



## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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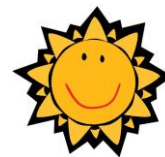
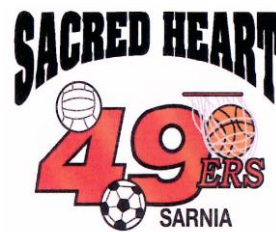
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### Newsletter 2016

Dear families,

It is June already! It has been a great year for all of us here at Sacred Heart Catholic School. Even though June marks the end of the school year, this month tends to be one of the busiest. Here are just some of the highlights:

- **Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO** testing occurs between May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **PIZZA DAY on June 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **PD day** on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Best of luck to our **Track and Field team** who will compete in the annual St. Clair Catholic District School Board Track and Field meet on **THURSDAY, June 9<sup>th</sup>**.
- We have a number of **class trips** occurring this month
- Band Trip to Canada's Wonderland on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **OLYMPIC PLAY DAY and BBQ** on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Our **Year End Mass** will be celebrated at the Church on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.
- **Grade 8 Graduation** will take place on **Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** beginning with pictures at the CHURCH at 5:30PM followed by Mass and Awards at the Church and a social, slide show, and dance at the school.
- **Report cards** go home on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>
- Our **Year End Awards and Farewell Assembly** for all students will be on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
- **Last day of school** for the students is Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>
- **PD day for teachers** will be on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>
- **Welcome to JK event** on **Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** from **9am to 10am**.
- The **SCHOOL LIBRARY** will be closed on **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. It is imperative that **all library books be returned to the school library by June 3<sup>rd</sup>** so that an inventory may be completed by the end of the school year.

Thanks!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul is in need of can and non-perishable food items for the next few months. Let's fill the Barrel at school to help those in need throughout the summer months! Please donate whatever you can to the food barrel located in the school next to the office. **THANKS!!!!**

### SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

I want to thank our School Advisory Council and Committees for all the care, effort, time, and energy they have graciously given this year. Again, we are very blessed to have a great group of individuals who come together regularly to meet the interests and needs of all the children at Sacred Heart Catholic School. Thank you very much!

These meeting were open to the public and encourage input from parents and other members of the school community.

We wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the school council this year. Please feel free the council next year.

### **BINGO COMMITTEE**

Heartfelt thanks are extended to the members of the Sacred Heart Bingo committee for all their hard work and time to support our school and provide us with so many well-needed and greatly appreciated resources for our school. Members of this team are: Jason Killingsworth, Jane Sokol-Kennedy, Julie Coulombe, Sue Bellemare, and Sabrina Treftlin.

**Sacred Heart School is in need of more volunteers for the bingo assignments at Jackpot City. The commitment is only 2 to 4 hours per month. Can be days or evenings. If you are interested, please contact the school at 519.344.1601. The dollars raised from this fundraising effort benefits all children at Sacred Heart School. Thank you for your consideration!**

### **DRESS CODE**

It is June and the hot weather will be upon us. Just a reminder that we do have an established **Dress Code** at Sacred Heart Catholic. You can find the code in your child's school planner (organizer). Some of the guidelines include the following:

- Students will not be allowed to wear clothing with inappropriate slogans or pictures on them
- Students will not be allowed to wear inappropriate tops such as tank tops, bare midriff tops, halter tops, etc. as well as shorts that are too short.

### **REMAINING FOOD DAYS**

- Pizza Day – June 10

### **MILK AND POPCORN TICKETS**

- Milk tickets are available until June 10<sup>th</sup>
- New Popcorn punch cards will not be offered until September

### **STAFFING CHANGES**

There will be few staff changes for the 2016 / 2017 school year.

- We say a very fond farewell to Ms. Hughes, Ms. Myslik, Mr. Wright, Mr. Vandeschoot, Ms. Venhuizen, and especially to Mm. Dibatista who is retiring at the end of this school year. We will keep them all in our thoughts and prayers as they head off to new challenges, chapters, and experiences in their lives.
- We welcome Mrs. Simard to Sacred Heart School who will be joining us as our Grade 4/5 teacher in the fall.

