



## June 2008 Newsletter GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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*"Together in our Shepherd's Care"*

## Honesty

"I am the way, the truth and the life says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

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**Debbie Ford**

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**Guy Charette**

Parish Priest:

**Father Ken Rae**

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**DEBBIE FORD**

Our final Catholic Virtue for this school year is "Honesty". As educators and as parents we encourage our students to tell the truth and to take responsibility for their actions. Through prayer, compassion and teamwork we trust that Jesus will guide us in our future paths and help us to fulfill our God given potential.

At this time I would like to congratulate our Grade 8 Catholic graduates who will be graduating on June 25th at 7pm at Holy Trinity School. We wish them success academically and spiritually as they embrace secondary school.

I would also like to congratulate Mr. Charette on his new appointment as Vice-Principal of St. Joseph's School in Bowmanville for the next school year. As a school community we thank him for bringing Jesus' message to light in his leadership here at Good Shepherd. We will all miss you Mr. Charette but we know that great success awaits you.

It has been a very successful year at Good Shepherd this year. I would like to thank the staff, School Council, parent volunteers, Fr. Ken and our students for their shared leadership. On Mon. June 23rd from 2 to 3 o'clock all volunteers are invited to an open house in our library. We would like to wish all our Fathers Happy Father's Day on June 15th. Have a happy and safe summer. See you Sept. 2nd, 2008.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Ford, Principal

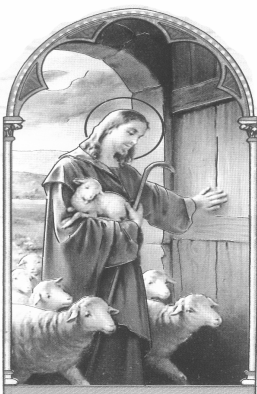
June is already upon us and it is a great time to look back on the school year and reflect on all of our challenges and successes. Our staff has worked very hard in the areas of numeracy and literacy using many differentiated instruction strategies to reach all students. Our grade 3 students have just completed the provincial testing, and our grade 6 students will be starting their tests next week. In accordance with safety regulations we will be having a few more fire drills in June to fulfill our requirements.

Finally, it is with mixed emotions that I report to you that I have been assigned as Vice-Principal of St. Joseph Catholic School in Bowmanville for the upcoming school year. I have been fortunate to work with such an extraordinary school community and would like to thank everyone for their support and warmth these past two years. God bless and until we meet again!



**GUY CHARETTE**

Mr. Charette, Vice-Principal





## Senior Softball



On Wednesday May 21st the senior girls and boys softball teams participated in their annual tournament in Oshawa. Both teams were extremely successful on the diamond. The boys finished 1st while the girls finished a very close 2nd, losing their final game in extra innings. The coaches would like to thank the following students for their commitment to Guardians Softball.

### Boys

Lance L.	Michael P.	Dawson B.
Daniel M.	Aaron W.	Alec T.
Joe T.	Steven C.	William H.
Jonathan R.	Ben B.	Jake N.

### Girls

Leah E.	Nicole M.	Megan C.
April Y.	Cathy G.	Riley S.
Amanda S.	Meaghan C.	Brandi H.
Hannah E.	Aliea V.	Whitney G.
Lindsay D.		

## Junior Girls Basketball

The Junior Girls Basketball Team won the "A" Championship at their Divisional Tournament. The members of the team were:



Madison B.	Gabriella M.	Natalie W.
Taylor P.	Julia M.	Caitlyn M.
Shaylene F.	Alysha B.	Cassandra B.
Holly A.	Emily V.	Jessica C.

## Volunteer Appreciation!

All Volunteers for Good Shepherd School Year 2008-08 are invited to an Open House on June 23rd from 2 to 3:00 in our Library. A flyer will be coming home soon.



## Allergy Awareness Highlights

Our last meeting for the school year was held on May 20th.

Here are the highlights:

- Our Allergy Awareness Poster Winners were highlighted in an article in the Kids Club Newsletter for Anaphylaxis Canada. A copy will be given to each family in September.
- Our next Allergy Awareness Mtg. will be Sept. 15, 2008 7pm.
- Our Allergy Awareness fundraiser raised \$201.65. Congratulations to Ms. Mwanang'onze's Gr. 3/4 class who raised the most money. They won a popcorn party and movie time.

## Here are some Summer Safety Tips!

- Carry a water bottle, avoid fountains
- Always read labels
- Always carry your Epipen
- Keep your Medical Alert bracelet on
- Wear sunscreen and a hat
- Keep garbage containers covered
- Keep sandals on when playing on the grass to avoid bee stings
- Never swat at a bee
- Cool off with drinks indoors to keep bees away
- Use straws to drink from cans



Ann Saunders  
Chair

## You Are Invited To Our Outdoor Feeder School Mass



All parents are invited to attend our Outdoor Feeder School Mass held on Holy Trinity School Track on Thurs. June 10th. Mother Teresa, Msgr. Cleary, Holy Trinity and Good Shepherd Schools will attend the Mass. Mass will begin at 10:30 am. This will be a great event for our Parish Schools.





