



## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Week at a Glance for Families

**March 21, 2016**

Dear Families,

You can also find this Week at a Glance for Families and all previous WAAGS and Newsletters on the school website at <http://www.st-clair.net/SHS/news.aspx> and on our school TWITTER site: @shs49ers.

NOTE: Junior Boys and Girls Basketball season begins the week of March 28<sup>th</sup> with the girls playing on Tuesdays and the boys on Thursdays.

### Monday, March 21

### Tuesday, March 22

- GODSPELL - AFTER SCHOOL rehearsal 3:05 to 5pm (all cast)

### Wednesday, March 23

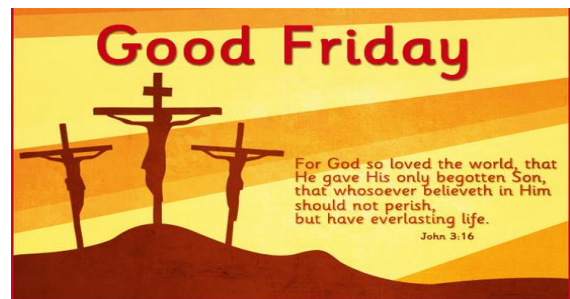
- Grade 8 Retreat Day in the afternoon at Sacred Heart School (Grade 8 students from Sacred Heart, Gregory Hogan, St. Anne) led by Natalie Rosedale (London Deanery Youth Ministry)

### Thursday, March 24



Holy Thursday

### Friday, March 25 (no school today)



*Have a very Happy  
and Blessed Easter*

*Attachments: Four Top Literacy Tips for Parents*

## Four Top Literacy Tips for Parents

### TIP THREE READ EVERY DAY

... children in my ideal kingdom would learn to read easily, long before they came to school ... So please, I beg you all to read superb books aloud to your children! Begin on the day they are born. **Mem Fox, 2005** "If I Were Queen of the World"

**Try to read with your child every day.** All family members can help. (It's like breakfast – it shouldn't be skipped!) It is the single most important thing you can do to help your child learn to read and write and to succeed in school. Children who are read to when they are young are more likely to love reading and to be good readers when they are older. Start reading when your child is very young. There is no downside!

**You are your child's most important reading role model,** so make sure your child sees you reading and writing for your own purposes. (It doesn't have to be the Great Canadian Novel – maybe it's just an email from a friend who has moved far away.) As your child's first teacher and role model, your involvement and support can influence lifelong attitudes and interests, as well as achievement in reading and writing.

#### **Here are some reading and writing activities that you may want to share with your child in your busy daily schedule:**

- Read traffic, store and restaurant signs.
- Read food labels, schedules, maps, instructions, advertisements, flyers and brochures.
- Browse online for recipes, the meanings of words and places on a map.
- Write shopping lists and telephone messages.
- Write the date and time of appointments and activities on a family calendar.
- Read and write greeting cards, thank you notes or letters (printing, cursive handwriting or using a keyboard are all fine) and email and text messages.

**Children respond well to routine,** so if possible, make reading together something that you and your child look forward to every day. Here are some ideas about how to make the most of this time together:

#### **Create a daily reading time:**

- Set aside a special time each day when you can give your full attention to reading with your child.
- Find out what your child is passionate about and learn as much as you can about this topic.
- Go to the library together or browse online for material.
- Use books featuring your child's favourite character from a specific TV show.
- Use great websites from home or your local library (like the ones in the back of this guide) to read online.
- Include a spot for games, puzzles, comics or software.
- Read books and other materials in your child's first language. This will help your child with reading in English and French and other languages as well.