### **SUMMERTIME FUN & LEARNING**

Summer time is the perfect opportunity to have your child play games while learning at the same time. Here are some apps that will give your child an opportunity to have fun while learning. There are so many apps out there, and combing through them all is a tough job. We have listed just a few. Visit Common Sense Media which highlights favorite educational apps for all ages.

<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/educational-apps>

### **MAGAZINE ORDERS**

It is not too late to order magazines on line. If you wish to support the Sacred Heart Music/ Band programs and would like to order digital magazines on line, you can shop online at [www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca) with our GROUP ONLINE ID: 3708963. Thanks for supporting Sacred Heart!

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

***Even If You Missed kinderSTART You Can Still Register Your Child for Kindergarten - Classes Starting September 2016***

Even though kinderSTART was last February, if you have a child born in 2012, or know someone who does, the child can still be registered for classes beginning in September 2016. For more information, contact the school or the Catholic Education Centre (519-627-6762, ext. 10247) as soon as possible!

## *Helping Your Child to Succeed at School*

### **READING AND WRITING MILESTONES**

#### ***As your child continues to grow as a reader and writer***

*Critical literacy* is the practice of examining and discussing the underlying messages, in print or in other media, in order to understand the world in which we live. Children are practising critical literacy skills when they think about the purposes for writing and talk about how texts (that includes books, websites, magazines, posters and so on) represent different points of view, beliefs and perspectives. In this stage, your child:

- Is able to read and understand different types of texts more precisely and quickly and with expression;
- Is able to read, write and create a variety of media to express opinions and points of view (such as creating and watching videos, blogging, and reading graphic novels);
- Is interested in the social aspect of reading and writing and enjoys sharing thoughts and ideas about the texts he or she chooses (such as by sharing ideas in discussion with friends, on social media sites and through instant messaging).

***For some fun things to do, visit [www.tvokids.com](http://www.tvokids.com) and click 'Ages 11 and Under' for these great games!***

#### **Word fun: Spelling, Comprehension and Word Games**

##### **The Amazing Spelling Fleas**

Fun with grammar, spelling and reading comprehension.

[www.tvokids.com/games/amazingspellingfleas](http://www.tvokids.com/games/amazingspellingfleas)

#### **Spelling: Spelling Unfamiliar Words**

##### **Spot and Spell**

Try to spell all the words correctly. [www.tvokids.com/games/spotandspell](http://www.tvokids.com/games/spotandspell)

##### **Reading Round-Up**

Word search the tvokids.com way! [www.tvokids.com/games/readingroundup](http://www.tvokids.com/games/readingroundup)

#### **Reading: Book titles and Reviews for All Levels**

##### **Reading Rangers Book Club**

Read book reviews written by kids. [www.tvokids.com/ugc/readingrangersbookclub](http://www.tvokids.com/ugc/readingrangersbookclub)

*Source: Ontario Ministry of Education*

***Reading and Writing with Your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6: A Parent Guide***





**Lambton College** is offering a variety of summer camps for children ages 8-13. Camp programs are geared towards children with any level of experience and are designed to foster positive experiences, develop skills and promote self-worth.

Camps are supervised by counsellors who are certified in Standard First Aid and CPR with HIGH FIVE training in the Principles of Healthy Child Development.

All camps are full-day from Monday to Friday and campers spend 3-4 hours each day with a subject matter expert and spend the remaining hours participating in supervised indoor and outdoor structured and free play activities.

#### **Dropping Off and Picking Up**

Daily drop-offs, sign-ins, pick-ups and sign-outs are located in the Lambton College gym. Campers can be dropped off between 8:00a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and picked-up between 4:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

#### **Camp Offerings**

[College for Kids Camps](#)

[Camp Offerings](#)

[Registration and Consent Form](#)

[Important Information](#)

[Contact](#)

## Esthetician Camp

**July 11 – July 15**

*Makeup & Nails: 6-9 years old - [Register for Makeup & Nails Camp](#)*

*Makeup, Skincare & Nails: 10-13 years old - [Register for Makeup, Skincare & Nails Camp](#)*

Discover all the tricks of beauty. Working with an esthetician, campers will learn about skin care, basic make-up application, manicures and pedicures. Campers will have the opportunity to practice these skills on other campers and we guarantee your child will be a hit at your next slumber party!

