

# Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

May 2012

## **Catholic Education Week May 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>** **"Walking in the Light of Christ"**

Our schools are walking places. The kids walk, the teachers walk, even the principals walk! Walking is such a normal human activity. We celebrate when a baby takes its first tentative but independent steps. In our Catholic schools there must be that deliberate intention that the light in which we walk is the Light of Christ. When you walk through our school, the feeling that you are walking in the Light of Christ is palpable. The interaction of student and teacher, the dialogue of principal and staff, the presence of parents in the school, the welcome extended to the visitor, are imbedded with the conviction that we believe that we are indeed walking in the Light of Christ. Being human, we may not always be conscious of that great reality and may sometimes act in a manner that may belie that conviction, but the light will always continue to shine.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

- Monday – Listening in the Light of Christ
- Tuesday – Learning in the Light of Christ
- Wednesday – Living in the Light of Christ
- Thursday – Loving in the Light of Christ
- Friday – Leading in the Light of Christ

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own developed activities we have prepared a series of activities which will highlight how our school is 'Walking in the Light of Christ'.

We hope to see many of you during our school celebrations.

## **Track & Field**

- May 18 Holy Family School Meet at EHS Track
- May 23 Legion Branch Meet at EHS Track
- June 2 Zone K-1 Meet at TDSS New Liskeard



The top 4 competitors in each category from the school meet will compete at the Legion Branch meet, and the top 4 competitors in each of the categories from the Branch will compete at the Zone K-1 Meet. Students are reminded to come prepared for the day (hat, sunscreen, jacket, water, snacks, proper running shoes, etc.) You are encouraged to come on out and cheer on all of the athletes. *Best of luck to all of the competitors!*

*Teacher Appreciation Week*  
*May 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>*

## ***From the Principal's Desk***

We have many events scheduled for the month of May. Most importantly we will celebrate Catholic Education Week from May 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. In a world often fixated on that which is negative, divisive and cynical, it is easy to overlook the goodness that comes from our Catholic Education system. This year's theme is "Walking in the Light of Christ", and it is my hope that you will join us in celebrating the Christ-centred environment that our school offers throughout this week. Please see the calendar for specific events throughout the month of May, and always know that you are invited to attend. Also, grade 3 and 6 students will be writing the Provincial EQAO assessments starting **Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup> – Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup>**. If you are a parent of a child in these grades, please contact the school if your child must be absent from school at all during this time. Teachers are busy preparing students for these assessments, however, parents and guardians can help as well. You may visit [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com), then click on the "Parent Resources" link, or contact the school for more information.

If you are a Catholic who has been away from your faith for a time and are interested in returning to the church please consider attending Mass this weekend. Mass time at **Holy Trinity Parish is Sunday at 9:00 a.m.** Also, if you are not a Catholic, but would like information on becoming one, please contact Mr. Pat Roberts at the Parish, 544-8023.

*Matt Turner*

## **Junior Kindergarten** **Registration continues**

### **Blast Off With Breakfast!**

We all know that nutrition is important for our children's health and growth. Now research is showing how healthy eating behaviours, particularly eating breakfast, help kids learn. Kids who eat breakfast may be better able to concentrate on learning, make fewer errors, score higher on tests and be more creative than kids who skip breakfast. Studies show that kids who eat breakfast are also less likely to be absent, be late, or be sitting in the office with a headache. As well, the research indicates that kids who eat breakfast behave better in school. They tend to be more cooperative, less likely to be sent to the principal's office for discipline, and get along better with classmates than kids who skip breakfast.

## Dress Up Day May 10<sup>th</sup>

### Spring Concert



Holy Family School will be holding a Spring Concert on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium. Many talented musical acts will be performing. So please join us for this special event.

### EQAO Assessments

EQAO assessments for students in Grade 3 and 6 will be held all day, from May 29<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. It is important that students be in attendance each day, so we ask that parents/guardians please try to avoid scheduling appointments, etc. on these dates.



A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

## National Teacher's Day May 8<sup>th</sup>

### White Elephant Sale

Mrs. Schaffner will be holding her annual White Elephant Sale on the morning of Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the school Library. All of the students will have an opportunity to visit the sale, and proceeds raised will go towards student resources. Any donations for the sale would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the school office. (Great time to do your spring cleaning, and kids, you can do your Mother's Day shopping!)



## Mother's Day May 13<sup>th</sup>

### Masses & Celebrations

- May 2 Virtue Assembly  
9:30 am in the gym
- May 6 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 8 Catholic Education Week Liturgy  
9:30 am in the gym
- May 9 Catholic Education Week Mass  
9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 11 Marian Liturgy  
12:45 pm in the gym
- May 13 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 20 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 25 Pentecost Liturgy  
11:05 am in the gym
- May 27 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

## Victoria Day May 21<sup>st</sup>

### Upcoming Activities and Events

Please note that some dates could be subject to change . . .

- June 2 Zone K-1 Track & Field Meet at TDSS
- June 8 Classroom Open House 2:20 pm
- June 11 PD Day (no school for students)
- June 17 Father's Day
- June 20 End of Year Mass 9:30 am at Church
- June 21 Volunteer Luncheon 12:45 pm
- June 22 Play Day (am) & BBQ
- June 25 HFS Awards Assembly 10:25 am
- June 26 HFS Grade 8 Graduation 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity
- June 27 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

**Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.** (Matthew 5:5)