

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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**January 22, 2020**

Dear Parents,

I thank you for your understanding last week when we closed due to the snow and the dangerous road conditions. It is always a difficult decision to close the school as I know it can disrupt your planning with regards to work and child care, not to mention I'm given a hard time from friends and family back in Saskatchewan who can't believe everything comes to a standstill with 10cm of snow.

Between the school, preschool and daycare we have close to 500 children being dropped off and picked up each day. The safety of all these children is our primary concern. I appreciate you using extreme caution when driving on school property, including pulling in and out of parking stalls. I thank you for helping to keep everyone in our community safe.

God Bless,  
Kelly Kozack

**Save the Date:** Our Annual School Open House will take place Thursday February 6th from 6-8:30. It promises to be a fun filled evening with a delicious dinner and dancing. Bring your family and friends and celebrate in our Sacred Heart School Community! Please see the posters below for more information. Share in our school pride!

**New Family School Applications; 2020-2021:** We are now accepting applications for K students and new families. For those of you registering a child in K please print and fill out an application form on the school website and bring it to the school office.

**Pick Up/Drop Off Lane:** Please remember that the pick up/drop off lane is reserved for families who do not need to assist their children to the vehicle. This helps to keep the line moving. If your child needs assistance in the vehicle please park in the gravel parking lot to give yourself time to help. Thank you for understanding.

**Hot Lunch:** Today is the last day to order hot lunch for January. We have switched vendors for our fresh fruit, veg and cookies to a local company, hence the price adjustment.

**Missions Club:** Time to start gathering together those holiday bottles! Missions Club is having their Winter Bottle Drive from January 13-23 . Bring in your recyclable containers to the drop off area from 8:30-8:45am. Proceeds go to support [Operation Smile](#). Thank you for your support! We are also doing a Winter Food Drive: From January 20 - 31, Donations can be dropped off in the front lobby. All food donations will be delivered to our local bank. Just a reminder to check expiry dates before donating. Thank you for your generosity!

**Positive Parenting Workshop:** Andrew Neufeld and Rebecca Farnell, counsellors from Alongside You are presenting a Positive Parenting workshop on Wednesday, January 29th from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Sacred Heart School. Rebecca Farnell is also our new school counsellor at Sacred Heart School. This Positive Parenting workshop will guide caregivers to teach children and youth how to become responsible, respectful and resourceful members of their communities. Positive parenting teaches important social and life skills in a manner that is deeply respectful and encouraging for both children and adults. This workshop will teach strategies to help children to feel a sense of connection, belonging and significance. The workshop provides resources to be kind and firm so that there is mutual respect and encouragement even when discipline is needed. Positive parenting considers what children are thinking, feeling, learning and deciding about themselves and what to do in the future to not only survive but especially to thrive. This workshop will teach important social and life skills so that children can learn to problem solve, cooperate and contribute to the home, school and larger community. Positive parenting invites children to discover how capable they are and encourages them to use personal power and autonomy to make good decisions. Childcare will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Brandy Grund at [bgrund@shsdelta.org](mailto:bgrund@shsdelta.org). This event is co-hosted by Sacred Heart and Delta Christian schools.

**75th Anniversary:** To celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sacred Heart School, we are creating a book to commemorate this special event. We would like to include paragraphs of writing by families as well as a family picture to illustrate the strength and character of our school community. We would like the entry to be about 10 – 20 sentences and include your thoughts about being a part of Sacred Heart School. Your piece of writing might include a description of what being a part of the Sacred Heart community means to you, a heart-warming story of a special time at Sacred Heart, an explanation of how being a part of the Sacred Heart School community has shaped your lives or another other idea that illustrates the unique qualities of being a part of this community. Please send your writing sample and a digital picture of your family to [bgrund@shsdelta.org](mailto:bgrund@shsdelta.org). Thank you for choosing Sacred Heart School as a place of education for your children.

**Smart Watch Policy:** Children may not use the school telephone except in cases of emergency and then only after the teacher or office staff has given permission. Teachers and students will not be called to the phone during class time except in the case of emergencies. If a student is carrying a cell phone for emergency purposes, the cell phone must be kept in their school bag, turned off, and used only in an emergency with permission from a school staff member. Smartwatches may be used at school only to help children monitor their daily step count and

heart rate. They may not be used for texting, emailing, surfing the net, voice calling, taking photos, or for any other purpose that may infringe upon the privacy of others. Any devices found in a student's possession without permission, or used for purposes not outlined above, will be confiscated and held until a parent is able to come to the school office and reclaim it.

