

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Important Information & Upcoming Events

May 2014

Catholic Education Week May 4th to 9th

"Serving in the Love of Christ"

Catholic schools are Catholic communities. Catholic schools are faith communities. We – parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff – walk and grow together in the faith which we received at our Baptism. And it is the 'together' that we grow. Our growth is primarily a relationship with God, who at our Baptism, called us by name. But the response of each of us to that growth is both personal and communal. We grow in our faith in the nurturing atmosphere of our Catholic community be that of our local parish, our home, or our Catholic school community.

Our school community will celebrate Catholic Education Week 2014 in ways that are appropriate to our students' age. We invite you to participate in one or other of these activities as your personal time and work schedule may permit.

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

- Monday – Serve with Faithfulness
- Tuesday – Serve with Humility
- Wednesday – Serve with Compassion
- Thursday – Serve with Justice
- Friday – Serve with Joy

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 'Serving in the Love of Christ'.

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

TRACK & FIELD

May 15th Holy Family School Meet at EHS Track

Grade 3-8 students are reminded to come prepared for the day (hat, sunscreen, jacket, water, snacks, proper running shoes, etc.) and Mme Jolette will be selling pop-cycles and drinks throughout the day. You are encouraged to come on out and cheer on all of the athletes. Top finishers from



our school event will compete at the Legion Branch Meet in Englehart on May 21st. We will require a number of volunteers in order to run the Legion Meet this year, so if you are able to help please contact the school as soon as possible.

Bubble Gum Day Friday, May 2

\$2 per license and \$2 per pack of gum
(proceeds raised go towards Gr 3-4 year-end class trip)

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 4th to 9th. 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 "Serving in the Love 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 tests starting Monday May 26th – Monday June 2nd. 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, 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 Mrs. Anne Bougie at the Parish, 544-8023.

Matt Turner

Teacher Appreciation Week May 4th to 10th

On behalf of the students and staff of Holy Family School, I would like to thank our "Anonymous Donor" for his/her very generous gift! This donation was used to pay for the Little Red Theatre production of "The Ugly Duckling" held at Holy Family School on April 25th. Not only did the students and staff enjoy the show, but we were also able to invite residence of the Northview Nursing Home to join us, so it was special for many. Your thoughtfulness and support is very much appreciated and we can't thank you enough!

**National Teacher's Day
May 6th**

Dress Up Day May 8th

SPRING CONCERT



Holy Family School will be holding a Spring Concert on Thursday, May 8th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium. Many talented musical acts will be performing, so please join us for this special event.

Sub Day Wednesday, May 14

\$4.50 per 6" sub

Orders due by Friday, May 9

EQAO ASSESSMENTS

EQAO assessments for students in Grade 3 and 6 will be held from May 26th to June 2nd. 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.

Junior Kindergarten Registration continues

CAKE WALK

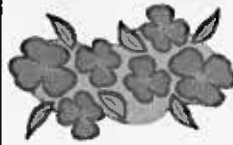
The Glee Club will be hosting a Cake Walk on Friday, May 16th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. All students are asked to contribute \$2 each, and each class will participate in the Cake Walk dance, where one student from each class will have an opportunity to win a delicious cake. Proceeds raised from this event will go towards the purchase of Glee Club t-shirts.

TUTOR IN THE CLASSROOM

Please join us in welcoming Dennis Schinkel, our Tutor in the Classroom, to Holy Family School. Dennis will be supporting the work of Teachers through tutoring activities with the students for the months of May and June.



White Elephant Sale Morning of May 1st



Mother's Day May 11th

MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

- May 1 Virtue Assembly
2:20 pm in the gym
- May 4 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 5 Catholic Education Week Liturgy
9:15 am in the gym
- May 7 Catholic Education Week Mass
9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 9 Marian Liturgy
12:45 pm in the gym
- May 11 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 13 NET Retreat for Grade 7-8 Students
Holy Name Parish, Kirkland Lake
- May 18 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 25 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

Victoria Day May 19th

NET RETREAT

The Grade 7 and 8 students will be participating in a NET (Faith) Retreat on Tuesday, May 13th at Holy Name Parish, Kirkland Lake. Father John Lemire, of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, will conduct this day of reflection and special activities. A bus will be leaving Holy Family School at 8:50 a.m. sharp, so students must be at the school and ready to board at that time. Lunch and snacks will be provided for the day. Students are expected to return to Holy Family School at approximately 3:00 p.m., in time for bus connections home.

Holy Family School Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m.
Parents are welcome to attend.

Humility

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

James 4:6