HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Important Information & Upcoming Events

May 2013

Catholic Education Week May 5th to 11th

"Growing Together in Faith"

Catholic schools are Catholic communities. Catholic schools are faith communities. We – parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff – walk and grow together in faith. It is in the 'together' that we grow. As we learn from nature, growth relies on sun and water and nutrition. Otherwise, it may fade away and even die. Our growth is primarily a relationship with God, who at our Baptism called us by name. But the response of each of us to that growth is both personal and communal. We grow in our faith in the nurturing atmosphere of our Catholic community, be that of our local parish, our home, or our Catholic school community. Please join us throughout Catholic Education Week to celebrate with us!

TRACK & FIELD

May 14 Holy Family School Meet at EHS Track



Students are reminded to come prepared for the day (hat, sunscreen, jacket, water, snacks, proper running shoes,

etc.) and Mrs. Montminy's Grade 5-6 class will be selling pop-cycles and drinks throughout the day. You are encouraged to come on out and cheer on all of the athletes. Unfortunately the Legion Branch Meet in Englehart and the Zone K-1 Meet in New Liskeard have been cancelled for this school year.

National Teacher's Day May 7th

SPRING PHOTOS

Spring portraits will be taken at Holy Family School on the morning of Friday, May 3rd. All students will be photographed and siblings can be photographed individually or as a pair or group. Information flyers have been sent home. Please do not send money to school on picture day. Parents will have an opportunity to choose their photos from the proofs which will be forwarded at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

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 5th to 10th. 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 "Growing Together in Faith", 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 **Monday**, **May 27**th – **Monday**, **June 3**rd. If you are a parent of a child in these grades, please contact the school if your child must 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, 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 Mrs. Anne Bougie at the Parish, 544-8023.

Matt Turner

Teacher Appreciation Week May 5th to 11th

BAKE SALE

The Grade 7-8 students will be holding a Bake Sale on Tuesday, April 30th from 2:00 until 3:00 pm in the school Library. Proceeds raised from the sale will go towards the Grade 7-8 year-end class trip to the Eagle Crest Outdoor Centre.

Dress Up Day May 9th

SPRING CONCERT



Holy Family School will be holding a Spring Concert on Thursday, May 9th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium. Many talented musical acts will be performing, so please join us for this special event.

Pizza Day Friday, May 10 \$2.50 per slice Orders due by Tuesday, May 7

EQAO ASSESSMENTS

EQAO assessments for students in Grade 3 and 6 will be held from May 27th to June 3rd. 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.

Bubble Gum Day Friday, May 17 \$2 per license and \$1 per pack of gum

Junior Kindergarten Registration continues

CLASSROOM OPEN HOUSE

Classroom Open House will be held on Friday, May 10^{th} , beginning at 2:20 p.m. Parents are welcome to come and visit their child/ren's classroom and perhaps participate in activities with the students. We look forward to seeing you.

TUTOR IN THE CLASSROOM

Please join us in welcoming Miss Heidi Schinkel, our Tutor in the Classroom, to Holy Family School. Miss Schinkel will be supporting the work of Teachers through tutoring activities with the students for the months of May and June.



Mother's Day May 13th

MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

<u>May 5</u> Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

May 6 Catholic Education Week Liturgy

& Virtue Assembly

9:15 am in the gym

May 8 Catholic Education Week Mass

9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church

May 10 Marian Liturgy

9:15 am in the gyin

May 11 Confirmation

7:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church

May 12 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

May 17 Pentecost Liturgy

2:20 pm in the gym

<u>May 19</u> Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

May 26 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

Victoria Day May 20th

NET RETREAT

The Grade 7 and 8 students will be participating in a NET (Faith) Retreat on Wednesday. May 22nd at the Holy Name Parish Hall in Kirkland Lake. Father John Lemire, of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, will conduct this day of reflection and special activities. A bus will be leaving Holy Family School at 8:50 a.m. sharp, so students must be at the school and ready to board at that time. Lunch and snacks will be provided for the day. Students are expected to return to Holy Family School at approximately 3:00 p.m., in time for bus connections home.

Holy Family School Council Meeting Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

Humility

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.