



The Heart Beat



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Prayer for September

Loving God,
 we are beginning a new school year together.
 Help us to learn new things this year and to make new friends.
 May we open our heart to the needs of others.
 May we have a welcoming word for those who are new or who need a friend.
 Help us to learn ways to serve You in love.
 Amen

WELCOME BACK!



Welcome to another school year. 2008-2009 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.

Late Taxi/Bus Schedule 2008

Sept. 8,9,10,15,16,17,18,22,23,24,29
 Oct. 1,2,6,7,8,14,15,16,20,21,22,27,28,30
 Nov. 3,4,5,11,12,13,18,19,20,24,25,27

NEW STAFF

Sacred Heart High School welcomes Miss A. Becker to our teaching staff. Miss Becker is a former graduate of Sacred Heart and will be teaching religion this semester.

Also returning to Sacred Heart are a number of familiar faces:

Mrs. H. Detzler - Geography, Resource
 Mrs. C. Hopcraft - French, History, Resource
 Miss E. McTeer - History, English
 Mrs. C. Stanislow - Math
 Mrs. A. Waechter - English, Business, Civics/Careers
 Mrs. M. Weiler - Educational Assistant
 Welcome back!

UPDATE



Innovation projects around the school over the summer including:

new gym roof, new flooring and equipment in the fitness room, new roof above the north wing, some new classroom doors in the central wing, new front door, new lighting in the south wing, new flooring and paint in the library, new locker doors on the first floor in the east wing and new flooring in the portables.



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.



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PICTURE DAY

Picture Day will be held on Friday September 5th.

Information regarding picture packages will be sent home prior to Picture Day. All students and staff

are asked 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 October 24th.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Nominations for this year's School Council are now being sought. **A nomination form can be found in this newsletter.** Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Nominations are to be returned to the school by September 19th. School Council meeting Wed., Sept. 10th, 7:00 pm in the Library.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Two information sessions will be held this fall at Sacred Heart .

Session #1 - The Internet - What every parent should know. Date still to be confirmed during the week of September 22nd. More information will be sent out via e-mail soon.

Session #2 - Facing an Inconvenient Truth - Information about Climate Change based on Al Gore's Oscar winning documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 pm.



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.

SHHS School Photo Day Friday September 5, 2008

GRADE 9 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT



A Grade 9 Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday, September 4th 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.

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.



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 April 2nd, 2009. 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.



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MUNICIPAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

During the school year, there will be opportunities for:

- students' work to be displayed
- 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 your son/daughter's name(s) or work, please contact the principal.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEER SCREENING

The Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board has a policy governing the screening of volunteers in our schools. All volunteers in schools must be screened. The purpose of this policy is to ensure student safety.

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.

CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP COURSE

Gain confidence and learn skills to become a leader at work, at home or in your community. The Christopher Leadership Course in Effective Speaking teaches presentation techniques, encourages creativity and builds enthusiasm. Next course begins Sept. 18th, Walkerton Library Hall, 7-10pm. Cost is \$175 and the course will run for eleven consecutive weeks. Please register a.s.a.p. to ensure your space is saved and the course will run. Contact Cindy Gies 519-881-0718 or clc_bruce@yahoo.ca

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!

Co-curriculars running this fall:

Drama
School Band
Robotics
Youth for Life
OSAID
Reach
Girls' Basketball
Boys' Volleyball
Girls' Rugby 7's
Cross Country Running
Yearbook
Chess Club
Media Arts Club
Student Council
Public Speaking
Blood Donor
SHTV

Boys' Soccer
Badminton Club
Cross-Country Running



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, Mr. S. Finnie, Mrs. B. Eckensweiler, or Mr. F. Gross).

DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

Are you in grade 11 or 12? Are you thinking about attending College after you graduate? Are you interested in taking a College Course that will also count as a High School Credit and a College Credit? Georgian College, Owen Sound is offering a course one night a week beginning on September 11th. For more information go to the Guidance Office. The deadline to register is September 8th.

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 5th).



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 (Did you know that it costs our SAC over \$700 per night to have police officers present at our school dances? Did you know that video dances cost in excess of \$1500?)
- 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.

SCHOOL DANCE

Our first school dance of the year will be held on Friday October 3 from 7:30 pm to 11:00 p.m. Get involved—see you there.



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CAFETERIA SERVICES

Our school cafeteria is open daily. The cafeteria is being managed by Chartwell's School Dining Services. They are committed to a Balanced Choice Menu at affordable prices.

CAFETERIA PRICES – CHARTWELLS SCHOOL DINING SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL 2008 - 2009

Daily Nutrition Special: ie Soup, Sandwich or ½ Wrap, with 250ml White /Choc Milk \$3.60

OR

Sandwich on Whole Grain or Whole Wrap with Veggies
With 250ml White/Choc Milk \$3.60

OR

Hot Meal – ie Pasta and Salad with 250 ml White/Choc Milk \$3.95

Gourmet Soup Selection: 8oz Bowl (with crackers) \$1.95 **OR** 12oz Bowl (with crackers) \$2.45

Cold Sandwiches & Wraps:

Chopped Egg Salad Sandwich	\$1.50	Specialty "On The Go" Sandwiches	\$3.00 - \$3.75
Tuna or Chicken Salad Sandwich	\$1.65	(Sandwiches on specialty breads/buns)	
Beef, Ham or Turkey Sandwich	\$1.75		

