

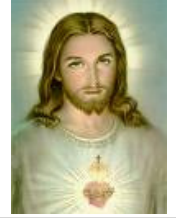


September 2011 Newsletter
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Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

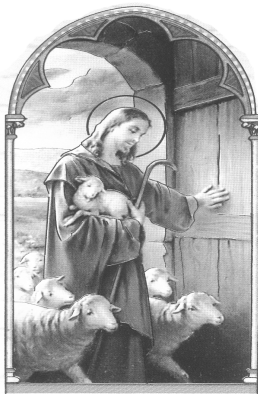
“The Catholic School tries to create, within its walls, a climate in which the pupil’s faith will gradually mature ... It will give you pride of place in the education it provides through Christian Doctrine to the gradual formation of conscience in fundamental, permanent virtues... the life-giving spirit which transforms a person of virtue into a person of Christ.”

Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, 1977

While almost everything in education has changed since those words were written 34 years ago, the vision and mission of Catholic schools remains. In response to the Ministry of Education’s 2007 initiative to promote Character Development in Ontario Schools, our Board has launched a programme called “CATHOLIC VIRTUES INTO ACTION” in all the Board’s Schools. Catholic schools have been founded on the basis of gospel values and have long nurtured the academic, social, emotional and physical development of students through their spiritual well being. Our Catholic Graduate Expectations embody these values. Importantly, Catholic Education has stressed community involvement as an important means for students to put beliefs into practice and has built on the concept of the family, parish and school triad as the best way to support our children. A virtue is a habit that shows people and God that you are a good person. Each month, we will develop a different virtues each month.

Throughout the year, the staff and students of each school in the Board will learn about a virtue in the classroom. We will put it into practice in our hallways, classrooms, gymnasium, library, and on the yard so that our prayers, lessons, assemblies and liturgies will make this virtue come alive through our actions. We will work closely with the parish and our Catholic School Council in this regard and encourage support from our families. By modeling these virtues we can provide numerous opportunities for our students to become faithful, giving members of our Catholic Community. Finally, we will “celebrate the progress we make to be a more virtuous Catholic school – a place of safety, caring and inclusivity for all.”

Yours in Catholic Education,
Gerard van den Wildenberg



I am very excited to be Good Shepherd’s new Vice Principal. I have had the pleasure of working for PVNCCDSB for more than twenty years and look forward to working hand in hand with parents to support your children.

I am married with two children and enjoy being outside be it biking, kayaking, gardening, taking pictures, or simply enjoying the company of good friends!

Supporting our children/students to reach their God-given potential is my passion. I believe each and every one can be a learner and a contributing Canadian, and will endeavour to support them, yourselves and school staff to make this happen.

Please consider my door open for the communication you need or even for a quick hello! Introduce yourselves (possibly more than once!!) as we encounter each other over the course of the next few weeks.

Sincerely,
Arlene Robinson

“Together in our Shepherd’s Care”

Curriculum Night September 15 See you there!

All parents/guardians are invited to our Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 15 beginning at 7 p.m. in the gym. This is a great opportunity to meet our staff and of course your child's teacher. An outline of your child's studies for the year will be discussed.

The schedule for the evening will be as follows:

- 7:00-7:20** Opening Address by Principal and Vice-Principal and Catholic School Council Chairs
- 7:25-7:40** Meet your child's teacher
- 7:45-8:00** Meet your child's teacher
- 8:05-8:20** Meet your child's teacher
- 8:20-8:30** Final Nominations for school Council in school foyer. Informational Displays.

Our School Recess and Lunch Times!

For the 2011-12 school year our entry and dismissal, lunch and recess times remain the same. Our school day is as follows:

8:15	Yard Supervision Begins
8:30	School starts
10:06 – 10:21	Morning recess
11:43-12:03	Lunch
12:03-12:43	Lunch recess
12:43	Afternoon classes begin
2:05-2:20	Afternoon recess
3:00	Dismissal when bell rings

CAFÉ Shepherd

Parent engagement matters! Study after study has shown us that student achievement improves when parents play an active role in their children's education, and that good schools become even better schools when parents are involved. It is recognized that parent engagement is a key factor in the enhancement of student achievement and well-being. With that in mind the Catholic School Council and our school are beginning a new initiative entitled *Café Shepherd*. Parents are invited to join the Principal, Vice-principal and a CSC representative to discuss and ask questions. The purpose of these informal discussions/meetings is to enhance communication, enhance parental involvement and to show off our school. Meeting will be approximately 45 minutes and coffee and tea will be provided. Our first gathering will be on Tuesday September 27 at 8:45 AM.



Terry Fox Run

Welcome back everyone. We are excited to announce that Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School will be holding it's 10th annual Terry Fox Run this month. In the past several years we have shown our support for cancer research by raising over \$50,000. We will continue in our efforts by collecting pledges and running for Terry on National Run Day, Thursday, September 28th. A big thank you to Mrs. Livesey and the staff and students of Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School for allowing us to use their track. The Run will involve grades JK - 8. Details will be sent home soon in a special letter.

