

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2014

MASSSES & CELEBRATIONS

<u>December 1</u>	Advent Liturgy 2:20 pm at school
<u>December 3</u>	Reconciliation (Grades 4-8) 10:25 am at school
<u>December 7</u>	Second Sunday of Advent - Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>December 8</u>	Advent Liturgy 2:20 pm at School
<u>December 10</u>	Advent Mass & Turkey Luncheon 10:45 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>December 14</u>	Third Sunday of Advent - Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church First Reconciliation 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church
<u>December 15</u>	Advent Liturgy 2:20 pm at School
<u>December 19</u>	Virtue Assembly 9:30 am at School
<u>December 21</u>	Fourth Sunday of Advent - Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>December 24</u>	Christmas Mass 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church
<u>December 28</u>	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>December 31</u>	The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Mass 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church

FUNDRAISING

Holy Family's Catholic School Council is selling tickets on a \$200 money tree. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will go toward school yard improvement. You can purchase your tickets from Council Members or at the school office. The draw will be held on the evening of the Christmas Concert. *Thank you for your support!*



CLASSROOM OPEN HOUSE

Our next Classroom Open House will be held Friday, December 12th at 2:20 p.m. You are welcome to come and visit your child's classroom.

LITTLE RED THEATRE

The Little Red Theatre will be at Holy Family School on Friday, December 5th at 1:00 p.m. to entertain us with a performance of *The Nightingale*. Parents are welcome to join us for this special event.

From the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that we are already into December!! At this busy time of year, and as you can see by our calendar, we will have several activities and events happening at the school, and then the holidays will be upon us before we know it. I want to thank our parent and community volunteers for organizing and hosting our annual Turkey Luncheon on Wednesday December 10th at Holy Trinity Parish following Mass at 10:45 am. What a wonderful treat for our kids! We will once again do an Advent Novena at the school everyday throughout December. A Novena is a prayer that is repeated over multiple days. Below is our prayer. You are invited to say this prayer as many times as possible at home throughout Advent as well.

Our Advent Novena Prayer: "Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. When he humbled Himself to come among us as a Man, He fulfilled the plan You formed long ago and opened for us the way to salvation. Now we watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in His glory. His future coming was proclaimed by all the prophets. The Virgin Mother bore Him in her womb with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was His herald and made Him known when at last He came. In His love He has filled us with joy as we prepare to celebrate His birth. When he comes, may He find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. In memory of the coming of our Lord and Saviour, we beg You, Father, to grant us all the graces we need to be prepared for His coming to our souls on Christmas. For the love Jesus, Your Son, has shown us in becoming man to save us, we beg You to grant our prayer, if it be Your holy will. Amen"

Once again this year, I encourage you and your family to ignore the marketing pressure of the media this season, and keep Christ as the focus of your family's Christmas celebrations. **It is vital that children view the Christmas season as an opportunity to give rather than to receive.** In this regard, I wish you and your family peace and joy throughout this Advent season as we commemorate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.** If you are not a Catholic, but would like information on becoming one, please contact Mrs. Anne Bougie at the Parish, 544-8023. What better way to celebrate the season of Advent than to rekindle your relationship with Jesus....

Matt Turner

December 19th is Red & Green Day

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Each of the classes will be performing. Students should be at the school no later than 6:15 p.m. *Everyone is welcome to attend!*



TURKEY LUNCHEON

Holy Family School's Annual Turkey Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 10th (even if it's a snow day). Immediately following the Mass, which is at 10:45 am that morning, the students and staff will proceed to the Church Hall where they will once again be treated to a full turkey meal. *A big thank you goes out to the Catholic School Council members for organizing this event for us!*



Polar Express Party
(JK to Gr 2)
December 12th

ROTARY CONCERT

The Annual Rotary Christmas Concert will be held Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Englehart Public School. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students. *Everyone is welcome!*

COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Community Choir Christmas Concert will be held Thursday, December 18th at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Admission is a goodwill offering. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

Wishing you peace and happiness
during this joyous season.
Merry Christmas!



ROTARY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Holy Family School continues to collect donations of non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toys/gifts for the Rotary Christmas Hampers. These hampers are distributed during the Christmas Season to less fortunate families within our community and surrounding area. Last day to bring in donations is December 12th. *Thank you for your generosity.*



SKATING

Our Skating Program begins Tuesday, January 6th and will run until the March Break.

Tuesdays 10:25 - 11:45 am Grades 3-6

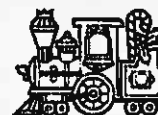
Tuesdays 12:45 - 2:05 pm JK-Grade 2

Tuesdays 2:20 - 3:20 pm Grades 7-8

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 we have an inclement weather day on a scheduled skating day, skating will be cancelled for that week. It will not be carried over to the next day.

CHRISTMAS TRAIN

The *Christmas Train* will be pulling into the Englehart Station on Friday, December 5th from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Rides will not be available, however hot chocolate will be served and Christmas carols will be sung. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted. *Everyone is welcome to attend this community event.*



December 19th is the last day of classes. Regular classes resume Monday, January 5th.

Charity And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three,
but the greatest of these is charity.

(1 Corinthians 13:13)