

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Important Information & Upcoming Events

December 2018

MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

<u>December 2</u>	Sunday Advent Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity
<u>December 3</u>	Advent Celebration 9:00 am at School
<u>December 9</u>	Sunday Advent Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity 7:00 pm Reconciliation Prayer Service
<u>December 10</u>	Advent Celebration 10:15 am at School
<u>December 12</u>	Reconciliation 10:30 am at School
<u>December 16</u>	Sunday Advent Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity
<u>December 17</u>	Advent Celebration 10:55 am at School
<u>December 19</u>	Mass 9:30 am at Holy Trinity Turkey Luncheon to follow
<u>December 21</u>	Advent Celebration 9:00 am at School
<u>December 23</u>	Sunday Advent Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity
<u>December 30</u>	Holy Family Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity

FUNDRAISING

Our Fudge Fundraiser was a big success. Thank you to all who participated! We had a total of \$5,505 in sales, with a profit of \$2,477 which will go towards student activities. Students, please ensure your customers receive their orders as soon as possible.

Holy Family's Catholic School Council is selling tickets on a \$200 money wreath. 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 18th 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 7th. *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 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.

Prayer for Advent

*God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.*

*God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.*

*God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.*

*God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives*

always, and particularly this Advent time.

(taken from http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Advent.htm)

Cheryl Ricco

ROTARY CONCERT

The Annual Rotary Christmas Concert will be held December 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Englehart Public School. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students. *Everyone is welcome!*

White Elephant Sale morning of December 7th

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 18th 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 Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 19th, following our Mass at Holy Trinity Parish. We thank the Catholic Women's League for providing the luncheon for us this year! This is free of charge for all of our students.



**Polar Express Party
(JK -SK)
December 14th**

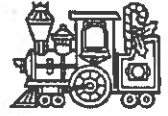
COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Community Choir Christmas Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 13th at Holy Trinity Church. Admission is a goodwill offering. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

DECEMBER 21ST IS THE LAST DAY OF CLASSES. REGULAR CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH.

CHRISTMAS TRAIN

The *ONR Christmas Train* will be pulling into the Englehart Station on Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. Hot chocolate will be served and Christmas carols will be sung. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted and foam light-up sticks will be available for purchase (\$5 ea), with proceeds going to local charities. The Train will also be at the Earlton Railway Crossing (10th Street) at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 14th. *Everyone is welcome to attend this community event.*



*December 21st is Santa Hat and
Christmas Sweater Day*

SKATING

Our Skating Program begins Thursday, January 10th and will run until the March Break.

Thursdays 10:15 - 11:15 am Gr 2b-3-4

Thursdays 12:45- 2:00 pm JK-SK & Gr 1-2a

Thursdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm Gr 5-6 & 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.



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

Merry Christmas!



There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.

Elie Wiesel