

DECEMBER 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>We are still accepting donations towards the Rotary Christmas Baskets. Donations can be dropped off at the office or to your child's teacher until December 11th. <i>Thank you for your generosity!</i></p> 	<p>1 LUNCH PROGRAM <i>Rotary Christmas Concert</i> 6:30 pm at EPS After School Skate 3:00-4:30 pm</p>	<p>2 HOT DOG DAY Report Cards go home Scholastic Book Fair</p>	<p>3 LUNCH PROGRAM Parent-Teacher Interviews (5:00-7:00 pm) Scholastic Book Fair</p>	<p>4 PD DAY (no school for students) Parent-Teacher Interviews (9:00-12:00 noon) Scholastic Book Fair</p>	<p>5 Public Skating 6:00-8:00 pm</p>	
<p>6 9:00 am Mass Holy Trinity Church</p>	<p>7 <i>Advent Liturgy</i> 9:50 am at School</p>	<p>8 LUNCH PROGRAM <i>After School Skate</i> 3:00-4:30 pm</p>	<p>9 HOT DOG DAY <i>Advent Reconciliation (Grades 4-8)</i> 10:35 am at School</p>	<p>10 LUNCH PROGRAM <i>Community Choir</i> 7:30 pm Holy Trinity Pizza orders due</p>	<p>11 PIZZA DAY Lunch & Milk order forms due Final date for Rotary Donations</p>	<p>12 Public Skating 6:00-8:00 pm</p>
<p>13 9:00 am Mass Holy Trinity Church</p>	<p>14 EMPIRE THEATRE Gr 6-7-8</p>	<p>15 NUTCRACKER at Cobalt Gr 4-5-6 LUNCH PROGRAM Seasonal Flu Clinic <i>After School Skate</i> 3:00-4:30 pm</p>	<p>16 <i>Advent Mass 11:00 am & Turkey Luncheon at Church</i></p>	<p>17 LUNCH PROGRAM Christmas Concert 7:00 pm in Gym Money Tree Draw</p>	<p>18 Red & Green Day Primary Polar Express Party</p>	<p>19 Public Skating 6:00-8:00 pm</p>
<p>20 9:00 am Mass Holy Trinity Church</p>	<p>21 EHS Band Christmas Sing-a-Long 9:15 am in gym <i>Advent Liturgy</i> 2:20 pm at School First Day of Winter</p>	<p>22 Last Day of Classes</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i></p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9:00 am Mass Holy Trinity Church</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 <i>New Year's Eve</i></p>	<p>Holy Family's Catholic School Council is selling tickets on a \$200 money tree. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and proceeds will go toward student activities. Reminder that our skating program will begin after the holidays. Classes resume January 6th, 2010 (Day 3). <i>Merry Christmas everyone!</i></p>	



Holy Trinity Parish

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Dear Students, Parents, & Staff Members of Holy Family School,

November 26, 2009

As we get closer to Christmas, we'll hear the question, "Are you ready for Christmas, yet?" This question, of course, is asked in reference to gifts, decorations, and food preparation so much a part of our celebrations and festivities.

On the spiritual side of Christmas, we can ask similar questions now as we begin the season of Advent. "What can I do to deepen, strengthen, and expand my faith? How can I do things differently this year so as to not get caught up in the hustle and bustle and, instead, focus on this great mystery of God's love for us? How can I share with others that Jesus Is The Reason for the Season? How can I keep Christ in Christmas?"

We echo the message below of who we are, both throughout the world and here at Holy Trinity. We rejoice in our rich heritage and in all that we believe. We strive to live up to that heritage and the faith we are called to profess in word and action. We invite you to come join us in our Sunday celebration of Mass and, for course, on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Sincerely,
Pat Roberts
Holy Trinity Parish Coordinator

WE ARE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our family is made up of every race.

We are young and old, rich and poor, men and women, sinners and saints.

Our family has spanned the centuries and the globe.

With God's grace, we started hospitals to care for the sick.

We established orphanages and help the poor.

We are the largest charitable organization on the planet, bringing relief and comfort to those in need.

We educate more children than any other scholarly or religious institution.

We developed the scientific method and laws of evidence.

We founded the college system.

We defend the dignity of all human life and uphold marriage and family.

Cities were named after our revered saints who navigated a sacred path before us.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we compiled the Bible.

We are transformed by sacred scripture and sacred tradition which have consistently guided us for 2,000 years.

We are the Catholic Church, with over one billion in our family, sharing in the Sacraments and fullness of the Christian faith.

For centuries we have prayed for you and our world every hour of every day whenever we celebrate the Mass.

Jesus, himself, laid the foundation of our faith when he said to Peter, the first pope, "You are rock and on this rock I will build my church."

For over 2,000 years, we've had an unbroken line of shepherds guiding the Catholic Church with love and truth in a confused and hurting world.

And in this world, filled with chaos, hardship and pain, it's comforting to know that some things remain consistent, true, and strong...our Catholic faith, an eternal love that God has for all creation.

If you have been away from the Catholic Church, we invite you to take another look and visit catholicscomehome.org today.

