



# The Heart Beat



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**December 2007**



## Advent Prayer

Jesus, we come to you with excited and grateful hearts as we journey through this season of Advent.

Thank you for this Advent time.

It's exciting to be nearing Christmas!

And it's good for us to slow down and enjoy each other more.

Fill us with your peace.

Make us better people.

Teach us to more deeply appreciate one another.

Help each of us to tell others

more often how much they mean to us.

Make us aware that you walk with us each day.

Help us to be grateful and joyful.

Make our hearts strong and brave and generous.

We want to welcome you, Jesus.

Amen

## Thank You Mr. Larry Becker

In the last few weeks we have been missing a familiar face in our school. One of our custodians, Larry Becker, passed away after fighting the good fight for health. Larry was a kind man who, daily, had a cheerful word or helpful act for just the right situation or person. As much as his passing saddened many, we are likely to remember with a smile the way he met each of us with enthusiasm and a warm greeting. May we long remember the essential things that you taught us all...

May God Bless and Keep You.

## EQAO GRADE 9 MATH TESTING

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 class the week of January 14th to January 18th. Attendance is mandatory for the testing. Please do not book appointments on these dates. Students taking grade 9 math second semester will write the assessment in June.

## BUS CANCELLATIONS



Winter is rapidly approaching. In the event of inclement weather please listen to our local radio stations (CKNX 101.7 FM / 920 AM, CFOS 560 AM or MIX 106.5 FM, Country 93.7 FM) for bus cancellations. For students living along the Lake Huron shoreline -- you can also listen to 98 the Coast (97.9 FM). If only rural

buses are cancelled, the school will remain open for those students who are able to safely make it to school. If all buses (both rural and in-town) are cancelled due to weather conditions, the school will be closed.

## BABY GIRL

Congratulations to Mrs. Hopcraft and family on the birth of their third child. Madison Mari was born on Nov. 22, 2007.



A warm welcome to Erica Mc Teer and John Wilson who have joined the staff at SHHS. Erica is teaching Civics taking over from Mrs. Hopcraft who is on maternity leave. John is a member of our custodial staff. He is coming to us from Sacred Heart in Teeswater.

Paulette Lippert will be leaving SHHS and will be assuming the role of Instructional Leadership Consultant 7 - 12 at the Catholic Education Centre. Welcome to Miss Esther Helwig who is replacing Ms. Lippert. Good Luck at your new positions.

## LateTaxi/Bus

### Schedule 2007 - 2008

Dec. 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20

Jan. 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23

Feb. 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21, 25, 26, 28



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# CENTENNIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

January 11, 12, 13, 2008

The junior and senior boys' basketball teams will be hosting the Centennial Tournament the first weekend after the Christmas break - January 11, 12, 13, 2008.

This tournament is a highlight for all SHHS students. We encourage your participation in this weekend by supporting our teams at the games, attendance at the school dance on the Friday evening, and if possible, by billeting visiting players for the weekend.

There will be 20 teams involved in this tournament. Most of the teams return on a yearly basis. Last year, approximately 90 players were hosted by 35 families within our Sacred Heart High School community. This tournament is truly a highlight of our school year.

Each year, visiting coaches, players and their family members marvel at the unique welcoming atmosphere of this tournament. We need your help in order to carry on this tradition. Please consider hosting 2 or more players during this weekend tournament. Billet permission forms are available in the main office and the guidance office. These forms should be returned to Mrs. Mount, at the guidance office, by December 21, 2007.

## 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 27th, 2008. 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.



### DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Fri. Dec. 7	P. D. Day
Dec. 17 - 21	Interim Reports go home
Thurs. Dec. 20	Advent Mass
Fri. Dec. 21	Last day of classes
Fri. Dec. 21	Christmas Assembly
Mon. Jan. 7	Classes Resume
Fri. Jan. 11	Last day for field trips
Jan. 11 - 13	Centennial Basketball Tournament
Jan. 22 - 24	Exam Review
Jan. 25 - 31	Exams



Kelsey Young (Student Trustee) and Megan Goetz (Vice President of Student Council) represented the students of Sacred Heart High School at the Remembrance Ceremony in Walkerton on Sunday, Nov. 11th

Find out what all the Racket is about?



**BADMINTON CLUB** is every Wednesday night in the gym from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. All are welcome, bring your racket!

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## Inclement Weather Plans - What Will You Do If Your Bus is Stranded in Walkerton?

Students and parents are encouraged to develop contingency plans in the event that school buses get stranded in Walkerton at the end of the day due to inclement weather. Do you have a relative or friend in Walkerton that can take you in for the night if your bus is unable to leave Walkerton? We had a few occasions when some buses were unable to leave the school due to road closures. Although such an occurrence is rare, it can happen so we need to be ready for such an event.