## School Council Highlights

### COME TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD BBQ COMMUNITY EVENT

- Thurs. June 12th, 2007. 4:00 pm—7:00 pm. A flyer will go home with more information about our upcoming BBQ and a request from parents of donations of pop and water. Come Enjoy Jumping Castles, Sno Cones, Candy Floss, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Popcorn, Coloured Hair, Face Painting fun, and Sparky and the Fire Safety House. Mark this important date on your calendars!! Admission is a \$10 card available at the BBQ.
- **Environment Update** Thanks to Mrs. Shepley and the Environment Club, 2 new trees have been purchased for our school—one in the Kindergarten roundabout and the other on the playground near the basketball nets. Perennials and annuals were planted in our gardens. We are still accepting perennials and annuals. (shade and part shade) Please bring them to the school.
- Many thanks to Patti Brown and Pauline McKnight, Judy McCoy and Tim Kellar for their help organizing Power Hour which raised \$4,000.00 for our school!
- **Our Magazine Fundraiser** Continues this September 25; save your subscription orders until then. Anyone wishing to help with the campaign please contact Mrs. Ford.
- **School Council Nomination forms** will be available in September's Newsletter for the 08/09 year. School Council Elections occur at the first Council Meeting tentatively set for Sept. 22nd 7pm.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Tim Kellar Chair  
Jen Sherlock Vice-Chair

## Prayer for Fathers

Jesus thank you for the Fathers in our world. For an instant, we know that a dad's love can transform our lives. Please protect them Lord and give them the strength they need to serve you and their families. Amen

## Student Council News



It has been a wonderful year for the Student Council. Thank you for your support. On May 22nd we held Hoops for Heart Campaign for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We raised approx. \$657.21. Thank you to Ms. Lajeunesse for organizing this event. With the proceeds from student activities this year we have decided to do a painted mural in the grade eight entrance to highlight the qualities of Good Shepherd School and to celebrate the first group of graduates who attended Good Shepherd for eight consecutive years.

Fr. Stan visited our school on May 23rd to show us a videoclip of Our Lady Rainbow of Peace School, and to accept \$1400.00 raised by the students for the school in Nigeria. They hope to complete half a roof for their school.

And finally many thanks to the grade 7 & 8 leaders for our school-wide Daily Physical Activities held on Fridays. Thank you to Mrs. MacDonald and to Mrs. Walchuk for training us! Have a wonderful summer!

Kim M P.M.

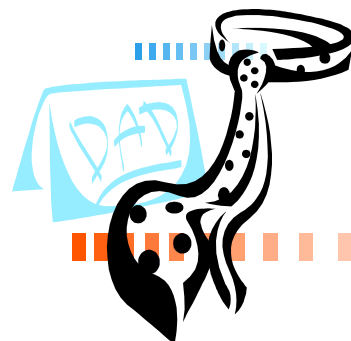
Jacob M. Deputy P.M.

## School Organization

Next week a letter will be sent home outlining our current projected school organization for next year and the criteria used for student class placements. Class Lists with Teacher Placement will be available in the school foyer Wed. Aug. 27th to Fri. Aug. 29th 9 am -3:45 pm.

## Young Authors

Congratulations to Mrs. Cooper's Gr. 5 class OECTA Writing Contest Winners who won a plaque from the OECTA Unit. Stephanie C. won for two categories the short poetry and non-fiction. Julia A. won for the short story category.

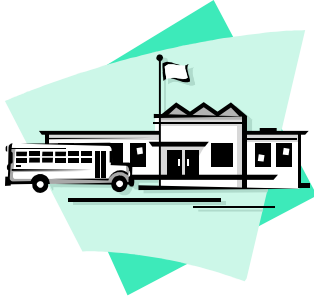




## Summer School Registration Grades 7 & 8

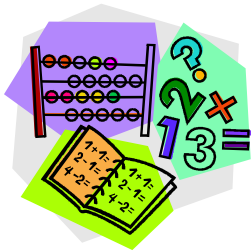
Elementary brochures and registration forms are now available for summer school for grades seven and eight on our Board website. [www.pvnccdsb.on.ca](http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca) Click Schools then Summer School, followed by Summer school registration ... and then Register For Summer School. Programs are available in two week blocks and registration forms must be submitted by at 4:00

June 12th  
pm.



## Literacy & Numeracy Camps Grades 5&6

The school board will be hosting Literacy and Numeracy camps for students in Grades 5 & 6 this July. The camps will be held at Holy Family School in Bowmanville. The camps will run for 10 days each—Session 1 will run from July 2-15, Session 2 will run from July 16-29. Transportation will not be provided. Hours are from 9am-12pm with a nutrition and physical activity break included. Check the Board website as indicated above for Summer School Registration. Registration forms must be submitted by June 12th at 4:00 pm.



## Holy Trinity Grade 9 Orientation Day

All grade 9 students are invited to attend Holy Trinity's grade 9 orientation day on Wednesday, August 27th, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Students will be able to walk around the school with schedules in hand in order to become more familiar with the school. Grade 9 students will, as well, be invited to enjoy a BBQ lunch and meet new friends.

Also, many students have expressed interest in trying out for the junior football team. This is a great way for students to get involved and meet others at the beginning of the year. The first week of football tryouts will run from Monday, August 25th to Thursday, August 28th, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Mr. Fred Zinkie at [fzinkie@pvnccdsb.on.ca](mailto:fzinkie@pvnccdsb.on.ca).

Students must be in complete uniform on the first day of high school. We have attached an information flyer to help you with purchasing the uniform. Summer school information has also been given to your daughter/son. Please contact the grade 8 teacher if you need further summer school information. For further details and information about Holy Trinity, please visit our website: [htcss.ca](http://htcss.ca)

## Our Rainbow's Programs



Many thanks to the following facilitators of our Rainbow programs at Good Shepherd:

(L to R) Mrs. Poechman, Mrs. Eades, Ms. Maloney, Mr. Dalliday and Mrs. Deschamps.