Ours is one family united in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

We are Catholic.

Welcome home.

Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

December 2009

December 4th is a PD Day

MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

- December 6 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 7 Advent Liturgy
9:50 am at School
- December 9 Advent Reconciliation (Grades 4-8)
10:35 am at School
- December 13 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 16 Advent Mass & Turkey Luncheon
9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 20 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 21 Advent Liturgy
2:20 pm at School
- December 27 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

Report Cards go home on December 2nd

EHS BAND

Mrs. Jennifer Holmes and the Englehart High School Band will be performing for us on Monday, December 21st at 9:15 a.m. in the gymnasium. You are welcome to join us for a Christmas sing-a-long.



PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held December 3rd (5:00 to 7:00 p.m.) and December 4th (9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon). We will do our best to accommodate your requests and will notify you of your scheduled times.

December 18th is Red & Green Day

From the Principal's Desk

It's hard to believe that we are already into December!! At this busy time of year, we will have several activities and events happening at the school. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible during our teacher interviews on December 3rd & 4th. At this time, we will continue to sell our money tree tickets for the draw to be held on December 17th at our Christmas concert. Also, we will have our book fair from December 2nd to 4th, and we begin our weekly Advent Liturgies starting November 30th. Thanks to Pat Roberts for his ongoing commitment to the spiritual development of our students, not only in his involvement with our liturgies and Masses, but also for the classroom support he provides for our religious education programming.

I want to thank our parent and community volunteers for organizing and hosting our annual Turkey Luncheon on Wednesday, December 16th at Holy Trinity Parish following Mass at 11:00 a.m. What a wonderful treat for our kids!

Once again this year, I encourage you and your family to ignore the marketing pressure of the media this season, and keep Christ as the focus of your family's Christmas celebrations. It is vital that children view the Christmas season as an opportunity to give rather than to receive . . . In this regard, I wish you and your family peace and joy throughout this Advent season as we commemorate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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. Family Mass will be held on the last Sunday of the month, except for December and June. Also, if you are not a Catholic, but would like information on becoming one, please contact Mr. Pat Roberts at the Parish, 544-8023. What better way to celebrate the season of Advent than to rekindle your relationship with Jesus. As always, please know that you are always welcome at the Lord's table!!

Matt Turner

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Each of the classes will be performing. *Everyone is welcome to attend!*



NHL HOCKEY ALUMNI DREAM DRAW

Tickets for the Ontario Provincial Police (DARE Canada) "NHL Hockey Alumni Dream Draw" can be purchased at Holy Family School. The prize package includes 2 tickets to 4 NHL games (game dates March 20th - 26th in Toronto, Detroit, Washington & Buffalo), 8 nights hotel, and air and ground transportation, plus \$500 cash spending money! Tickets are \$5 each, and the draw will be held on February 28th. (In support of Ontario Minor Hockey Programs.) www.hockeydreamdraw.ca

FUNDRAISING

Holy Family's Catholic School Council is selling tickets on a \$200 money tree. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will go toward student activities. You can get your tickets from Council Members or at the school office. The draw will be held on the evening of the Christmas Concert. *Thank you for your support!*

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Book Fair will be held on December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the school library. Hours for the Fair will be 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each day, and 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on December 3rd. Students will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their classes. Parents/guardians are welcome to visit as well. *Books make wonderful gifts!*

TURKEY LUNCHEON

Holy Family School's Annual Turkey Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 16th. Immediately following the Mass at 11:00 am that morning, the students and staff will proceed to the Church Hall where they will once again be treated to a full turkey meal. *A big thank you goes out to the Catholic School Council members for organizing this event for us!*



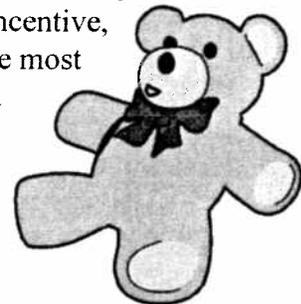
ROTARY CONCERT

The Annual Rotary Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m. at the Englehart Public School. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and \$1 for children. *Everyone is welcome!*

*December 22nd is the
last day of classes.
Classes resume on January 6th.*

ROTARY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Holy Family School continues to collect donations of non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toys/gifts for the Rotary Christmas Hampers. These hampers are distributed during the Christmas Season to less fortunate families within our community and surrounding area. As a little incentive, the classroom that brings in the most items will be treated to a pizza lunch. *We thank you for your generosity.*



COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Community Choir Christmas Concert will be held Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Church. Goodwill donations will be accepted at the door, and everyone is welcome to attend.

SKATING

Our Skating Program begins Thursday, January 7th and will run until the March Break.

Thursdays	Grade 4-5	9:30 - 10:20 am
Thursdays	Grade 6-7-8	10:35 - 11:35 am
Thursdays	JK-SK & Gr 1-2	12:35 - 1:35 pm
Thursdays	Grade 2-3	1:05 - 2:05 pm

It is mandatory that students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 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.



*Wishing you peace
and happiness
during this joyous season.
Merry Christmas!*

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.