## Coding Camp

**July 18 – July 22**

*For kids ages 10-13 years old - [Register for Coding Camp](#)*

Coding, also known as programming, is more popular than ever. Whether you enjoy or want to learn to create apps or video games, come to camp and get inspired! Take your tech skills to the next level and find out why all the cool kids code!

## Creative Campers Camp

**July 18 - July 22**

*For kids ages 6-9 years old - [Register for Creative Campers Camp](#)*

Creative camp is for the young individuals who want to explore the amazing possibilities with different creative mediums. Campers will have the opportunity to engage in different art activities that allow their creative side to shine. Art can be messy at times, so campers should dress appropriately.

## Great Outdoors Adventure Camp

**July 25 – July 29**

*For kids ages 6-9 years old - [Register for Great Outdoors Adventure 6-9 Years](#)*

Ready for a week of "camp"? Have fun learning about emergency shelters, first aid survival kits, outdoor fires and cooking, put up and take down a tent, hug a tree and many more great outdoor activities!

*For kids ages 10-13 years old - [Register for Great Outdoors Adventure 10-13 Years](#)*

Ready for a week of "camp"? Have fun hiking, put up and take down a tent; lay, light and safely put out a fire; assemble fire aid/survival kits, prepare and cook a hot meal, learn basic compass and GPS skills. Join us as we explore the great outdoors!

## Skills Work Camp

**August 8 – August 12**

*For kids ages 8-12 years old - [Register for Skills Work Camp](#)*

Skills work camp will include five days with five different topics. Campers will learn a new hands-on skill each day such as photography, carpentry, welding, baking and electrical.

## STEM Camp

**August 8 - August 12**

For kids ages 8-12 years old - [Register for STEM Camp](#)

STEM camp will inspire youth through science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Campers will take on activities such as space exploration, robots, bridge building, Lego, and welding simulators. Get inspired through STEM topics!

## Clay Camp

**August 15 - August 19**

For kids ages 6-9 years old - [Register for Clay Camp](#)

For kids ages 10-13 years old - [Register for Clay Camp](#)

Clay camp is a great experience for young artists who enjoy bringing their ideas to life! Over the week campers will explore a wide variety of ceramic techniques such as shaping clay into pinch pots, designing and constructing slab projects, creating coiled vessels and even throwing simple forms on the potter's wheel. Each camper will finish and decorate 5 to 8 projects. The work will be kiln fired with a food safe glaze and ready for pick up during the second week of September. Part of the fun is the mess clay makes. Please wear closed toes shoes, dress for the mess and bring a hand towel. All levels of experience are welcome and all material costs are included.

## Registration Details

- The cost of each camp is \$177 + HST per camper
- Registrations are due two weeks before the start of camp.
- Parents or legal guardians are required to submit the [Registration & Consent Form](#) at least two weeks prior to camp start date

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It has been a real pleasure working with you and your children these past few months. Have a great summer break and see you in September!

**If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at home or at school.**

Sincerely,

Mr. Bill Nelson  
Principal







ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

*Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey*

June 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As has been the case in past years, I would like to draw your attention to the Board's practice of not publishing class lists before staffing is completed at the end of August.

Over the course of the summer we will see a number of students move from one school to another. The impact of this is that we never know exactly how many students will be present on the first day of school. With the class size cap or limit, just one new student could push a class size over the threshold of 20, creating a "domino effect" which would result in changes to several classes at every grade level in the school. School organizations are now driven by the provincial formula, one which we are obliged to apply. Therefore, principals have been instructed not to post class lists prior to the beginning of school and to advise their communities and staff that regardless of the way the numbers look in June, they should assume that class configurations and the school organization could well change early in the school year.

Despite these challenges, we at St. Clair Catholic believe the class-size caps are good for our students and for our teachers. The limits will give teachers more time to devote to one-on-one instruction, which will only enhance the quality education students are already receiving in our classrooms.

Our Principals will be working with staff at the Catholic Education Centre over the summer months to organize classrooms as per this directive. I ask for your patience and understanding in the early days of the new school year, as we do our best to meet this mandate with as little disruption as possible to students.

May God bless you and your family with a fun and restful summer!

Sincerely,

Dan Parr  
Director of Education