



# The Heart Beat



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## After a Holiday

After this holiday,  
I am having a hard time finding the initiative  
to come back to school again.  
The tests have started, homework is everywhere.  
Lord, you helped me through exams during my time of  
need.  
Please help me find the enthusiasm now  
so that I can finish the school year  
even better than I started it.  
Amen



Wishing you and your family all the best in 2012! May  
God continue to bless our school community in the year  
ahead.



## SACRED HEART

Thanks to the Sacred Heart school  
community for your tremendous support of a number of  
charity fundraisers (The Angel Tree, Operation  
Christmas Child and the collection for the Food Bank)  
over the Advent season. Your contributions do make a  
difference. Thank you!

## GRADE 9 REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

Grade 8 Parent and Student Information Nights will be held at  
Sacred Heart High School on Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> and  
Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. All parents of  
Grade 8 students are encouraged to attend one of these evening  
sessions to learn more about Sacred Heart High School,  
programs, diploma requirements and course options.

**If you know of a current grade 8 student interested in coming  
to Sacred Heart in September please pass this information  
along to them.**

## BUS CANCELLATIONS

Winter is here. In the event of  
inclement weather please listen to  
our local radio stations for bus  
cancellations.



## 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.

## TIMETABLE CHANGES

Current students requiring timetable adjustments for  
Semester 2 are asked to book an appointment with Mr.  
Cote, Mrs. Mount or Ms. Slosser as soon as possible.  
Timetable changes will not be processed during the first  
week of Semester 2.

## GRADUATING AND NOT RETURNING SEMESTER 2

If you are graduating and do not plan to return for  
Semester 2, please notify Mrs. Mount in the guidance  
office. She will ensure that your name is on the grad list  
for June, let you know when scholarship applications  
are due, and get your measurements for your  
graduation gown etc.



## Late Bus/ Taxi

January	9,10,11,16,18,19,24,25,26
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

## EXAM SCHEDULE

Exams for first term will be held from Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>. Period 1 exams will be written on Day 1 (January 27<sup>th</sup>), Period 2 exams will be written on Day 2 (January 30<sup>th</sup>), Period 4 exams will be written on Day 3 (January 31<sup>st</sup>), and Period 5 exams will be written on Day 4 (February 1<sup>st</sup>). If any exam days are postponed due to weather cancellations, the postponed exams will be written on the next school day and the remaining exam schedule will be delayed by one day. Attendance for exams is mandatory. Please do not book any appointments on these dates.

Students are expected to write exams on the dates scheduled. In exceptional situations such as serious illness, extenuating circumstances, or death in the immediate family, students should notify the school as soon as possible and an alternate schedule may be arranged. Students must provide medical certificates (a doctor's note) for absences due to illness.

Busses will run at normal times on exam days. Students may wish to make alternate arrangements for rides if they do not wish to spend the entire day at the school. Students who are not writing an exam, but are at school, will be expected to use the time to study in the cafeteria or a classroom. Students are not required to come to school on exam days if they have no scheduled exams.



### Shinney Hockey

All parents and students are reminded of our Shinney Hockey program that runs Friday afternoons, from 4-5 at the Walkerton Arena. The cost is \$ 5.00 per

player, but the fun we have is priceless! Encourage your son or daughter to come out and join us... better yet, find that old equipment and come out with them!

## Library Corner News



Now that the semester is winding down, students will be finishing their summative projects this month. If you have any library books that you no longer require, please return them to the library as soon as possible.

Students are also reminded to check out the new books purchased from the Scholastic Book Fair held in early December. They are on a special table by the entrance doors. Enjoy!

## THE ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST (OSSLT)

Students who are in Grade 10 (and those who did not successfully complete the test in previous years) will be writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Students should be preparing in advance to ensure that they are successful on the test. Sample preparation materials/questions from previous tests can be found on the EQAO Web Site at <http://www.eqao.com>. Students should check out the type of questions that they will face on the test and practice such question types so that there are no surprises on the test. Successfully completing the Literacy Requirement is mandatory to receive your Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

A 5-session literacy test preparation course will be offered at Sacred Heart after-school in March if there is sufficient interest. Watch for more details in the February Newsletter.

## Dance Class 2012

*presents*

### Our Time to Shine



Time:	7:00 pm
Date:	<b>Thurs. Jan. 12</b>
(Snow Date)	<b>Thurs. Jan. 19</b>
Place:	SHHS Gymnasium
Tickets:	Adult \$7.00
	Students \$5.00
	12 & under free

## GRADE 9 EQAO MATH ASSESSMENT - SEMESTER 1

All students registered in Grade 9 Academic Math (MPM 1D) and Grade 9 Applied Math (MFM 1P) this semester will be writing the EQAO Grade 9 Mathematics assessment in their math class on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Attendance on these dates is mandatory. Please avoid scheduling appointments during the math period. Students taking Grade 9 Math second semester will write the assessment in June.

## POST SECONDARY APPLICATION DEADLINES



Applying for College:

The deadline for College applications is February 1st, 2012. Applications received and paid for on or before this date will be given equal consideration by the Colleges.

Applying for University:

The deadline for University is January 11th, 2012. Applications received after this date will still be processed by the OUAC. However, specific University deadlines will apply.

### Lady Crusaders Hockey

The girls hockey team has experienced a busy December. Currently they have a record of 2 wins, a loss and a tie in league play. They have participated in the KDSS and Listowel tournaments and will be hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Crusader Challenge Girls High School Hockey Tournament on Thursday, Jan. 12 in the new year. A young squad with leadership being provided by a core of veterans, the team is full of potential and talent. Thank you to all who supported the Poinsettia sales - we hope you enjoyed them over the Christmas Season.



### Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Contest

The contest will take place on Saturday, February 4th, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Walkerton. The snow date is Sunday, February 12th. Grades 7-9 students must speak for 3-5 minutes and Grades 10-12 students must speak for 5-7 minutes. For contest rules and regulations see Mrs. Sakal in the library. The school may send only one student in each of the two divisions, so you must register with Mrs. Sakal in advance. Hope to see you soon!

### Bruce Power Co-op Information Meetings



The Student/Parent Information Meeting regarding Bruce Power Co-op for the 2012-2013 school year will be held at SHHS Tuesday, Jan 17th 7:00 pm in the Library. Students and parents of SHHS are invited to attend this meeting.

Pat Joynt, Bruce Power Co-op Teacher, will be coming to SHHS for the Student Information Session on Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 10:30 a.m. in the Seminar Room.

Snow dates for these sessions will be the same day & time the following week.



## DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Resumes
January 19 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8 Parent Information Nights - 7 p.m. (Cafeteria)
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Exams Begin
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PA Day
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Semester 2 Begins
March 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	March Break
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation - 7 p.m.

### MedQUEST

#### Health Career Exploration Camp

The MedQUEST Health Career Exploration Camp is scheduled to be held in Walkerton, 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 call for online applications begins February 1, 2012. Acceptance is based on first come, first served. The online application process closes March 14. 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](http://www.medquestwestern.ca).

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