



The Heart Beat



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Starting a New School Year

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of all of us here at Sacred Heart High School.

As we begin our year together, we ask that you open our minds to your wisdom and open our hearts to your presence in our classes, in our friends, in our teachers.

Bless the beginning of our school day.

We are fresh and full of hope.

We are both excited and a little bit afraid of what lies before us.

Show us a new challenge, a new path, a new idea.

We will respond to you.

We ask you to be with us as we start our journey together and thank you for giving meaning to what we do today and every day.

Amen

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to another school year.
2010-2011 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.

RETIREMENTS

Congratulations to Miss Jean Gorecki, Mr. Ed King, Mr. Peter King, Mr. Ray Schnerch and Mrs. Cathy Vandevyvere who are all enjoying their 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.

GRADE 9 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

A Grade 9 Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday September 9th 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.

NEW STAFF

Sacred Heart High School welcomes Father Jason Charron and Mr. Mike McCormick to our teaching staff. Father Charron is our new chaplain. He is an Eastern Rite Priest and is returning to Ontario with his family after serving in North Carolina for the past few years. Mr. McCormick is our new technology teacher. He is a machinist, who has been teaching apprenticeship courses at Conestoga College for the past few years.

We are also happy to welcome Mrs. Trish Nichols who will be one of our Educational Assistants this year at Sacred Heart. Last year Mrs. Nichols worked at Mother Teresa School in Walkerton.

We also welcome back Mrs. Nicole Kerslake who will be filling in for Mrs. Vandenberg for September and October.

Late Taxi/Bus



Sept. 7,8,9,13,15,16,20,21,23,27,28,29
Oct. 5,6,7,12,13,14,18,19,25,26,28
Nov. 2,3,4,8,9,10,15,16,17,22,23,25,29
Dec. 1,2,6,7,8,14,15,16

SUMMER PROJECTS AROUND THE SCHOOL

- SMART Boards were installed in most of our classrooms. SMART Boards are interactive and thus foster greater student engagement, learning and achievement.
- The parking lot outside the library was re-paved.
- The girls change room by the gym was renovated.
- The heating/air conditioning unit for the central area of the school above the guidance office was replaced.
- Additional computers were added to the library.
- The deep-fryers were removed from the cafeteria to comply with the Provincial School Food and Beverage Policy.
- Various areas were re-painted.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

The following dates will be early dismissal days this school year; Wednesday October 27th, Wednesday November 24th, Wednesday March 2nd and Wednesday May 11th. Students will be dismissed 2 hours earlier than normal on these dates at 1:19 p.m.

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 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:

- call or meet with the classroom teacher - if this does not resolve the difficulty,
- call or meet with our guidance/resource teachers, if not resolved,
- call or meet with the vice principal (Mrs. L. Fischer) - if not resolved,
- call or meet with the principal (Mr. M. Kuntz) - if not resolved,
- call or meet with our area superintendent

- (Mr. J. Casey), if not resolved, call or meet with our Director (Mr. B. MacPherson), if not resolved,
- call or meet with your local trustee (Mr. D. Slosser, Mr. S. Finnie, Mrs. B. Eckenswiller, or Mr. F. Gross).

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 (Friday September 10th).

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 Friday September 10th. 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 Fri., Oct. 22nd.



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS BY SHHS STUDENTS

- Jake Schuknecht won the Canadian Under 18 Junior Lawn Bowling Championship.
- The Walkerton Wild Midget Boys Softball Team won the Canadian Championship in August. Members of the team from SHHS included: Kyle Bross, Zach Bross, Andy Dentinger, Jordan Grubb, Steve Kelly, Tyler Kuntz, Joe Terwoord and Jordan Turcotte.
- The Chepstow Novice Diamonds won silver at the Canadian Softball Championship. Members of the team from SHHS included: Sarah Biesenthal, Sydney Binkley, Lindsay Dales, Alyssa Inglis, Winter Lamont, Anna Mawhinney, Natasha Merchant, Amber Smolenaars and Kailyn Soers.
- The Palmerston Marlin 93s participated in the Eastern Canadian Championship in Nova Scotia. Members of the team from SHHS included: Brittany Gamble, Katrina Kupferschmidt and Janelle Ruetz.
- Josh Cote qualified to compete in Bosnia for kick boxing this September.
- Megan Schlorff participated in an Arctic Science Expedition.

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.

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. Note: Trustee elections take place this fall.

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 at the back of this newsletter.** Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Nominations are to be returned to the school by September 24th. School Council meets approximately 6 times per year.

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST (OSSLT)

Students currently in Grade 10 as well as those who were unsuccessful in previous years will write the OSSLT on March 31st, 2011. Passing the OSSLT or the Literacy

Course is necessary in order to obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Further details will follow prior to the test.

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 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.

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.

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 its 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.

DRIVER EDUCATION

Driver Training will be offered this fall at Sacred Heart High School (subject to sufficient numbers).

Please listen to morning announcements for more information or contact Mrs. MacDonald in the main office.



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.

Opportunities for Youth

1. Free Leadership Training

Brockton Parks & Recreation will be hosting a FREE High Five Leadership opportunity on Saturday, Sept. 25th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Walkerton Fire Hall.

This training will be Principles of Healthy Child Development - a component High Five - a quality Standard of Parks Recreation Ontario.

Just Call Brockton Parks & Recreation at 519-881-0625 to register.

2. Employment Opportunities

Brockton Parks & Recreation is seeking students for Arena Concession Booth Staff, Public Skating attendant, & part time facility attendant assistant, PD day leaders & Student gymnastic helpers for the 2010 -2011 season.

Please submit a resume to Brockton Parks & Recreation.

Walkerton Minor Soccer

Walkerton Minor Soccer invites all players/refs/coaches/families to the Family Soccer Day on Sunday, September 12, 2010 @ Brant Central School, Walkerton from Noon-3pm. Enjoy BBQ, soccer fun and games. Receive income tax receipts. Please bring jerseys.

Walkerton Futsal Registration will take place on September 15th at the Walkerton arena (with other fall registrations). The futsal season will run from October 22nd to March 31st in Walkerton @ WDSS. Grades 1-8 on Friday nights. Check out www.walkertonsoccer.ca for more details.



DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Friday Sept. 10 th	Picture Day
Friday Sept. 17 th	Grade 9 Appreciation Day
Friday Sept. 24 th	School Dance
Thursday Sept. 30 th	Terry Fox School Run

HANOVER TRIPLE THREAT MAJOR BANTAM BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM (Born in 1996 or 1997)

The Hanover Triple Threat Basketball Club (HTTBC) is currently under development by people who have significant backgrounds in playing, refereeing and coaching both basketball and other sports. We are interested in developing a competitive program to deliver an interactive, sport and life-skills opportunity through basketball.

TRY OUTS

We are expecting to carry a maximum of 13 boys for this team each season. Try-outs for the 2010/2011 season will be held on one day SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2010 at Sacred Heart High School, Walkerton. There will be both a morning and afternoon try out - beginning at 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. If you are interested in trying out, attendance for the full day in mandatory, please call 519-364-0545 to register. The team will be chosen on this day and you will be sent home with more information including Seasonal Expectations, Player/Coach Parent Conduct and Expense for the Season.

Please bring both a white and dark shirt and ample water and light/nutritious lunch.

STUDENTS - PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME FOR YOUR PARENTS TO READ.

**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.

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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 24, 2010.

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: _____

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Catholic School Council**

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There are 7 positions to be filled for the 2010- 2011 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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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.