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SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The St. James School Advisory Council opening meeting of the year will be held on Tues. Sept. 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the school library. **All parents and community members are welcome to attend.** Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to the office, 527-0321. A light supper will be served and childcare will be available if needed. Please keep in mind that School Advisory Council is a fun way to keep in touch with what is happening at St. James School, and to share any concerns or offer any suggestions that you might have while you enjoy supper. We look forward to welcoming new faces!



MEET & GREET OPEN HOUSE

Thanks to everyone for visiting our Meet and Greet Open House last Thursday evening. It was wonderful to have such a large turnout for our back-to-school reception. Also, a warm thank you to everyone who supported our annual Book Fair. It was a great success.



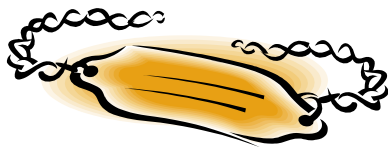
REMINDER

Please be reminded that this Fri. Sept. 26, is a Professional Development Day. All St. James School staff will participate in a system wide Mass and training sessions. There will be **no school** for students.



NO CHILD WITHOUT

St. James School is involved in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's **No Child Without** program. There is no cost for students who attend our school who are between the ages of 4 and 14 to join MedicAlert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should give serious consideration to this program. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should a medical emergency occur. For further information, come to the school office for a brochure or put a note in your child's planner requesting a brochure. To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure. If your child is already part of the program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-800-668-1507 to update the information.



QUESTIONS PARENTS SHOULD ASK!

- Questions parents should ask their children instead of "What did you do today at school?" from Will Richardson's we-blog-ed.
- What did you make today that was meaningful?
- What did you learn about the world?
- Who are you working with?
- What surprised you?
- What did your teachers make with you?
- What did you teach others?
- What unanswered questions are you struggling with?
- How did you change the world in some small (or big) way?
- What's something your teachers learned today?
- What did you share with the world?
- What do you want to know more about?
- What did you love about today?



Seaforth Fall Fair



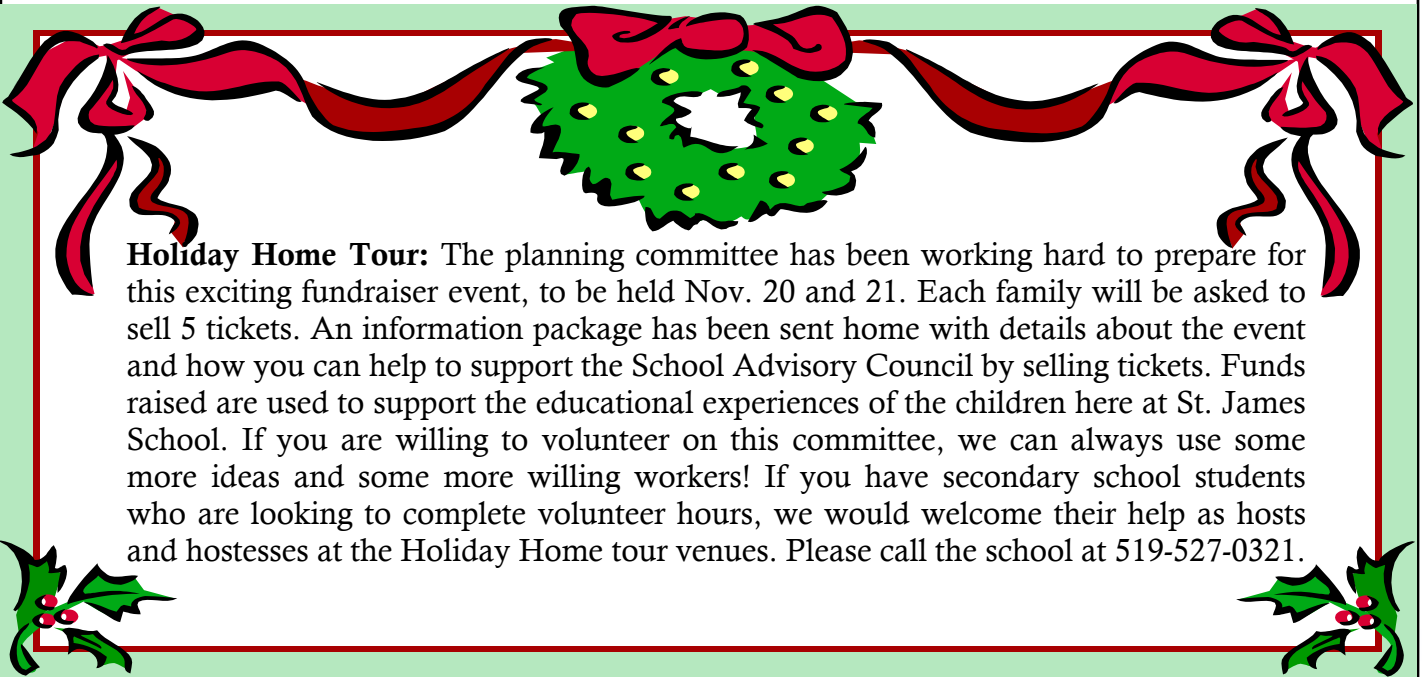
Students spent a morning of fun at the Seaforth Fall Fair on Fri. Sept. 11/09



COUNCIL CORNER

School Advisory Council meeting: Tues. Sept. 29, 5:30 p.m. St. James School Library.

