

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Important Information & Upcoming Events

December 2017

MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

- December 3 Sunday Advent Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity
- December 4 Advent Celebration
9:00 am at School
- December 6 Reconciliation
10:30 am at School
- December 10 Sunday Advent Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity
- December 11 Advent Celebration
9:00 am at School
- December 13 Holy Family School Mass
9:30 am at Holy Trinity
- December 17 Sunday Advent Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity
- December 18 Advent Celebration
9:00 am at School
- December 22 Advent Celebration
9:00 am at School
- December 24 Sunday Advent Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity
Nativity of the Lord Mass
7:00 pm at Holy Trinity
- December 31 Holy Family Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity
- January 1 Holy Mother of God Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity

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 towards student activities. You can purchase your tickets from Council Members or at the school office. The draw will be held December 20th at our Christmas Concert. *Thank you for your support!*

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 8th. *Thank you for your generosity!*



From the Principal's Desk

One of my favorite memories as a child is remembering the weekly anticipation of lighting a candle from our home advent wreath. Each week, as the flame on the purple candles and pink candle burned, and their shadows danced across our faces at the dinner table, we were reminded of how the light of Christ shines in each one of us. So, not only was the Advent wreath an exciting way to countdown to Christmas day, it was a beautiful Catholic tradition celebrated by my family to remind us of the reason for the season: the birth of Christ. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for the birth of Jesus, but we also wait for Him to be born again in our hearts, our classrooms, our homes, our community, and in the whole world. It is during this season that we are reminded of God's everlasting love.

It is for this reason I am so excited to celebrate Advent with the school community. Please join us in our weekly Advent celebrations on Monday mornings at 9:00 am to share in our school family's journey towards Christmas. The spirit of the season is alive and well in the eyes and hearts of the staff and students at Holy Family School. Take a moment from the hustle and bustle of the next coming weeks to quiet yourself and your heart and prepare for the greatest gift of love. Come celebrate with us.

God bless,

Cheryl Ricco

ROTARY CONCERT

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

*Scholastic Book Orders due
December 1st*

December 22nd is Santa Hat Day

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 20th at 1:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Each of the classes will be performing.

Everyone is welcome to attend!



TURKEY LUNCH

Holy Family School's Annual Turkey Lunch will be held on Wednesday, December 13th. We have decided to do it a little differently this year . . . students will be treated to turkey sandwiches, juice and dessert at the school during the lunch hour. This is free of charge to all of the students.



Polar Express Party (JK -SK) December 15th

COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Community Choir Christmas Concert will be held Thursday, December 14th at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Admission is a goodwill offering. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

Monday, December 11th at HFS-EPS-EHS
Come on out and cheer on all of the teams. Good luck Holy Family!!

NATIVITY DISPLAY

Our students have been invited to view the Nativity displays at Holy Trinity Church on Monday, December 11th. The displays are also open to public viewing on Saturday, December 9th and Sunday, December 10th.

DECEMBER 22ND IS THE LAST DAY OF CLASSES. REGULAR CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH.

CHRISTMAS TRAIN

The *ONR Christmas Train* will be pulling into the Englehart Station on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 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.



SKATING

Our Skating Program begins Tuesday, January 9th and will run until the March Break.

Tuesdays 10:15 - 11:15 am Gr 3-4 & 5-6

Tuesdays 12:45- 1:45 pm JK-SK & Gr 1-2

Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm Gr 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.



EMPIRE THEATRE TRIP

Students in Grades 3-6 will be travelling to the Empire Theatre in New Liskeard to see the movie "Wonder". Students are asked to contribute \$5 each towards the cost of this trip. Permission forms and money are due to the classroom teacher by Thursday, November 30th. The bus will be leaving Holy Family at 11:50 am and is expected to return by 3:15 pm.

*Wishing you peace and happiness
during this joyous
season.*



Merry Christmas!

Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead.

Oscar Wilde