

Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

October 2017

MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

- October 1 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- October 4 Thanksgiving Mass
9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church
- October 8 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- October 15 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- October 22 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- October 29 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

MILK PROGRAM

The Holy Family School Milk Program has begun once again. We will continue with the pre-order system each month. Orders for October have already been submitted, and the order form for November will be sent home soon.



*October 9th is
Thanksgiving Day*

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is Monday, October 2nd. All students will be photographed. Please do not send money to school on picture day. Parents will have an opportunity to choose their photos from the proof packages, which will be forwarded at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

FOOD DRIVE

Holy Family School will be holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive from October 2nd to 6th. Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the school. Thank you for your support!

From the Principal's Desk

It's October and I want to congratulate the 40% of our families who have participated in September's Monthly Math Magic Challenge! Parent involvement is crucial for our students' success in Math achievement. This September, we invited each family to complete a Monthly Math Magic Challenge. The task was meant for families to work on together. It wasn't assessed, but rather helped the child's/children's confidence in problem-solving. We asked that families complete the task together and send it back to school prior to the end of the month with their name and contact information. The winner for the month of September was Rayna Charlton. Rayna won a \$25 gift card for Valu-Mart AND the opportunity to play a FUN Math game with friends at lunch recess (with lunch being provided, of course!). Congratulations!

Cheryl Ricco

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country Running Team will be participating in the TDSS Invitational Cross Country Meet at the Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club on Thursday, October 12th. The bus will be leaving Holy Family at 8:50 a.m. that morning and is expected to return at approximately 2:30 p.m. Students are reminded to please come prepared for the day's events.

Good luck team!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the Holy Family Catholic School Council was held Tuesday, September 26th. The main goal of this year's Council will be to increase parental involvement and participation in school based activities and improvement planning, as well as to raise funds to improve the school experience for Holy Family students. We post our meeting agenda and minutes on the school website, as well as on the Catholic School Council bulletin board in the school library. Parents/Guardians are always welcome to attend our meetings.

STUDENT INFORMATION

If at any time throughout the school year there is a change to student information (i.e. address or phone, medical information, custodial status, etc.), please inform the school immediately. It is extremely important that we are kept apprised of this type of information. If you have not already done so, please return the Student Information Update Forms that were forwarded to you. Even if there are no changes to the information, it is important that the forms are returned to the school.

DRESS-DOWN DAYS

Fridays are "dress-down days" for the staff of Holy Family School. In order to dress down, staff members are asked to contribute a Toonie. These funds will be donated to our local Food Bank.



Black & Orange Day
October 31st

INDOOR SHOES

It is very important that all students have a pair of "indoor" shoes to wear at school. For student safety and for hygiene purposes, shoes must be worn at all times. The Grade 7-8 students are also to bring their indoor shoes to Sacred Heart School, Kirkland Lake on the days they go for their Industrial Arts/Family Studies program.

FUNDRAISING

Our *Pepperette Fundraiser* was once again a big success. Thank you to all who contributed. Funds raised will go towards various student activities throughout the year.



Pizza Days will be held every Friday. All proceeds from this event will go towards student activities.

Sub Days will be held twice per month. All proceeds raised will go towards student activities.

October 31st is Hallowe'en!

Students may bring their costumes to school, but for the afternoon only please. A costume parade and activities will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Please ensure that costumes are in good taste and in keeping with our school dress code. You are welcome to join us for these events!



PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be sent home on November 15th. Student-lead Conferences will be held following receipt of the Progress Reports (date to be determined). Invitations will be sent home towards the end of October. If you would like to join your child's teacher in the sharing of your child's learning portfolio, please ensure your rsvp is returned to the school as soon as possible. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. In the meantime, please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

World Teacher's Day October 5th

TERRY FOX SCHOOL WALK

Our Terry Fox School Walk was held September 28th. We were able to raise \$933.00 for this very important cause. Thank you for your support!! Our top fundraiser was Keyra Belanger, who received the Terry Fox t-shirt for her efforts!

Faith

"Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light." Helen Keller