Salads:

Small Black Based Garden Salad, Caesar Salad, Pasta Salad \$2.25 Cheddar Toss \$2.50
Selection of Premium Salads \$3.25 - \$3.75

Breakfast Items:

Bagel with 2 cream cheese portions		\$1.85	
Sunrise Sandwich		Sunrise Sandwich	
(English Muffin w/Egg, Cheese, Bacon or Ham)	\$2.40	English Muffin w/Egg, Cheese, Sausage	\$2.50
Toasted B.L.T. Sandwich	\$2.35		

Short Order/Hot Food:

Hamburger	\$2.00	Pizza Slice	\$2.75	Fries – Small	\$2.00
Cheeseburger	\$2.25	Garlic Fingers	\$3.10		
Chicken Burger	\$2.95	Panzarotti	\$3.75		

Luncheon Combos:

Add one side selection - Salad, Soup or Fries to Daily Featured Hot Food Menu Item \$1.25

Baked Goods:

Jumbo Muffins	\$1.00	Rice Krispie Sq	\$1.10
Choc Chip Cookies	.45	Mini Cinnamon Buns	\$1.50
Parfaits – Fresh Fruit/Pudding	\$2.00 – 2.25		

Beverages:

1%, 2% 250ml Milk	.90¢	500ml Bottled Water	\$1.50	Coffee 8oz	\$1.20
Choc Drink 250ml	\$1.00	473 ml Dole Juice	\$2.00	Coffee 12oz	\$1.45
Canned Pop	\$1.25	Hot Choc	.90		



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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.



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 to the board office for approval.



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.



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>

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.



DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Fri., Sept. 5th	Picture Day
Wed., Sept 10th	Gr. 9 Appreciation
Sun.Sept. 14th	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 17 - 18th	SAC Leadership Camp
Sept. 16-20	International Plowing Match
Thurs., Sept. 25th	Welcome Back Mass
Fri. Sept. 26th	P.A. Day
Fri. Oct.3rd	School Dance

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Wed.,October 29th, Wed.,November 26th, Wed.,February 25th and Wed., May 6th are early dismissal days. Buses will leave at 1:22 in the afternoon. Below is the schedule for these days.

Period 1	9:15 - 10:00
Period 2	10:07 - 10:52
Period 4	10:59 - 11:44
Lunch	11:44 - 12:34
Period 5	12:34 - 1:22

PLEASE CALL

If you know that your son or daughter will be away from school, PLEASE CALL and let us know. It saves our office staff a lot of time, and allows us to stay on top of attendance issues before they become major problems. Messages can be left 24-hours a day at 519-881-1900.



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!



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SHHS Student Dress Code Policy

It is the endeavor of Sacred Heart High School to outline reasonable standard of dress which will mark our school as a special place. As a Catholic educational institution, Sacred Heart reflects a distinctive atmosphere within the community at large. Education is a professional activity. The way students dress needs to portray this distinction. Appropriate dress and grooming are the responsibility of the student, and where appropriate, the parents of the student.

The clothing worn is to be neat, appropriate, clean, presentable, and modest.

1. All tops must have sleeves that completely cover both shoulders.
2. All necklines must be appropriate and modest.
3. All undergarments must be covered at all times.
4. Tops must overlap the bottoms whether you are standing or sitting. Visible midriiffs or bare backs are not permitted.
5. Pajama pants are not permitted.
6. Blue denim clothing is permitted.
7. Clothing must not be tattered, ripped or frayed.
8. All shorts and skirts must be no shorter than one hand width above the knee.
9. Clothing must not promote or make reference to drugs, alcohol, sexuality, or other inappropriate behaviors.
10. Clothing must not have pictures or writing that can be interpreted with a negative or double message.
11. Military or camouflage clothing is not permitted.

It is expected that students will accept the responsibility for dressing and conducting themselves in a manner consistent with a Catholic Secondary School. The dress code is also in effect during examinations and for any off-site trip or excursion.

Notwithstanding the above, the suitability of student dress rests with school administration.

Students who are considered to be violating the above policy will be instructed to change into more suitable attire.

1. Teachers who notice that students are not in compliance with the dress code policy are to send the student to change. The teacher will contact the office to let the vice-principal or principal know so a record of the incident is maintained.
2. If the student claims to have no appropriate attire available, the teacher is to send the student to the office to see the vice-principal or principal. The administrator will maintain a record of the incident and use the appropriate documentation for following up which may include:
 - a. discussion with the student
 - b. contact with parents



Habitual neglect of the dress code may result in a suspension from school.

It is trusted that this dress code policy will be carried out in the spirit that is intended. Staff and students will work together in implementing these guidelines. A final decision, if necessary, will rest with the principal or vice-principal.

Hats

Hats are to be removed upon entry to the school. Hats should be stored in the student's locker or in their book bag during the school day. Hats are permitted to be worn at the end of the school day, on the way out of the building.

Any student who is observed wearing a hat in the building will be asked to give the hat to the staff member. It is expected that the student will cooperate. The staff member will deliver the hat to the office and report the name of the student.

First offense - the student will be able to get the hat back at the end of the day.

Second offense - the hat will be returned at the end of the semester.

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**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 19, 2008.

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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There are 8 positions to be filled for the 2008 - 2009 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.