An Important Message About Early Pick-ups

The end of the school day is very important for all students. It is a time when teachers review the learning that has occurred during the day and assist students in preparing their agendas and homework. Interruptions at this time of the day are extremely disruptive. We strongly urge all parents to write notes to the classroom teacher in their child's agenda indicating the TIME their child will be leaving. **Beginning on September, 19th, the office staff will no longer interrupt a class during the last period!** We thank all parents for their support!

Religion and Family Life Instruction at Good Shepherd C.E.S.

In our religion and family life programs children grow as believers in God and Jesus, and as faithful members of the Catholic-Christian community. The faith development of our students is far more than the simply memorization of facts, doctrines, and moral standards. Students in all grades learn through real-life experiences, information, action, and application. Students are encouraged to evaluate and develop their own attitudes and behaviours and to develop as critical learners in light of Christian teaching. At Good Shepherd C.E.S. students are instructed in Religion and Family Life for 30 minutes each and every day. Both programs have been developed in conjunction with Bishops in Canada.

For a complete description of the Family Life Program, Fully Alive, please see the website for the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario:

www.acbo.on.ca/englishweb/fullyalive.htm.

For a review of the themes of our religion program please see the Education and Formation tab at the website of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops:

www.cccbpublications.ca

School Council Nominations And News 2011-12

Consider being part of our school Council for dynamic school improvements this year.

Enclosed in this newsletter are nomination forms. Please direct your completed forms to Mr. van den Wildenberg. Names of nominees will be posted in our school foyer on Curriculum Night, Thursday, September 15. Elections will be held at our first Council meeting on Monday, September 19th at 7 pm. See you there!

Just a reminder that our Magazine Fundraiser will begin on Tuesday October 4. A reminder that you will be able to renew your magazine subscriptions on line so keep those renewal notices. Any parent who would like to assist us in counting the orders and funds during the school day please contact the office.

Tim Kellar, and Jennifer Sherlock School Co- Chairs
Gerard van den Wildenberg, Principal

Assessment for Learning

“Where’s the mark?”

“If there is no mark how do I know how she is doing?”

“How come there are not more assignments?”

These are questions we hear as teachers move to further embed *Assessment for Learning* in their classrooms. The emphasis on marks decreases initially as teachers support students in concept mastery, marking toward the end of a learning period to determine how each student has done after they have been provided learning experiences and explored concepts. Additionally each student receives feedback several times; on areas they do well in, areas that need additional attention and how to go about improving in a giving curriculum area.

We would never hear a coach (sports, music, dance) give a mark as his protégés begin learning their new skills. Indeed a mark only comes after skills have been worked on extensively if at all. Watch your child play a video game. The game does not give them a mark and does allow them to try again and again.

Marks often send a message to our students, judging them wanting and prompting many to give up before they have even given themselves a chance. How many times have you heard, “I can’t do” Yes they can, given time and support!! When teachers use *Assessment for Learning* as a methodology in their classrooms, we see positive results for students!!

As your child works on an assignment, ask them what the *success criteria* for the assignment are! These are a list of criteria that the student can use to be successful on an assignment. You can engage in the process by providing feedback based on the *success criteria*. These criteria will often re-appear as part of the marking scheme as the end of the learning period. Not every piece of work will have criteria, but many of the longer more time consuming pieces will. After the assignment has been completed and mark received you can revisit the *success criteria* to help your child to set goals to do even better next time!

SCHOOL AGENDAS

Staff and administration would like to thank our Catholic School Council for their continued support of the school agenda program. Again this year the school council has purchased an agenda for each and every student in grades 1 to 8. This agenda is full of useful information tailored to each of the different divisions in the school. We encourage you to review the agenda and refer to it when completing homework and other assignments. Again thanks to the CSC for their support!



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Richardson, Mrs. Susanne	2
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Bidgood, Mr. Brent	2/3
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Minnie, Mrs. Jennifer	5/6
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“New Beginnings” at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Are you (or do you know of anyone) recently bereaved, separated or divorced? If so, there is a support group “New Beginnings” which meets at St. Francis of Assisi Church on the 3rd Saturday of every month. (7-9 pm in Our Lady of Peace Room) Please call 905-987-3567 for more information. Our regular monthly meetings resume on Sept. 17th. You do not need to feel alone!

Crossing Guard

Our Crossing Guard will be available at Trulls and Avondale at the following times:

Times

8:05 — 8:30 am
11:38—11:53 am
12:33 – 12:43 pm
3:00 —3:20 pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT SELF-NOMINATION FORM

2011-12 School Year

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Business phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered
(name of student)
at this school.

I am an employee of the Board.

Yes No

Candidate's signature

Date

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

2011-12 School Year

I wish to nominate _____ for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Business phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered at this school.
(name of student)

_____ is the parent/guardian of _____,
(name of person nominated) (name of student)

who is currently registered at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Board.

Yes

No

The person I have nominated is an aware of the nomination I have made.

Yes

No

Nominator's signature

Date