



# The Heart Beat



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September 2011

## A Student's Prayer at the Beginning of School Year

We give you praise, O God,  
for everything that is new and beautiful,  
for everything which holds promise and brings us joy.  
Bless us as we start this new year  
with our friends and teachers  
Help us to make the most of every chance we have to  
start afresh.  
May we show love to one another and to all.  
May the new beginning of this school year  
remind us that you give us chances to start over again  
and again.  
Help us to forgive others  
as we receive your forgiveness.  
Help us to learn and to work together.  
Help us to listen when we should  
and to know the best words when we speak  
and when it is better not to speak.  
We thank you for our friends  
Help us to be good friends this year.  
Help us to be patient  
with ourselves and with others.  
Bless our school and keep us safe.  
Be with us as we travel each day.  
Help us to be aware of your love  
shown to us in the people around us.  
Bless all those who care for us  
In school and at home.  
Help us show our care for them  
and to say sorry when we need to.  
May the Blessed Mother Mary protect us  
And help us to live as well as we can  
Giving thanks and glory to God as she did.

Adapted from [http://test.scoilnet.ie/Res/reggilligan130899202255\\_2.html#\\_1\\_6](http://test.scoilnet.ie/Res/reggilligan130899202255_2.html#_1_6)



## School's Back & So Is S.A.C.!

Summer days are put behind us as a new, exciting school year begins. This is going to be a fantastic year as S.A.C. has many new upcoming events planned. There is an opportunity for anyone who would like to be a part of S.A.C. to come to our first open meeting on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are held Tuesday of every week after school from 3:30-5:00 p.m. so you can sign up for late bus to get home. We would love for you to come out! The following is a list of events for us to look forward to:

- Opening Mass- September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 9 Appreciation- September 15<sup>th</sup>
- Opening Assembly- September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- School Terry Fox Run- September 28<sup>th</sup>

There are many chances to get involved and there will be more information on these events daily. Just watch morning announcements and look for posters in the halls!

-Jennah Dohms, Public Relations, S.A.C.

### 2011-2012 Student Council

President	Dave Carroll
Vice-President	Kelly Hendricks
Secretary	Sarafina Pagnotta
Treasurer	Mitchell Currie
Trustee	Jocelyn King
Athletic Rep.	Lauren McLean
Spirit Rep.	Jaclyn Spitzig
Social Awareness Rep.	Kyle Osterndorff
Public Relations Rep.	Ben Carroll



### Late Bus/ Taxi

September 6,7,8,12,13,14,19,20,22,26,28,29  
October 3,5,6,11,12,13,17,18,24,25,26  
November 1,2,3,7,9,10,14,15,17,22,23,24,28,29  
December 1,5,6,7,13,14,15,19,20,21,22

### NEW STAFF

Sacred Heart High School welcomes Mr. Adam Ernewein as an Educational Assistant at our school. Last year Mr. Ernewein worked at St. Joseph's in Port Elgin.

Telephone / Attendance: 519-881-1900 Fax: 519-881-4819 shhs\_attendance@bgcdsb.org

Website: <http://shhs.bgcdsb.org> Email: shhs@bgcdsb.org



## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to another school year. 2011-2012 promises to be an exciting year.

Special welcome to all new students and their families. Sacred Heart is a wonderful caring school community and we are happy to welcome you as a part of it.

In order to keep you informed throughout the year, we produce a school newsletter that is sent home with students at the beginning of each month. This newsletter is also e-mailed to all families who have provided us with their e-mail address.

We wish you all the best for the upcoming school year and look forward to a great year.

## GRADE 9 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

A Grade 9 Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m in the school cafeteria. All grade 9 students and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend. The presentation will last approximately one hour and will cover topics including: high school life, rules and procedure and the role of parents in supporting their child at Sacred Heart. Following this presentation students may take parents on a tour showing them where their semester 1 classes are. It's critical that parents remain involved in their teenager's life. It is hoped that the parents of all Grade 9 students will be able to attend.

## Grade 9's Welcome to the Heart!



## DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Day
Thursday Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 9 Parent and Student Night - 7 p.m.
Wednesday Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Opening Mass
Thursday Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 9 Appreciation Day
Friday Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup>	PA Day
Thursday Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	SAC Assembly
Wednesday Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Fox School Run

## RETIREMENT

Congratulations to Mrs. Anita Waechter who is enjoying her retirement this week! Thank you for your many years of service to the Sacred Heart School Community and we wish you all the best in the days and years ahead.