Please note that with 800 students and just 5 phone lines, it is impossible for everyone to make multiple phone calls to develop a plan at the last minute. Please develop a plan in advance so that you will know what you are going to do in such an event.

If you live in Walkerton and your family is willing to take in a student in such circumstances please let the school know.

## Grade 9 Registration for September 2008

Currently our guidance department has scheduled Grade 9 orientation for the following schools:

- Tues. Dec. 4 Holy Family, Hanover
- Wed. Dec. 5 Sacred Heart, Mildmay  
St. Peter & St. Paul, Durham
- Mon. Dec. 10 Mary Immaculate, Chepstow  
St. Anthony's, Kincardine
- Wed. Dec. 12 Immaculate Conception, Formosa  
Sacred Heart, Teeswater

## Grade 8 Parent Information Nights

Grade 8 Parent Information Nights will be held at SHHS on Tues. Jan. 15th, Wed. Jan. 23rd and Thurs. Jan. 31st beginning at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. All parents of Grade 8 students are encouraged to attend one of these evening sessions to learn more information about Sacred Heart High School, programs, diploma requirements and course options. If you know of a current grade 8 student in another school who is interested in coming to Sacred Heart High School in September please pass this information along to them.

## Sewing the Seeds of Justice



In North America, motherhood is a high priority and despite the increasing size of newborn babies, women rarely die or suffer irreparable damage in giving birth. In contrast, mothers in the 3rd world are experiencing a "silent tsunami" wherein 52 million give birth unattended. Of these, nearly 600 000 die in terror and agony from unrelieved obstructed labour and tens of thousands are left with long term physical complications.

In the Church and Culture course at Sacred Heart High School, students study Catholic Social Teaching. At the heart of this teaching is the call to respond to injustice. Moved by the statistics on the lack of maternal health care in the third world, Mrs. Vandenberg's class embarked on a fund raiser with all proceeds going to Matercare International, an organization of Catholic physicians that work diligently to relieve the unimaginable suffering of 3rd world mothers.

The class hosted a popcorn and bake sale as well as a Canadian Tire money drive (accepted by matercare international and converted to money for 3rd world women). The students raised \$9.20 in Canadian Tire money and over \$171.00 in popcorn and baked goods. Their teacher honoured her offer to match the student contribution dollar for dollar up to \$100.00 making their total \$371.00. The spirit of justice was contagious as members of Mrs. Vandenberg's grade 12 parenting class willingly made donations and voluntarily gave their time to help out at the sale. The students worked hard for a good cause and were very successful.

A special thanks goes to the student council who allowed the Church and Culture class to use their popcorn machine and who furthermore provided the popcorn and oil.

## Early Dismissal Days

Wednesday, February 27th, and Wednesday, April 30th are early dismissal days. Buses will leave at 1:30 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 - 1:19

## Report Absence via Email

Currently, parents can report the absence of their child by sending a note, calling in, or leaving a message on the answering machine. We have added email to this list. You can send us a message about your child's absence by emailing us at: [shhs\\_attendance@bgcdsb.org](mailto:shhs_attendance@bgcdsb.org)



## Receive our Newsletter via Email

If your email address has changed and/or you wish to have your newsletter emailed to you please send an email to Cathy Kelly and we will put you on our list. Her email address is: [cathy\\_kelly@bgcdsb.org](mailto:cathy_kelly@bgcdsb.org)

## GRAD PHOTOS



Attention all future graduates of Sacred Heart:

In order to have your grad photo included in the yearbook grad section and to have your photo included in the composite for the hall, you must have your photo taken by our designated photographer.

This photo will be taken at no cost to you but you must book an appointment with Mrs. Hicks. If this not done by Christmas break your photo may not appear in the yearbook under the grad section. If you would like copies of the proofs and a copy of the composite there is a charge of \$20 to be paid at the time of the sitting.

**Please Note:** *You can not submit a grad photo from another photographer to be included in the composite. Copyright laws prevent our photographer from including those photos in his composite.*

*The staff of Sacred Heart High School would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Merry  
Christmas

## Sacred Heart Girls' Hockey Team POINSETTIA SALES

Poinsettias to help brighten your home / office for the upcoming Christmas Season. The reputation of our supplier is outstanding and the plants are generally large and bountiful of bloom.

