

# Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

May 2011

## Catholic Education Week May 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> "Celebrating the Spirit"

In our Catholic schools, the Spirit of God is alive! When you next walk through the halls, stop and listen. You will hear the marvelous work of the students and staff reflecting God's graciousness in their learning and teaching. This year's Catholic Education Week (May 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>) gives us an opportunity to shine a light on our schools with this theme: *Catholic Education: Celebrating the Spirit*. The scriptural text comes from St. Paul's letter to the Romans: "All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." (Romans 8:14) St. Luke also refers to the Spirit when he writes, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." (Lk 4:18) The Psalmist calls on God's Spirit to renew the face of the earth. During this Catholic Education Week, let's open our doors to God's Spirit in a special way and celebrate how the spirit is renewing the face of our schools!

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

- Monday - The Spirit of Hospitality
- Tuesday - The Spirit of Understanding
- Wednesday - The Spirit of Wisdom
- Thursday - The Spirit of Justice
- Friday - The Spirit of Gratitude

We hope to see many of you during our festivities during Catholic Education Week.

### Track & Field

- May 12 Holy Family School Meet at EHS Track
- May 19 Legion Branch Meet at EHS Track
- May 28 Zone K-1 Meet at TDSS New Liskeard



The top 3 competitors in each category from the school meet will compete at the Legion Branch meet, and the top 4 competitors in each of the categories from the Branch will compete at the Zone K-1 Meet. Students are reminded to come prepared for the day (hat, sunscreen, jacket, water, snacks, proper running shoes, etc.) You are encouraged to come on out and cheer on all of the athletes. *Best of luck to all of the competitors!*

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 "Celebrating The Spirit" 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 Tuesday May 31 - June 2 and Tuesday June 7 - June 9. If you are a parent of a child in these grades, please contact the school if your child will 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](http://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 Mr. Pat Roberts at the Parish, 544-8023.

*Matt Turner*

### Junior Kindergarten Registration continues

### Upcoming Activities and Events

*Please note that some dates could be subject to change . . .*

- June 1 Virtue Assembly 9:00 am in gym
- Gr 3 & 6 EQAO Assessments continue
- June 6 PD Day (no school for students)
- June 10 Wacky Hair Day
- June 13 Pentecost Liturgy 2:20 pm in gym
- June 16 Volunteer Luncheon
- June 17 Playday & Family Barbeque
- June 19 Father's Day
- June 22 Holy Family School Gr 8 Graduation 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church
- June 23 Holy Family School Awards Assembly 10:25 am in gym
- June 24 Last day of school

*National Teacher's Day May 3<sup>rd</sup>*

## Dress Up Day May 5<sup>th</sup>

### Spring Concert



Holy Family School will be holding a Spring Concert on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium. Many talented musical acts will be performing. So please join us for this special event.

### EQAO Assessments

EQAO assessments for students in Grade 3 and 6 will be held the morning of May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**Q.** What did you learn in school today?

**A.** Not enough, I have to go back tomorrow.

### Screens Free Week

The Timiskaming Health Unit is once again launching a Screens Free Week initiative May 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. All families of school-aged children have equal opportunity to participate and reduce screen time and increase active living, the benefits of which are many. This campaign is suited to all families and encourages daily active living to maintain/enhance the ability and readiness to learn, physical fitness, and overall health and wellness.

Canadian youth are accumulating 6 hours of screen time on weekdays and more than 7 hours on weekend days. More information will be sent home with students shortly.

### White Elephant Sale

Mrs. Schaffner will be holding her annual White Elephant Sale on the morning of Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in the school Library. All of the students will have an opportunity to visit the sale, and proceeds raised will go towards student resources. Any donations for the sale would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the school office. (Great time to do your spring cleaning!)



## Mother's Day May 8<sup>th</sup>

### Masses & Celebrations

May 1

Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

May 3

Catholic Education Week Liturgy  
& Virtue Assembly

10:25 am at School

May 4

Easter Mass

9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church

May 6

Marian Liturgy

12:45 pm at School

May 8

Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

May 15

Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

May 22

Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

May 29

Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

### Holy Family School Clothing

We are now taking orders for our Holy Family School clothing! As you will see by the order form, there are a wide variety of choices available to choose from. Some sizing samples are available at the school. We ask that all orders be handed in to the school office by Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> to allow for processing and delivery time prior to the end of the school year. Please note that this is not a fundraising endeavour. Prices reflect manufacturing and set-up costs only.

## Victoria Day May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Please note that Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> will be our final Hot Dog Day for this school year.**

**Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.** (Matthew 5:5)