## The Trinity Peer Leadership Program

Creating a community that we want—one student at a time.

Nominations for this year's Trinity Peer Leadership program are now being sought at SHHS. We are looking for nominations for students in grade 10 and up. If your son or daughter would be interested in this leadership opportunity please have them contact Mrs. Remers in the Guidance Department. This program works in teams of 4-6 to connect with our grade 9 students. They connect with the grade 9 classes 4 times per semester to discuss current topics that they are dealing with. Participation can be counted as volunteer hours. Nominations close Sept 16, 2011.

## SUMMER PROJECTS AROUND THE SCHOOL

- The heating/air conditioning unit for the east wing of the school was replaced.
- The lockers in the main hall and upper east wing were replaced.
- A storage room was added off of the manufacturing room.
- Various areas were re-painted.

## COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

Experience indicates that problems sometimes develop due to incorrect interpretations of information or a lack of transfer of information from home to school and vice-versa. Should you or your child have a serious concern which they do not seem to be able to resolve, please contact the teacher to arrange an interview. Clarification will frequently resolve the problem in the initial stages before it becomes a major concern.

If you have a concern, we hope that you feel comfortable about discussing it. It is only through dialogue and open communication channels that we can hope to resolve difficulties and allay misunderstanding.

In seeking a resolution to concerns, the proper recourse is the following:

- a) call or meet with the classroom teacher - if this does not resolve the difficulty,
- b) call or meet with our guidance/resource teachers, if not resolved,
- c) call or meet with the vice principal (Mrs. L. Fischer) - if not resolved,
- d) call or meet with the principal (Mr. M. Kuntz) - if not resolved,
- e) call or meet with our area superintendent (Mr. J. Casey), if not resolved,
- f) call or meet with our Director (Mr. B. MacPherson), if not resolved,
- g) call or meet with your local trustee (Mr. D. Slosser, Mrs L. DiCatri, Mrs. B. Eckenswiller, or Mr. F. Gross).

## EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

The following dates will be early dismissal days this school year; Wed.Oct. 19, Wed. Nov. 30, Wed. Mar. 28, Wed. May 9. Students will be dismissed 2 hours earlier than normal on these dates at 1:19 p.m.

## MANDATORY STUDENT CARD FEE

Once again this year all students will be required to purchase a student card for \$20. This amount will be collected on Photo Day (Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup>).

The student card fee will be used by our Student Activities Council (SAC) to provide activities, services and events for our student body. It is hoped that this fee will eliminate the need for our SAC to complete major fundraisers (i.e. chocolate bar sales).

The student card fee will provide students with:

- valid photo id
- an agenda planner (school handbook)
- subsidized school dances
- school assemblies
- access to school library services
- access to school computers
- access to co-curricular opportunities (school teams/ clubs)
- access to school field trips
- access to late bus service
- discounts at various local businesses.

Your support and prompt payment of this \$20 fee is greatly appreciated.

FYI - Most of the other high schools charge a mandatory fee of \$50.



## PICTURE DAY

Picture Day will be held on Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding picture packages will be sent home prior to Picture Day. All students and staff are asked to have their photo taken for the purposes of the school yearbook regardless of whether they are buying a photo package. On picture day money will also be collected for students and staff wishing to purchase a yearbook. The cost per yearbook will be \$50. The deadline to purchase a yearbook is Friday, October 21, 2011.

LIVE WELL WITH  
**PHARMA SAVE** is proud to present:  
PELLOW PHARMA SAVE



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011**

**location:** Walkerton Community Centre

**times:** 8:00am Kit pick-up starts

9:00am	1k family walk/run	9:30am	5k walk/run	9:35am	10k run
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**Register online at**  
[www.run4health.ca](http://www.run4health.ca)

Be an early bird.  
Register before  
Sept. 15 & save!

Proceeds go to the Walkerton & District Hospital Foundation  
For more information or to register by phone, please call 519-881-0441.

Sponsored by:

Dr. Janet Knubley Allan Mitchell

## MUNICIPAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

During the school year, there will be opportunities for:

- \* students' work to be displayed
- \* students' special achievements to be publicized
- \* students to be photographed in a variety of activities for newspapers, yearbook or display
- \* class lists to be posted for various activities
- \* students to be interviewed for newspapers

We make every attempt to exercise discretion in the best interest of our students. At the same time, we must respect parental/guardian wishes for privacy in accordance with the Act.

If you have any concerns regarding the disclosure/publication of son/daughter's name(s) or work, please contact the principal.