Tic-Tac Healthy Snack: We are thrilled to have some new volunteers offer to help out with our Healthy Snack program! This year, Healthy Snacks will be served to our students on **Thursday** and **Friday** mornings, beginning this Thursday morning. If you can share just a wee bit of your time on either of those mornings, even just once a month, we would love to have you join our team. For your convenience, you could even stop by the school to lend a hand before going to work in the morning.



Holiday Home Tour: The planning committee has been working hard to prepare for this exciting fundraiser event, to be held Nov. 20 and 21. Each family will be asked to sell 5 tickets. An information package has been sent home with details about the event and how you can help to support the School Advisory Council by selling tickets. Funds raised are used to support the educational experiences of the children here at St. James School. If you are willing to volunteer on this committee, we can always use some more ideas and some more willing workers! If you have secondary school students who are looking to complete volunteer hours, we would welcome their help as hosts and hostesses at the Holiday Home tour venues. Please call the school at 519-527-0321.

In Our Community

MOVIE NIGHT

Central Huron Secondary School is offering 2 movies to students on Thurs. Sept. 24. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 6:30 p.m. Imagine That and Monsters Vs. Aliens are the 2 movie choices. The cost is \$5. Pop and popcorn will be available.



THE GRIEF RECOVERY OUT-REACH PROGRAM



Huron Hospice Volunteer Service is offering a 12 week course that will change your life. Grief is surrounded by so many myths such as: time heals all wounds, replace the loss, grieve alone, be strong for others, and hide your feelings. Whether your loss results from death, divorce, loss of job or childhood issues, recent or in the past, recovery IS possible. Take the first step in your recovery by participating in this 12 week course which begins Sept. 29 and goes through to Dec. 1, from 7-9 p.m. at Clinton Public Hospital. The cost for resource material is \$35. Please call 519-527-0655 to register.

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

St. Anne's is looking for new faces on their School Advisory Council. If you have a student attending St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School and you are interested in becoming a part of the council please call Kara Bechard at 519-482-5454.

KIDS CAN KEYBOARD

The following are some really good websites that are online games that help students practice their keyboarding skills at the same time. They prove to be very effective for students who need to improve their keyboarding skills in order to use technology effectively. Encourage your children to visit:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/> (a really good site)

<http://www.typingmaster.com/general/java/bubbleapplet.asp?keys=abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy&duration=1&Submit=Play+Game>

<http://www.popcap.com/gamepopup.php?theGame=typershark>

10 Finger Breakout is also a good free typing game which can be downloaded for free from the internet. Have fun!



TERRY FOX RUN

Please return your Terry Fox Pledge sheets on or before Oct. 5. The students will run/walk on Oct. 8, leaving St. James School at 2 p.m.



SEAFORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thanks to all who helped to make the TD Summer Reading Club a big success!

The detective 009 theme was wildly popular. Some of you were lucky enough to have your pictures in the Huron Expositor for the Detective Science program. Wow!

You'll see two new faces at the Seaforth Library this fall. Be sure to welcome our cheerful pages, Joelle and Hailey.

Kids 10 and over are invited to Wii Games Night on Thurs. Oct. 8 from 6-8 p.m. with Dianne. It's free and there are treats. This program is offered monthly and registration is required by calling the library at 519-527-1430.

Ever hear of a mudshark? Popular children's author Gary Paulsen will be happy to tell you what it means in his latest book, "**Mudshark**". On page 3 in fact, so you don't have to read very far to find out. For mysteries that need solving, 12-year-old Mudshark is your man. But wait! There's a psychic parrot living in the school library who is good at solving problems too. Lot's of goofy mysteries pop up in Mudshark's school ... a gerbil on the loose, disappearing erasers and an emergency in the staff washroom, to name a few. Mudshark is recommended for ages 7-9.

Fall into Reading at the Seaforth Library.

By Anne Dodington
Branch Manager

HEALTHY EATING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Studies show that well-nourished children concentrate longer and perform better at school. Prepare your child for success by packing healthy foods for meals and snacks!