**Catholic News:** Pope declares the 'Sunday of the Word of God': Each year on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. The 1st takes place this Sunday, January 26, 2020. "May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures." This is Pope Francis' hope for this special day. He stressed how essential it is for Catholics to familiarize themselves with Christ's Word, and that this should be seen as a year-long event. He encourages us to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture, leading us to a closer relationship with God. For the complete APOSTOLIC LETTER go to: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu\\_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930\\_aperuit-illis.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.html)

Watch for regular posts with articles/blogs/videos to help us grow in knowledge and understanding of Scripture throughout the year. Use of School Telephone, Cell Phone and

#### **School Closure Due To Snow**

In the event of school closure due to severe weather, please visit the school website at [www.shsdelta.org](http://www.shsdelta.org) and/or listen to CKNW 98 AM for details. If the school will be closed an announcement will be made between 6:30-7:00 am and repeated often. Please do not call the school.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** A call- out for volunteers to help decorate for our Annual Open House / Celebrate Our Catholic School event. Please contact Christie Ruehs at [cruehs@icloud.com](mailto:cruehs@icloud.com).

Event date is Thursday, February 6th. Volunteers needed from 3pm - 4:30pm in the school gym. Many thanks!

**Lil'Saints Preschool:** Lil' Saints Preschool registration for current/previous Lil' Saints and Sacred Heart siblings starts on Monday, January 13th. Public registration will start on Monday, January 20th. You may pick up registration packages from the school. Call Mylene Lock at 604-551-0827 or email: [lil'saintspreschool@shsdelta.org](mailto:lil'saintspreschool@shsdelta.org) for more information.

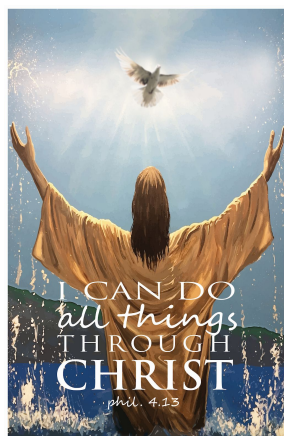
**Graphic Design Work Needed:** If you have some professional graphic design expertise and are able to put forward a couple of volunteer hours to help our fundraising efforts, please contact Todd Stewardson at [t.d.s@telus.net](mailto:t.d.s@telus.net).

### **Useful Contacts**

School office: [office@shsdelta.org](mailto:office@shsdelta.org)

Used uniforms: [\\_getpats@gmail.com](mailto:_getpats@gmail.com)

Parent Volunteer Portal: [jordan\\_kinghorn@hotmail.com](mailto:jordan_kinghorn@hotmail.com)





# "Celebrate Our Catholic School"

## We are a Faith-based Parish Community

Sacred Heart OPEN HOUSE

## Thursday, February 6, 2020

Celebrating 75 Years of Catholic Education

## All SHS Families and Guests – We Invite You!

On Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, **Sacred Heart School** is hosting our Annual "Celebrate Our Catholic School" Event in conjunction with our Open House.

The goal of the evening is to invite all our current families to enjoy and celebrate our amazing school and welcome our children to show off their hard work.

It is also an opportunity for parents to invite friends and family members for an evening of enjoyment and fun.

In addition, we would love for you to refer new families to our school.

### Dinner & Dance Kid-Style!!

Put away your pots and pans and drop in for a pasta dinner between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Why should only the parents get to dance and have fun! Join in for some dancing after dinner hosted by **Dynamic DJ Service**.



**Do you know  
families with 3  
or 4 year olds?**

**Lil' Saints Preschool** is available for tours from 6-8pm and is accepting applications.

Pre-K's are welcome to join the Ready, Set, Learn program starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Kindergarten classrooms.



Join us for dinner!  
\$5.00/person.  
Please fill out & return  
your order form.

Thursday Feb 6  
6:00 pm-8:30 pm

### Evening Events:

Drop In Dinner  
between 6-7 pm  
\$5/person

DJ Dance for the Kids  
(Parents Welcome!)

Enjoy music by the  
Choir and DJ

Visit and tour the  
classrooms – your  
students, and next  
years classrooms

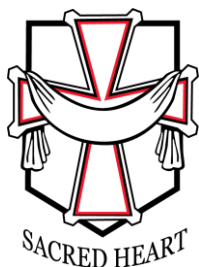
Invite Friends, Family  
& Prospective  
Families!

Ready, Set, Learn for  
Pre-K's starts at 5:30  
p.m.

### Special points to remember:

- Return your dinner order form by February 3
- Invite friends and families.
- Put on your dancing shoes.
- Celebrate our school by attending!





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## Join Us for Dinner!

### Thursday, February 6, 2020

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#### Dinner Order Form

DATE: Thursday, February 6, 2020

TIME: Dinner served between 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Main School Gym

DINNER: Pasta Dish, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Refreshments  
\$5.00/person

RSVP by: Monday, February 3



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FAMILY LAST NAME:

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**Celebrate  
Our Catholic School  
& Open House**

Thursday,  
February 6, 2020

Dinner between:  
6:00–7:00 p.m.

<https://shsdelta.ca>

NUMBER OF MEALS (including all guests): \_\_\_\_\_  
X \$5.00/person

TOTAL INCLUDED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or cheques payable to: Sacred Heart School

Thank You for supporting our school!

\*Please note: Sorry but we are unable to accommodate special meal requirements.