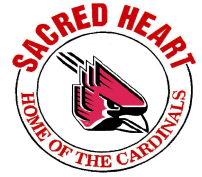




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Sacred Heart Catholic School

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September 2011



Welcome back staff
and students.

Best wishes for a
successful school year!



Dear Students and Parents/Guardians

Welcome back students, staff, parents and parish to the Sacred Heart Team. The staff has been working very hard to prepare for a successful academic year for our students. We trust that everyone is well rested and refreshed and ready to become the best version of themselves.

A very special welcome to all of our new families and staff. My name is Zina Vivier and I have the privilege to be your Principal at Sacred Heart.

At the beginning of this new school year, we ask for the Good Lord's blessing as we strive to provide the best in Catholic Education. May God bless each and every one of you.

Please be assured that our commitment to our school community includes a dedicated focus on academic achievement and spiritual growth. Let us remember that we are children of the light and we must let our light shine for all to see. **"It's Time to Shine"**.

BELL TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Please note the following bell time changes:


Recess am: 10:24 to 10:39

Lunch: 11:19 to 12:19

Recess pm: 1:55 to 2:10

Please make these changes in your
child's agenda

A FEW REMINDERS...

- A. Student Registration Verification forms will be going home. (Please make necessary changes and return to classroom teacher by Friday, September 16th.)
- B. Students will need \$5.00 to purchase their school agenda. The Student/Parent Handbook is included in the agenda. Please read this over with your child. Please submit monies to the classroom teacher. The agenda is used as a communication tool between the parent and teacher. Any notes from parent to teacher should be put in the agenda.
- C.  Absence from School - In the best interest of your children's safety, we are asking that the school be contacted before 8:20 a.m. if your son or daughter is going to be absent or late. You can leave a message on the school's answering machine by calling 519-734-1255.
- D. Students must know after school arrangements prior to their arrival to school.
- E. Students are not allowed to wear Heelies at school. Rollerblading, bicycling and skateboarding are not allowed on school property.
- F. Students must wear a bicycle helmet when riding their bicycles to school. Please encourage your children to use a bicycle lock, as the school is not responsible for stolen bicycles.



Meet the Teacher Night/BBQ
Tuesday, September 27nd, 2011
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Project TLC

Over the past three years, Sacred Heart families have been the primary contributors to Project TLC. Janet Janisse, a retired teacher from our system, continues to need our help. She and other retired teachers make up gift baskets for people who are in the care of a variety of non-profit organizations in the Windsor-Essex County area. Would you please search your closets and drawers for any of the following unused and unopened items:

- ★hotel shampoos, soap, etc.
- ★cosmetic samples
- ★toothbrushes
- ★travel sized care products
- ★cologne, aftershave samples
- ★lotions



PEANUT AWARE / EDUCATED

Thank you for supporting us in keeping Sacred Heart School a safe place for children with peanut allergies. We ask for your continued support throughout the school year in keeping Sacred Heart a Peanut Aware/Educated environment.

Catholic School Council (CSC)

The First Catholic School Council meeting is **Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.** We will **have nomination forms available starting on Sept 6 in the office. They will be due back to the office by Sept. 20.** Self nominations are always welcomed. Please stop in and pick one up or have your child pick one up for you if you are interested in being a part of the Catholic School Council.

Kiss'n Ride Program

We look forward to our Kiss'n Ride Program continuing this year. The morning drop off time is between 8:05 – 8:20 a.m on Divine St. The safety of your children is our greatest concern and we ask for your co-operation, patience and courtesy during the peak periods of the day on Divine Street. Please do not use the church parking lot.

Kiss'n Ride Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are urgently needed. Without parents like you Kiss'n Ride cannot continue. If you can spare even one morning per week from 8:00 – 8:20 Kiss'n Ride will be able to continue to provide a safe drop off place for the children of Sacred Heart School. Call Karen at 519-978-3917 or the school at 519-734-1255 if you can assist with this program.

Literacy



Did you know that “Literacy”, like all language learning begins at birth? It is a continuous process beginning in the home with you as a parent, playing a key role as the guide along the road.

