



January 2008 Newsletter GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Responsibility

“Together in our Shepherd’s Care”

“We are, each of us, and all of us, responsible for one another: friends, family and strangers. We are brothers and sisters because God has created us that way.”

Genesis 4:9

Principal:

Debbie Ford

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Guy Charette

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DEBBIE FORD

As we begin the New Year, we remind our students that they are responsible for their attitudes and actions towards themselves, others and their learning. At Good Shepherd School we believe that this is a shared responsibility. With the support of staff, parents and clergy we provide our students with the knowledge, skills, values, attitudes and actions to achieve the Catholic School Graduate Expectations (see expectations on page 2).

As educators we are blessed with the responsibility of improving student learning and achievement within a Catholic School Community. Although it is a large responsibility, we believe in the dignity and God given potential of each student. We also believe that with a range of interventions, supports, consequences and learning activities, students can learn to make good choices and become actively involved in their school.

When a school works collaboratively and respectfully together, students take pride in their accomplishments, engage in their learning, and celebrate the successes of others. I randomly chose several students from various grades and asked them whether they believed that their school acted responsibly. Check out their responses on pg. 3!

On behalf of the School Staff we invite you to continue to communicate with us in supporting your child in learning, living and loving in the New Year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ford,
Principal



GUY CHARETTE

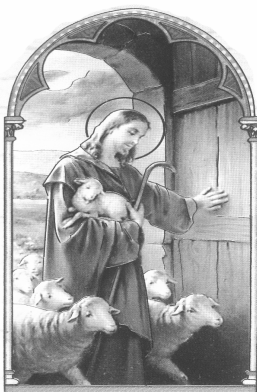
Good Shepherd is a school community where Catholic values are evident in every aspect of our daily routines and plans. I am proud to be the Vice-Principal of such a vibrant, collaborative community.

We are fortunate to work in and share such a wonderful facility. Our school offers not only strong academic programming in the classroom but also provides extra-curricular activities for students to further allow their unique gifts to shine. Our sports teams continue to excel and our intramural sports program gives opportunities for students to try sports they would otherwise not participate in. The students are also able to take advantage of clubs at the school that expose them to different perspectives on reading, writing, art and charity work.

At Good Shepherd, we encourage students to display positive, respectful behaviours, and to be proactive in reporting and mediating student conflicts and/or bullying. Our approach to discipline is progressive maintaining each child’s dignity. Communication with parents is a vital part of our efforts, as this leads to understanding and helps us meet the needs of all students in our care.

You will find me outside supervising before and after school. I look forward to introducing myself to you in person.

Mr. Charette
Vice-Principal



Catholic School Graduate Expectations

At Good Shepherd School, we incorporate the Catholic Graduate Expectations into all areas of school learning and school life.

- A discerning believer formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.
- An effective communicator who speaks, writes, and listens honestly and sensitively responding critically in light of gospel values.
- A reflective, creative and holistic thinker who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.
- A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential.
- A collaborative contributor who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.
- A caring family member who attends to family, school, parish and the wider community.
- A responsible citizen who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

Our New Website Is Almost Here!

Look for our new website later this month. Simply go to our Board Website www.pvnccdsb.on.ca for the link. Many thanks to our website committee who designed it: Jennifer and Mike Minnie, Carolyn Farrell, Mrs. Ford and Mr. Charette. Thank you to our School Board for their assistance.



Grade 8 Information Night

at

Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School

Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008
7:00 P.M.

Learn more about the registration process and transition to high school.

Curriculum information and school protocol/procedures will be discussed.

Guided tours of the school will also be provided.

Student Council News

We honoured Joshua Luckasavitch on December 18th in our Pernicious Anaemia assembly. The assembly was a huge success! We raised much awareness on the topic as well as \$182.00 for the Pernicious Anaemia Society. This money was raised from the Pernicious Anaemia Society wristbands that sold at \$3 each.

As you know, we are helping a school in Nigeria; The Rainbow of Peace School. The grade 7 classes will be sending letters over to them through Fr. Stan. These students will be our Pen Pals. We will be having a PJ Day on the 18th of January. The cost will be \$2. This money will go towards school supplies for Lady of Rainbow of Peace School.

We will be going to White Cliff Seniors Centre. Selected intermediate students will be going on January 21st. These students will be singing and playing instruments at their Winter Carnival.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Candy Gram campaign. All of the proceeds are going towards the Gr. 8 trip. We raised over \$300.00.

Items in discussion for January

- Peer Mediators
- Talent Shows
- Gr.6 project for the Homeless/Rainbow of Peace School
- Adopt an Allergy Project

Your Deputy PM,
Jacob M.

How do you know Good Shepherd is a responsible school?

Our parents trust the school when they send us.
Josh B. Gr. 7

The students and teachers are responsible for all the paperwork that comes to the office.
Brett T. Gr. 2

The staff is very understanding . Christina C. Gr. 3

Everyone is reminded to play nice and to listen to the teachers' rules.
Alyssa B. & Kaleigh F. Gr. 4

Every teacher I have had has been great because they explain the work and give us their time.
Cole T. Gr. 5

When we take on a project, we don't put it aside. We stay with it until it is done.
Rachel B. Gr. 6

Our class listens to our teacher. Julianne D. JK

We read books every day. Jacob W. SK

It's a place everyone can call a second home with a motivated group of people that strive to learn.
Kim M. Gr. 8



Thank you for all your contributions

We had a slow start but you came through with flying colours. Thank you, thank you, thank you Good Shepherd. A special thank you to the Social Action group who worked so hard. And also thank you to Mrs. Wiggers and Mrs. Brownson for all of your sorting and lifting. Thanks to Mr. Costa for organizing the delivery and to all of the staff who helped us deliver and unload. Thanks to Mr. Costa's class for loading the vehicles.

Girls Intermediate Volleyball



The intermediate girl's volleyball team have had a tremendous start to the volleyball season. Their hard work, determination, and team play are to be commended. Their skills have improved dramatically over the last few months, and they should be extremely proud of their accomplishments thus far. The team has won all matches against fellow competing schools. The girls will continue their season in the New Year and attend a tournament at Holy Trinity Secondary School in January. Keep up the great work girls, and best of luck next year!

Miss Brioux & Mr. Dalliday

School Council News

Our next meeting will be January 28th at 7:00 p.m. All parents are welcome.

Mrs. Ford and Mr. Charette will give a presentation on the new Provincial Code of Conduct (Bill212) effective Feb. 1st. and the Board Safe School Draft Policies. To view the Board Safe School Draft policies go to:

<http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/board/CurrentDraftPolicies.asp>

Parental feedback to the Board is welcomed before Jan. 17th.

Allergy Awareness Committee Update

Our next allergy Awareness Meeting is on January 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Scientists In School—Grade 1's

Tuesday Jan. 29 Day 2

A.M. Mrs. Hogan
P.M. Mrs. Reader

Wednesday Jan. 30 Day 3

A.M. Mrs. MacDonald
P.M. Miss Marks

