

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Important Information & Upcoming Events

November 2018

*But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream.* Amos 5:24

Masses & Celebrations

- November 4 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- November 7 Remembrance Day Mass
9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church
- November 11 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
Remembrance Day Service
10:25 am at Englehart Cenotaph
- November 18 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- November 25 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

**Daylight Savings Time ends
November 4th**

*Set Your
CLOCKS
Back*

Picture Retake Day

Picture retakes will be taken on the afternoon of Friday, November 9th. 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, in temperatures as low
as -25 degrees C, so it is important that
they are dressed warmly.*



*November 23rd is Pajama
Day*

From the Principal's Desk

How is your child assessed for progress reports and report cards? Well, teachers use a process called "triangulation." This is a process by which a teacher collects evidence about student learning; this evidence is collected from three different sources. These sources are conversations, observations, and products. The following is taken from

<https://sites.educ.ualberta.ca/staff/olenka.bilash/Best%20of%20Bilash/Triangulation.html>:

"Conversation is used to talk with students in a less formal, less structured way; these conversations can take place as students enter the classroom, in the halls of the school between classes, etc. For example, a teacher may ask a student what they did on the weekend, how well their basketball team is playing, if they saw a good movie recently, etc. By conversing with students in this way, the teacher can get a better picture about the students' language abilities.

Observations take place during class time, while students are involved in individual, pair or group work. The teacher will circulate around the room and observe student learning. Observations can be documented using a check list (which outlines specifically what the teacher is looking for on that particular day) or anecdotal notes (the teacher simply makes written comments about what a student is doing, how they are working, which concepts the student has grasped, which concepts the student still struggles with, etc.). In order to make this process worthwhile, the teacher may choose to only observe a small number of students in one class period; this way the teacher can observe the selected students for longer periods of time, during different activities, working with different concepts. The observation process is completed after the class has ended with the teacher taking the checklist results or anecdotal notes and putting them into a file for each student. This process allows the teacher to track each student's progress over time in a much more effective and accurate manner.

Finally, products refer to the tangible materials, such as tests, tasks or projects, used to assess student learning. These products are used to demonstrate what the student is capable of doing after going through the learning process."

Be sure to ask your child's classroom teacher about triangulation at the upcoming student-led parent-teacher conferences on November 21st!

Cheryl Ricco

PA Day November 26th



The Holy Family Catholic School Council will be selling tickets on a \$200 money wreath. 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 18th at 1:00 p.m. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for various student activities.

A reminder that Fudge order forms are due to the school office no later than Monday, November 12th.

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 27th at 4:30 pm



Volleyball Tournament

Our Volleyball teams will be participating in a tournament on Tuesday, November 20th 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 14th, 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 (if your child is in JK-SK, Gr 5-6 or 7-8) and return it to the school by November 16th, in order for schedules to be completed prior to the conference date. Students in Grades 1-4 will not have scheduled conference times, but will follow more of an open-house format. If you are unable to attend November 21st, please feel free to 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 16th 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!*