## Grade 9 Orientation Update

Hello Sacred Heart!



Student Council (S.A.C.) was recently lucky enough to be a part of Grade 9 Orientation on August 23rd and 24th. Incoming students from all over the area came to our school for two days of fun and exploration here at SHHS. The students received their timetables and lockers, as well as were given some study tips for high school. Oh, not to mention they got some great bonding time with some of our senior students!

S.A.C. would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. We hope you had a safe and exciting summer and are looking forward to helping make this year a great one!

-Kelly Hendriks, Vice President, S.A.C.

## NOTICE TO PARENTS REGARDING BUSING

Should you require different arrangements for bussing in September 2011, due to moving, etc., please contact the school as soon as possible. (Arrangements must meet guidelines defined in the Pupil Transportation Policy.)

Please have the following information available when contacting either the School or the Transportation Department:

Student(s) name, school, grade, New home address, including 911 civic address (house number, road name, town/township), Telephone Number





## STUDENT HANDBOOK



All students have received a Student Handbook. All students and parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with its contents. These handbooks contain agenda calendar pages—please use them to keep yourself organized. If you did not receive a Handbook, please pick one up in the main office.

## UPDATED INFORMATION

It is important that the school have current and accurate information for all students. We need accurate addresses, phone numbers and medical information. Please return the Personal Information Sheet distributed in homeroom to the Main Office as soon as possible (even if there are no changes). Also if this information changes at any point during the school year, please contact the main office.

## CAFETERIA SERVICES

Our school cafeteria is open daily. The cafeteria is being managed by Chartwell's School Dining Services.

Chartwell's is committed to a Balanced Choice Menu at affordable prices.



## SEPARATE SCHOOL SUPPORT

When you move, your Catholic school support does not follow you. As soon as any change is made to your address, your school support designation reverts to Public. Unless you update this information, you will not be able to take part in Catholic Trustee elections. Contact the Board Office at (519)364-5820 for more information.



## INSURANCE FORMS

All students were given an insurance form as part of their opening day package. It offers low-cost insurance to students in case of accidents. Students who participate in sports etc are particularly encouraged to enrol in this program. All students participating in the co-op program must purchase this insurance as per Board Policy.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Nominations for this year's School Council are now being sought. According to the School Council constitution, up to seven (7) parent representatives are needed with all positions being open for the upcoming school year. **A nomination form can be found on the reverse of this newsletter.** Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Nominations are to be returned to the school by September 23<sup>rd</sup>. School Council meets approximately 6 times per year.

## LOCKERS

Each student has been given a copy of the school's handbook. Included in this is information about lockers. It is important that students realize that the lockers are the property of the school and as such can be searched as required.



## INTERNET USE

All students are reminded that they, in order to comply with board policy, must have a signed acceptable internet use form submitted to the office before they are permitted to use the school's computer system. Contravention of this acceptable use policy can lead to consequences up to and including suspension.

## GET INVOLVED!

Students are encouraged to get involved positively in their school life. Many co-curricular activities are being offered this fall. Students are encouraged to listen to announcements each day for upcoming opportunities. Get involved!

## ALTERNATE BUSING

In keeping with board policy regarding alternate busing, students are reminded that they are not able to ride a bus different than the one to which they are assigned for reasons such as going to their job, visiting a friend, dental appointment etc.. Permission to ride a different bus is only given by the board in the case of different places of residence of parent/guardians. If alternate busing arrangements are needed for such a reason, an application form available from the school (or downloaded from the board web site) must be completed and returned for approval.

## English Department News



The Stratford Festival season is winding down and S.H.H.S. has one final trip booked. The ENG 1D classes in Semester One will have an opportunity to see **Twelfth Night** on Tuesday, October 18th for the matinee performance. Students will also attend a pre-performance chat with some of the cast. Ms. Voisin teaches two classes and Mr. Striukas teaches one class of gr. 9 academic this semester so these are the students who will be eligible for the trip. Specific details and letters of permission will be distributed to these classes at the end of the month.