<b>Colours:</b>	Red, White or Pink
<b>The Cost:</b>	Single \$8.50 (6.5" pot)
	Double \$17.00 (8" pot)
	Triple \$21.00 (10" pot)

Order will be taken until **Wednesday, Dec. 5th.**  
Pick up **Tuesday, Dec. 11th or Wed. Dec. 12th**

Thank you for your support,  
*The Girls' Hockey Team*



## Chaplain's Corner

It's the Christmas season again,, But wait!! It's not Christmas yet. The feast of Christmas doesn't start until December 25th and so what time is it"? It's time for Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. It's a time for us to figure out what condition our hearts are in before the Christmas feast starts. Are we ready to invite Jesus into our lives with enthusiasm for the next year? Sometimes we get so burned out before the 25th with gifts, parties, and plans that we forget the reason for the season. If we focus on the fact that God gave us his only Son because we are loved without reservation than maybe we won't get so worried or preoccupied with stuff that doesn't add a minute to our lives or the lives of the people we love. Don't get me wrong, Christmas parties, presents, celebrations and decorations are awesome! So, let's decorate our heart with openness and a smile on our face. Let's present ourselves to each other with thoughtful consideration. Let's celebrate the love that God has shown us with each other in the ordinary everyday time we spend together. Finally let's save the biggest party for the Season of Christmas realizing how much we are loved and how big a gift each of our loved ones is to us.

Peter King  
Chaplain

## 2007 -08 Crusader GIRLS' HOCKEY TEAM

Coach: Mr. Johnson, Mr. Turcotte

Alanna Anstett	Michelle Grubb
Ali Arthur	Robin Harper
Jess Barlow	Hayley Hill
Richelle Busby	Lindsay Kieffer
Becky Busby	Lesa Kittel
Holly Cameron	Emily Kraemer
Shelby Collins	Meg Lennox
Lisa Coulter	Erin Neil
Rachel Diebold	Colleen Parks
Becca Feeney	Christie Pitt
Kascha Fischer	Jill Pitt
Olivia Fischer	Callee Rice
Emily Golem	Renee Young
Katrina Grubb	Allison Bross

### GAMES

Tues. Dec. 4	WDSS @ Walkerton 2:00
Thurs. Dec. 6	Listowel Lightning Tourney
Fri. Dec. 14	SHHS @ Chesley 12:55
Tues. Dec. 18	OSCVI @ Walkerton 2:15
Thurs. Jan. 10	Crusader Challenge Tourney
Wed. Jan. 16	KDSS @ Walkerton 2:15
Wed. Feb. 6	Grey Highlands @ W 2:15
Mon. Feb. 11	SHHS @ Owen Sound 11:30

## SR. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Coach: Mrs. Mount

Alanna Anstett	Bryanna McNall
Jill Fortney	Christie Pitt
Katie Glasier	Aletta Schurter
Vanessa Goetz	Laura VanderWal
Yvonne Hundt	Katelyn Wilhelm
Carla Holm	Shelby Zettler
Katelyn Latour	

Tuesday, Dec. 11	SHHS & CDHS @ JDSS
Tuesday, Dec. 18	SDSS & WDSS @ SHHS
Thursday, Jan. 10	SHHS & WDSS @ CDHS
Tuesday, Jan. 15	SHHS & JDSS @ KDSS
Thursday, Jan. 17	SDSS & KDSS @ SHHS
Thursday, Feb. 7	SHHS & KDSS @ JDSS

## 2007 -08 Crusader BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM

Coach: Mr. Orr, Mr. Hambrock

Kyle Bross	Graeame Poechman
Zach Bross	Grant Reinhart
Mitch Campbell	Reed Schuknecht
Ben Carroll	Joey Terwoord
Brandon Coghlin	Matthew Thompson
Mitch Dentinger	Steven Thompson
Robbie Durrer	Josh Tighe
Jake Elliott	Tyler Tilker
Brandon Fischer	Jordan Turcotte
Tristen Flachs	Isaac Wilkinson
Jordan Grubb	Kyle Parks
Justin Hoffarth	Scott Barclay
Brad Kieffer	Zack Fortney
Cody Kupferschmidt	Mitch Collingridge
Matthew Lehman	Joseph Moran
	Dan Bennett

### GAMES

TBA	SHHS @ Kincardine 1:30
Thurs. Dec. 6	St. Mary's @ SHHS 2:00
Fri. Dec. 14	SHHS @ Grey Highlands 2:00
Fri. Jan. 11	JDSS @ SHHS 2:15
Fri. Jan. 18	Peninsula Shores @ SHHS 2:00
Fri. Feb. 8	SHHS @ Georgian Bay 2:15

## JR BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Coach: Mr. Striukas

Mitch Bamsey	Andrew Hubbard
Cole Breckell	Riley Knox
Mitch Campbell	Patrick Kritz
Ben Carroll	Brock Mount
Isaac Dales	Jake Schuknecht
Sean Desjardins	Adam Thomas
Alex Eckensweiler	Jamie Wainscott
	Brent Wilhelm

## SR BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Coach: Mr. Dunn

Cody Bamsey	Adam King
Derrick Browning	Stewart Mackinnon
Nathan Courtney	Ethan Mount
Logan Daly-Doersam	Jason Poechman
Ian Eckensweiler	Dan Mighton
Spencer Finnie	Ethan Seim
Joe Kelly	Mike Wainscott
Steven Kelly	Ryan Wilhelm

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