Please take a moment to read the benefits of reading to your child on a daily basis:

- Reading leads to internalization and interests in books;
- Reading increases a desire to read;
- Reading frees students from decoding handicaps, allowing them to concentrate on understanding the story;
- Reading improves listening skills;
- Reading exposes children to a variety of literary styles, which they may experiment with when writing;
- Reading promotes understanding of story elements: characters, settings, problem/adventures and conclusion/endings;
- Reading introduces children to information about their world;
- And most importantly, story time is an opportunity to curl up together and enjoy each other's company!!

Please read to your child on a daily basis. You will soon recognize the fruits of your labours!

May God bless you and your family!

“A Parent is a child's first and most important teacher!”

Our first Mass of the school year will be Thursday, September 15th and Friday, September 16th at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Family members are welcome to join us for this celebration.

THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS CAN NOW BE ACCESSED ON LINE.
please visit the school website at <http://www.wecdsb.on.ca/216>

TOGETHER IN FAITH -MAKING A DIFFERENCE

On Thursday, September 1st, the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board's *"Together in Faith Day"* took place for all board employees at the St. Denis Centre, University of Windsor. The annual event provided employees with an opportunity to come together as a community of believers and celebrate our Catholic faith. This year's theme is *"If you love me, tend my sheep, feed my lambs."*

As you are no doubt aware, the situation in Africa is what one UN official calls a human disaster becoming a human catastrophe. Millions of people are facing starvation and an uncertain future as drought continues to destroy their crops and livestock. Statistics tell us more than 29,000 children are dead. Another 400,000 are malnourished enough that their death is only a matter of time.

We are supporting the **Free the Children** organization and have started a **"bucket campaign"** to address the horrendous situation in Africa. We will start by bringing the bucket around to each classroom to collect donations. More information to follow.

This tragedy is one that we, as a caring Catholic community cannot ignore.

Ontario Early Years Centres
A Place For Parents And Their Children.



Are you the parent/ caregiver of a child between the ages of birth and 6 years?

If so, please join us at the FREE Ontario Early Years program located here in **Sacred Heart School**

What is an Ontario Early Years Centre? (OEYC)

An OEYC is an early learning and playbased program focussing on literacy for children from birth to six years of age. Parents/ caregivers stay and play, read and sing along side of their child/ren.

You can enjoy a snack together; meet other parents, caregivers and community partners for support, parenting information and resources.

You can also participate in programs such as preschool speech and language services if you suspect your child may have a delay in language development.

We are open Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Contact Chris for more information at 519-734-7961..

For more information, visit the internet at
<http://www.citywindsor.ca/003006.asp>
or call 211

You're invited to a presentation and discussion on...

Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and More

Monday, September 19, 2011 • 6:45 p.m., Registration • 7-8:45 p.m., Intros & Presentations

Where?

**Place Concorde
Richelieu Room**

7515 Forest Glade Drive, Windsor
(Corner of Lauzon Pkwy & Forest Glade Dr.)

Presenters:

Cathy Geml

Associate Director of Education,
Student Achievement K -12
Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

Dr. Sharon Pyke

Superintendent of Education,
Special Education Programs and Services
Greater Essex County District School Board

PRE-REGISTER by contacting
Windsor Essex Family Network no
later than September 16, 2011.

Phone 519-974-1008 -or-

Email info@windsorsexfamnet.ca

Provide your name, address, & phone no.

Cost for those who Pre-register is \$5.00 payable at the door.

Registrations received after Sept. 16th
will be \$10.00 payable at the door.

Why Come?

This presentation will provide an understanding of the importance of your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) . . . and more.

Information will be presented by an experienced and knowledgeable educator. There will be time for questions and answers.

Participants will receive an information package specific to their school board to take home.

Windsor Essex Family Network & the Enhancing Family Support for Education Group

Many thanks for the support and to the volunteers for this evening from:
Children First, Family Respite Services, John McGivney Children's Centre,
Community Living Windsor, and Windsor Essex Family Network

"Families Helping Families in Partnership"

Topics to be covered include:

- What is an IEP?
- Reasons for developing an IEP?
- Who is part of the IEP team?
- Identifying needs and strengths
- Setting goals: What are alternate goals vs. curriculum board goals?
- Roles and Responsibilities
- What is an IPRC?
- Ministry standards
- Questions and answers throughout the