### Driver Education

#### Classes

#### Semester I

2011/ 2012

<b>Session #1</b>	<b>Sept. 20 - Oct. 13</b> <i>Sept. 20, 22, 27, 29, Oct. 04, 06, 11, 13</i>	<b>Tues. &amp; Thurs.</b> <i>8 - sessions 3:30 - 6:10 p.m.</i>
<b>Session #2</b>	<b>Oct. 15 - Nov. 5</b> <i>Oct. 15, 22 29 Nov. 5</i>	<b>Sat.</b> <i>4 - sessions 9 a.m. - 3 p.m</i>
<b>Session #3</b>	<b>Nov. 21 - Dec. 14</b> <i>Nov. 21, 23, 29, 30 Dec. 05, 07, 12, 14</i>	<b>Mon. &amp; Wed.</b> <i>8 - sessions 3:30 - 6:10 p.m.</i>



## VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

In order to ensure a safe learning environment, the use of video surveillance is in effect at Sacred Heart High School and on many of it's school buses. The video images are collected under the authority of the Education Act S. 170 and will be used to reduce/prevent property vandalism, theft and violence and to ensure the safety of students.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website contains a great deal of information about school programs, course assignments, etc. Check it out at <http://www.bgcdsb.org~shhs>

## ONGOING REGULAR REMINDERS:

**REPORTING ABSENCES** - If you know that your son or daughter will be away from school, PLEASE CALL and let us know. Messages can be left 24-hours per day at (519)881-1900.

**OFFICE HOURS** - Our school office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day Monday to Friday. If you call during these hours and get our answering machine this indicates that all of our phone lines are busy. Please leave a message or call back later.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES** - Many scholarships and bursaries are available to students heading off to post-secondary schools. Check out the web-sites: <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com> or <http://www.studentawards.com> or <http://www.millenniumscholarships.ca> for more details. Many of the universities and colleges also list scholarships and bursaries in their guidebooks which are available in the guidance office.

**KEEPING OUR SCHOOL CLEAN** - Please do your part to help keep our school looking great. Remember to clean up after yourself. Garbage cans are available throughout the school. If you make a mess clean it up! If you see a mess left by someone else, please help out and clean it up!

**KEEPING OUR SCHOOL SAFE** - In order to keep our school safe, please inform Mrs. Fischer or Mr. Kuntz or one of your teachers of any issues that arise. You have a responsibility to report things that need to be reported. You may leave an anonymous message on the school answering machine 24-hours a day or call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. Thanks for your help in keeping our school great.

## Library Corner News



There is a new smiling face in the library this year. Mrs. Trixie Wagner is our new library assistant. She will be working with our teacher-librarian, Mrs. Susan Sakal.

We are also pleased to announce that we have a number of new books on the shelves this year. The topics vary from computer technology to reflexology to history to fashion to graphic novels and much, much more.

Keep in mind that the updated MLA booklet for writing essays is available for purchase in the library again this year. The cost is \$3.00.

Finally, if you are a new grade nine student, you should know that we will be doing a special orientation for you in the month of September. Stay tuned for details.

**Sacred Heart High School  
Catholic School Council**

**- call for MEMBERSHIP for Parent Representatives**

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY IN SCHOOL DECISION-MAKING AND HELP IN MANY COMMUNITY BUILDING VENTURES. WE WORK HARD TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO ENABLE OUR STUDENTS TO LEARN BETTER.

The Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board Policy on Catholic School Councils states that the membership of the Catholic School Advisory Council will consist of:

Parents/guardians fulfilling the following requirements:

Parents/guardians shall form the majority of the Catholic School Advisory Council

Parents/guardians shall have children in the school

Parents/guardians shall be elected by the school community electorate

- A School Board Trustee cannot be a member of a Catholic School Council
- A person employed by the board is eligible if:
- not employed at the school
- other members are informed of the person's employment before appointment.

If you are interested in being a parent member of our council, please complete the form below and return to the principal by September 23, 2011.

I am interested in becoming a member of Sacred Heart High School Catholic School Council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The best way to contact me is: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sacred Heart High School  
Catholic School Council**

**- call for MEMBERSHIP for Parent Representatives**  
**There are 7 positions to be filled for the 2011- 2012 School Year.**

School Councils were established to enable parents and students to take a more responsible and active role in education programs and the services offered within their local community. The purpose of the Catholic School Council is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. The Catholic School Council will work to connect the home parish and community with the school by providing recommendations to the school principal and to the school board on matters of program and operations.

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  - not employed at the school
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The mandates of the Catholic School Council are:

- To provide opportunities for parents to be more involved in the education of their children
- To support our mission statement and develop and evaluate annual goals for our school
- To provide advice to the Principal on program issues, operational issues and school budgets and priorities
- Be a voice for Catholic education and foster good relations among board members, parents, staff, the local community and related groups.

Parent representatives are expected to attend meetings of the School Council. Meetings are held once a month from October to June on dates scheduled. Parent representatives are expected to sit on other Committees as necessary.