Holy Family School Newsletter

Happy New Year!!

January 2018

Classes Resume Monday, January 8th, 2018

MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

January 7 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

January 10 New Year Mass

9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church

January 14 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

January 21 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

January 28 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

SKATING

Our Skating Program begins Tuesday, January 9th and will run until the March Break. 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.

Tuesdays

10:15 – 11:15 am Grades 3-4 and 5-6 12:45 – 1:45 pm JK-SK and Grade 1-2

2:00 – 3:00 pm Grade 7-8

School Colours Day (blue & yellow) January 19th

FOOD BANK

Holy Family School accepts donations, at any time, for the local Food Bank. A bin is located at the school office where donations can be deposited. We thank you for your support of those in need.

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone for your support of our recent Money Tree fundraiser. We were able to raise \$347 which will be used for various student activities. The lucky winner of the Money Tree was Trevor Woods! Congratulations!

DANCE-A-THON

Students who collect a minimum of \$5 in pledges will have the opportunity to participate in the Holy Family School Dance-a-thon on Friday, January 19th. Funds raised will be used for various student activities. Once again we thank you for your support!

From the Principal's Desk

Happy New Year! This month and next month we will celebrate the virtues of respect and responsibility. The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights and duties are responsibilities—to respect one another, our families and the larger society. People of respect:

- See God's presence in themselves and others
- Treat others as they would like to be treated
- Welcome others with smiles and friendly greetings
- Always display good manners
- Say 'excuse me', 'please' and 'thank you'
- Avoid the temptation to swear or gesture inappropriately
- Look for ways to encourage and praise others
- Talk kindly about others and avoid gossip

God has called us to model the respect shown by Christ. As brothers and sisters who share one Spirit, we are all valuable to God and deserve to be shown courtesy, consideration, sensitivity and thoughtfulness—all ways of showing respect. We shall remind students that through prayer, we improve our ability to be Christ-filled people—respecting ourselves, others and our environment in which we live.

We will also be celebrating responsibility. We will work with students to develop models that enable them to make good and conscientious decisions based on scriptural values. We will emphasize the importance of making decisions that do not harm themselves, others or the environment. We will also remind the students of the importance of being able to say "sorry" when they make mistakes and to act correctly, as Jesus would have, in these situations.

May you have a wonderful 2018!

Cheryl Ricco Junior Kindergarten Registration

January 30th, 2018

Holy Family School is holding Junior Kindergarten

Registration for children, born in 2014, who will be starting school in September 2018. Please stop by to pick up your registration package, and tour the school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Holy Family Catholic School Council will be Tuesday, February 27th at 4:30 p.m. in the school library. Parents and Staff are always welcome to attend.



Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a