

Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

February 2018

Masses & Celebrations

<u>February 4</u>	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 11</u>	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 14</u>	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 18</u>	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 25</u>	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church



Kindergarten Registration

Holy Family School is continuing to hold Kindergarten Registration for children, born in 2013 or 2014, who will be starting school in September 2018. Please stop by the school to pick up your registration package and tour our facility, or register on-line through the on-line Kindergarten registration link on our Board web site at www.ncdsb.on.ca.

100's Day February 8th

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.

PIZZA DAY

February 9, 16 & 23
Orders due by January 26th

SUB DAY

February 7 & 21
Orders due by February 1st

Happy Valentine's Day
February 14th



Report Cards go Home
February 14th

From the Principal's Desk

Have you ever asked yourself, "Why aren't they doing math the way I did in school?" or "How can I help my child with this "new" Math?"

February's **Monthly Math Challenge** is an amazing opportunity for parents! On **February 12th** from **6:15 pm to 7:30 pm**, you are cordially invited to participate in a fantastic and informative hour **strictly for parents**. That's right! We will provide babysitting for the hour and fifteen minutes, so that you can participate! The goal for this session is to teach you about mental math. As an incentive, your participation in the workshop is also your entry for our monthly draw of a \$25 gift card for Valu-Mart AND for your child/children to have a Subway lunch with Mrs. Ricco. It's as easy as 1-2-3! Be sure to RSVP to our invitation that will be sent home shortly. We look forward to seeing you!

Here is some helpful advice from professor Jo Boaler to help your children develop their confidence in learning mathematics:

- Encourage children to play math puzzles and games.
- Always be encouraging and never tell kids they are wrong when they are working on math problems. Instead find the logic in their thinking – there is always some logic to what they say. For example, if your child multiplies 3 by 4 and gets 7, say – Oh I see what you are thinking, you are using what you know about addition to add 3 and 4, when we multiply we have 4 groups of 3... Never associate math with speed. It is not important to work quickly, and we now know that forcing kids to work quickly on math is the best way to start math anxiety for children, especially girls.
- Don't use flashcards or other speed drills. Instead use visual activities such as <https://bhi61nm2cr3mkd9k1dtaov18-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/FluencyWithoutFear-2015.pdf>
- Never share with your children the idea that you were bad at math at school or you dislike it – especially if you are a mother. Researchers found that as soon as mothers shared that idea with their daughters, their daughter's achievement went down.
- Perhaps most important of all – encourage a "growth mindset" let children know that they have unlimited math potential and that being good at math is all about working hard. When children have a growth mindset, they do well with challenges and do better in school overall. When children have a fixed mindset and they encounter difficult work, they often conclude that they are not "a math person". One way in which parents encourage a fixed mindset is by telling their children they are "smart" when they do something well. That seems like a nice thing to do, but it sets children up for difficulties later, as when kids fail at something they will inevitably conclude that they aren't smart after all. Instead use growth praise such as "it is great that you have learned that", "I really like your thinking about that". When they tell you something is hard for them, or they have made a mistake, tell them: "That's wonderful, your brain is growing!"

Lastly, with all of the hustle and bustle of our school community, it is important to remember to take a few moments during this Lenten season to reflect. Lent begins on February 14th this year. As Benedict XVI noted, "Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, and what path we must take in life". For this reason, let us pray together so that we may continue to seek peace in our lives:

God of Love, through this Lenten Journey, purify our desires to serve you. Free us from any temptations to judge others, to place ourselves above others. Please let us surrender even our impatience with others, that with your love and grace, we might be less and less absorbed with ourselves and more and more full of desire to follow you, in laying down our life according to your example. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

God bless you and your families on your Lenten journey, together.

Cheryl Ricco

**Scholastic Book Orders Due
February 16th**

A Valentine Prayer

(Author unknown)

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.

Graduation Pictures

Grade 8 graduation photos will be taken on
Wednesday, February 28th at 12:35 p.m. The
graduates are asked to bring a white button-up
shirt/blouse, and the boys a tie, if they have one. If

CHEESE!



not, we will have one on hand that
students can borrow. More
information will be forthcoming.

PA Day February 2nd & February 26th

Pink Shirt day is February 28th

In today's digital world, it can be impossible to
escape online bullying, whether it takes the shape of
harassment, spreading rumours, sharing
embarrassing information or threats. This year, Pink
Shirt Day is encouraging others to combat
cyberbullying by thinking twice before posting
something negative, and instead using the internet to
spread kindness.

*Canada Clothing & National
Flag Day February 15th*



School Council

Holy Family Catholic School Council will meet on
Tuesday, February 20th at 4:30 p.m. in the school
bookroom. Parents and staff are always welcome to
attend.

Family Day February 19th

Public Speaking

Holy Family School will be holding its annual Public
Speaking competition in the school bookroom on
Monday, February 12th, beginning at 9:00 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 18th,
beginning at 1:00 p.m. The first place finishers in
each of the categories at the Branch Level will
compete at the Zone competition on Saturday, March
3rd. *Best of luck to all of the speakers!*

BUBBLE GUM DAY

Friday, February 9th
License \$2 Gum \$1



Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for your support of our recent
Dance-a-thon. The students had a great time and we
were able to raise \$617, which will be used for
various student activities.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw

Congratulations to the Holy Family School Knights
of Columbus Free Throw winners . . .

Age 9-10 Ocean & Peyton

Brett & Caden

Age 11-12 Kate & Amber

Hayden & Lucas

Age 13 Tinisha & Emma

Jayden & Colten

These students have now qualified for the next level
of competition on January 31st, 7:00 p.m., at ECCS in
New Liskeard. *Best of luck!!*

Forgiveness "Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds
on the heel that has crushed it."

Mark Twain