 20 and 27 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Room E110. Mrs. Sakal, Ms. Cook and Mrs. Muegge will be the instructors. This is an excellent opportunity for students to practice the types of questions that will be found on the Literacy Test. All are welcome to attend these preparation sessions. Late busing is available.

Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Contest Results

Congratulations to the following students who received money and certificates for the Zone C level of the competition:

Lisa Marie Oberle - second place - Senior black and white poster

Emily Cormack - second place - Intermediate essay

Kristen Luinstra - second place - Senior poem

Sarah Rawn - first place - Intermediate poem

Julia Diebel - first place - Senior essay

Sarah and Julia now advance to the District, the next branch of the competition.

Good luck ladies!

Canadian Senior and Intermediate Mathematics Contest



Back: Tammy Ng, Shawna Poechman, Alexandra Jaszkul, Joseph Finnie, Christine Schuknecht, Ben Cook and Jenna Schlorff.

Front: Isaac Boersma and Shelly Ng

Missing: Dave Baks and Mr. B. Hicks (coach)

Sacred Heart participated in the Canadian Senior and Intermediate Mathematics Contests held in November 2011. This contest is hosted by the University of Waterloo and includes schools from across Canada. There were five participants in the Intermediate Contest. The school team placed second in our zone, 117th in Ontario and 172nd in all of Canada. Isaac Boersma received a certificate and a medal for his individual placement. There were five participants in the Senior Contest. The school team placed 8th in our zone, 213th in Ontario and 293rd across Canada. Shelly Ng received a medal for her individual placement.

GRADUATION

Our school graduation exercises will be held on Wednesday June 27th at 7 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

www.osca.ca

Self assessment, post secondary planning, financial assistance & career information.

www.careercruising.com

Internet survey, career information, links to educational requirements, income, related jobs.

Username: sacred Password: crusader

www.workingincanada.gc.ca

Find jobs, wages, qualifications and more.

www.myblueprint.ca

Post secondary programs and requirements, put in your current courses to see if you qualify for the program.

Activation Key: sacredwalk

www.apprenticesearch.com

Links to apprenticeship information, employers, types of apprenticeships and requirements.

<http://osap.gov.on.ca>

Ontario Student Financial Assistance Program

www.canlearn.ca

Planning for Post Secondary Education

www.electronicinfo.ca

Ontario University program details, course prerequisites and grade requirements for admission.

www.ouac.on.ca

Apply to university

www.ontariocolleges.ca

Finding location of college programs, paying for college and applying to college.

www.ocutg.on.ca

Ontario College University Transfer Guide

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.studentawards.com

Comprehensive database of scholarships, grants and student awards.

TIMELINES

September to November

-Guidance presentation re: post-secondary information
-College/University Information Programs and visits

October

-access to online post-secondary applications
-applicants receive PIN for online applications

Early January

University application deadline

Early February

College application deadline

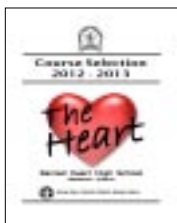
May

OSAP online application available

Apprenticeship deadlines ongoing - see Guidance

STUDENTS - PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME FOR YOUR PARENTS TO READ EACH MONTH!

Course Selections for 2012 - 2013



Students will receive course selection material by mid-February. Please put serious thought into your selection to allow us to build the best timetable possible for next year. Students who require assistance choosing courses are encouraged to make an appointment with a guidance counsellor.

Option sheets for incoming grade 9 students were due Friday, January 27th.

Specialist High Skills Major in Health and Wellness



If you are interested in a career pathway in health care, fitness, or child care, the **Specialist High Skills Major in Health and Wellness** may benefit you! Grade 10 students can sign up in February as the program starts for them in grade 11.

More information, will be given

as you make your course selections. Graduating students in SHSM need to make sure they have all of their requirements before graduation this June.

Jr. Girls Volleyball Team



SHHS Jr. Girls won the West Hill Invitational Tournament January, 14th, 2012.

Bruce Power Co-op Information Session



Thurs. Feb. 23, 2012

10:30 am
Seminar Room

- All students considering the Bruce Power co-op for the next year must attend.



DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 1 st	College Applications Due
February 6 th	Semester 2 Starts
February 14 th	Semester 1 Report Cards Sent Home with students
End of February	Option Sheet Selections due from current Students for September
March 12 th to 16 th	March Break
March 28 th	Early Dismissal Day
March 29 th	Literacy Test
March 29 th	Parent-Teacher Interviews - 5 to 8 p.m.
June 27 th	Graduation - 7 p.m.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

The following dates will be early dismissal days this school year; Wed. Mar. 28, Wed. May 9. Students will be dismissed 2 hours earlier than normal on these dates at 1:19 p.m.

MedQUEST

Health Career Exploration Camp

The MedQUEST Health Career Exploration Camp is scheduled to be held at Sacred Heart High School, July 9-13, 2012. Students who are currently in grades 10 and 11 are eligible to attend this interactive program. Medical students from the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry will lead participants in a variety of activities that will illustrate the training required to work in the diverse fields of health care.



The application process for MedQUEST runs from February 1 to March 14, 2012. Acceptance is based on first come, first served. A maximum of 30 students from throughout the Grey-Bruce area will be accepted. Students and parents must complete the on-line application form. Confirmation of up-to-date immunizations and proof of a current 2- Step (Mantoux) Tuberculosis Status are required at the time of application. Successful applicants will be notified by March 30, 2012. There is a \$200.00 administrative fee to attend MedQUEST.

MedQUEST information and application form are available at www.medquestwestern.ca.