

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Important Information & Upcoming Events

November 2017

Love is patient, love is kind. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4, 7-8

Masses & Celebrations

November 5	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
November 8	Remembrance Day Mass 9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church
November 11	Remembrance Day Service 10:25 am at Englehart Cenotaph
November 12	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
November 19	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
November 26	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

**Daylight Savings Time ends
November 5th**

Set Your
CLOCKS
Back

Picture Retake Day

Picture retakes will be taken on the afternoon of Thursday, November 2nd. If a retake is requested, please notify Mrs. Church prior to retake day. On retake day, students are asked to return their proof packages to the photographer. This will help the photographer, and make for a smoother retake day.

With the colder temperatures upon us, we remind students to please dress appropriately for the weather (coat, hat, mittens, boots). Weather permitting, students go outside for all recesses, so it is important that they are dressed warmly.



*November 24th is Pajama
Day*

From the Principal's Desk

As the teachers prepare the progress reports, and the students prepare their portfolios to present to you at our upcoming student-led parent-teacher conferences, here are some questions you can ask your child/children to help guide the conversation along:

What are your strengths in Reading, Writing and Math?

What are your areas for growth in Reading, Writing and Math?

What learning skills do you think you need to develop more?

What are some of your main challenges?

What can I do to support your progress?

Although you will be given a specific time for your conference, please note that the parent-teacher conferences are **student-led**. Your child must be present in order to be given the opportunity to showcase his/her work. Don't worry! The classroom teacher will be there to join in the conversation at your specified conference time. In doing so, you will have a well-rounded perspective of your child's progress thus far in the school year.

Please remember, however, to promote a growth mindset with your child. As your child shows you his or her work, make statements like:

"I can see you worked hard on this!"

"It seems like it's time to try a new strategy."

"What strategies can you use to understand this better?"

"Look at those mistakes! Your brain must have really grown!"

Carefully choose your words when you praise your son or daughter. Every word parents say, and action they perform, sends a message to their children. These words and actions tell children how to think about themselves.

So, let's praise your child's efforts instead of praising his/her accomplishments! Let's keep working together as a school community to help our kids achieve.

God bless,

Cheryl Ricco

PA Day November 1st



The Holy Family Catholic School Council will be selling tickets on a \$200 money tree. Tickets can be purchased from Council members or at the school office for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The draw will be held at our Christmas Concert, which is

tentatively scheduled for December 20th at 1:00 p.m. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for various student activities.

Rotary Christmas Hampers

Once again this year, during the month of November, Holy Family School will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and new gift items for the Rotary Christmas Hampers.

These hampers are distributed during the Christmas Season to less fortunate families within our community and surrounding areas. Donations can be dropped off at the school or sent with your child.

We thank you for your generosity!



School Council Meeting

November 28th at 4:30 pm



Volleyball Tournament

Our Volleyball teams will be participating in a tournament on Thursday, November 16th at Holy Family, Englehart Public and Englehart High School.

(Permission forms will be

forthcoming.) Students are reminded to please return their permission forms promptly and to come to school prepared for the day's activities. Parents are always welcome to come out and cheer on the teams!



*November 11th is
Remembrance Day*

Progress Reports & Student-led Parent-Teacher Conferences

Please note that student Progress Reports will be sent home on November 15th, and Student-led Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held November 21st. Take the time to chat with your child and his/her teacher. Be sure to complete the conference request form and return it to the school by November 16th in order for schedules to be completed prior to the conference date. If you are unable to attend, make an appointment with your child's teacher for another day. Your child needs your support!

Flu Season

With the flu season upon us, students and staff are reminded daily of the importance of proper hand washing and coughing/sneezing etiquette. In addition, parents/guardians are asked to please inform the school of any symptoms relating to your child(ren)'s illness when reporting an absence (i.e. fever, cough, sore throat, headache, fatigue, aches, pains and/or chills). This information will help in tracking trends in absenteeism rates and will further assist us in reporting accurate information to the local health unit if required. Children should remain at home when they are ill. We appreciate your continued support.

Unveiling of Christmas

Friday, November 17th is Englehart's Unveiling of Christmas. A parade of lights will be held that evening and local artisans/crafts people and businesses will be on hand with many items for sale - *a great time to start your Christmas shopping!*

