

Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

February 2013

PA Day February 1st

Masses & Celebrations

<u>February 3</u>	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 4</u>	Virtue Assembly 9:00 am at School
<u>February 10</u>	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 13</u>	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 17</u>	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 20</u>	Lenten Liturgy 9:00 am at School
<u>February 24</u>	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 27</u>	Lenten Liturgy 11:05 am at School

Junior Kindergarten Registration

Holy Family School is continuing to hold Junior Kindergarten Registration for children, born in 2009, who will be starting school in September 2013. Please stop by the school to pick up your registration package and tour our facilities.



Skating

Our Skating Program continues. It is mandatory that students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 wear a helmet, and mittens/gloves must be worn by *all* students at *all* times. As well, no child or adult will be permitted on the ice surface at any time without skates. Given that some children currently do not have skates or helmets, we do have a few extras that students are welcome to *borrow* on skating days. Please note that if students are bringing their skates on the school bus, all ice skates must have the blades suitably protected with guards and must be stored in a case or school bag. The bag is to be placed on the floor at the student's feet while on the bus.

Family Day Holiday

From the Principal's Desk

Our Catholic Virtue for February is **Temperance**. By demonstrating temperance, students are encouraged to not over or under react to events and interactions, with others, that occur in their lives. Also, students will be taught the value of reflective listening habits as a way to truly understand the opinions and values of others. It is hoped that this will help them to make sound, prudent choices and actions throughout their lives.

This year, our Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 13th. As always, you are welcome to join with our school community by attending our Mass on this day starting at 9:30 am at the Parish. Lent is the period of time when we are called to examine ourselves through careful reflection: Who are we really? Who is God calling us to be, and how are we living out that call in our everyday lives? Such reflection can sometimes be uncomfortable, making us face the need to reorder our priorities and our ways of living. However, this discomfort may be necessary if we are truly to experience the joy of the resurrection. It is in this joy that I wish you and your family Christ's peace throughout your Lenten journey.

Term 1 report cards will go home on February 20th. Even though formal parent-teacher interviews have passed, I encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teacher to discuss progress and next steps heading into Term 2. Many of our teachers have websites at www.teacherweb.com, which are an excellent way for you to stay informed about the happenings in class as well! I also encourage you to take a look at our school's webpage located on the Board website (www.ncdsb.on.ca). We put all home correspondence as well as interesting news items on there. If you have not already, you may join our email contact list, where I will send home all school correspondence to your email. Just let me know your email address . . . I would appreciate hearing any feedback you may have that could improve our communication with you, our school community.

Next year's JK students are children born in 2009, and our registration is ongoing. If you know of any friends or families that are undecided about which school to send their child to next year, please invite them to contact me. I would love to show them what a wonderful school Holy Family is!!

As always, I wish you Christ's peace in your life . . . On this note, 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 the Parish at 544-8023.

Matt Turner

February 18th



Red-Pink-White Day February 14th

Public Speaking

Holy Family School will be holding it's annual Public Speaking competition in the school library on Friday, February 15th beginning at 9:15 a.m. You are welcome to come and listen to the students speak. The top three finishers in each of the categories will go on to compete at the Branch Level of competition at the Englehart Legion on Sunday, February 17th at 12:00 p.m. The first place finishers in each of the categories at the Branch Level will compete at the Zone competition in Haileybury on Saturday, March 2nd. *Best of luck to all of the speakers!*

Report Cards go Home February 20th

Food Bank

Holy Family School accepts donations, at any time, for the local Food Bank. A bin is located at the school office where donations can be deposited.
We thank you for your support of those in need.



Pennies for Patients

Mrs. Desmarais and her Grade 1-2 students are once again holding a Pennies for Patients fundraiser, beginning Tuesday, February 19th. Students and staff are encouraged to bring in their pennies, and other spare change, which will be donated to the Lymphoma & Leukemia Society. Donations will be collected until Friday, March 1st. As a little incentive, the class to bring in the most donations (per capita) will win "pop & chips" for the class. *We thank you for your support!*

Classroom Open House

March 1st at 2:20 p.m.

Movie Day

Because of their excellent effort in bringing in items for our Rotary Gift Basket Drive at Christmas, students will be enjoying a movie afternoon on Friday, February 15th (movie yet to be determined). Mrs. Montminy's Grade 5-6 students will be selling pop, chips and candy bags for \$1 each prior to the movie. Proceeds raised from the sale of the snacks will go towards the Grade 5-6 year-end activities.

Winter Carnival

The Englehart Winter Carnival begins Thursday, February 28th and runs until Saturday, March 2nd. Watch for the upcoming events and come on out and enjoy the fun!



Sub Day is Friday, February 15th

\$4.50 per 6 inch Sub

Orders are due by Tuesday, February 12th

Proceeds raised will go towards the JK-SK year-end activities.

Bubble Gum Day is

Friday, February 22nd

\$2 per gum license

\$1 per package of gum

Proceeds raised will go towards the Grade 3-4 year-end activities.



Bongo Raffle

Mr. Regimbal's Grade 7-8 class is holding a raffle on a set of Bongos, generously donated by Mr. & Mrs. Young of Musical Strings & Things. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased from the Grade 7-8 students or at the school office. The draw will be held at our Spring Concert on May 9th. Proceeds raised from this fundraiser will go towards the Grade 7-8 year-end class trip.

TEMPERANCE

"Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.

(Proverb 16:32)