

# Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

May 2017

## Catholic Education Week May 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

### "Walking Forward Together"

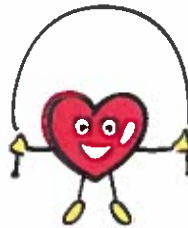
Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration is entitled, "Catholic Education: *Walking Forward Together*" and will be held during the week of April 30 – May 5, 2017. The overall scriptural theme is "*Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God*" – Micah 6:8.

The five sub-themes for Catholic Education: *Walking Forward Together* are:

- Monday: *Walking Forward Together with God*
- Tuesday: *Walking Forward Together with Our Families*
- Wednesday: *Walking Forward Together with Others*
- Thursday: *Walking Forward Together with Creation*
- Friday: *Walking Forward Together in Hope*

We hope to see many of you during our school celebrations!

## Jump Rope for Heart May 5th



### Track & Field

#### May 10th Holy Family School Meet at EHS Track

Students from Grade 1 to Grade 8 will have an opportunity to participate in our HFS Track & Field events. Students are reminded to come prepared for the day (hat, sunscreen, jacket, water, snacks, proper running shoes, etc.). *You are encouraged to come and cheer on all of the athletes!* Top finishers (Grades 3-8 only) from our school event will



compete at the Legion Branch Meet in Enlehart on May 17th.

We will require a number of volunteers in order to run the Meets, so if you are able to help please contact the school as soon as possible. Student Council members will be selling popsicles and drinks throughout the day at both Track & Field events. Good luck to all of the athletes!

## Fancy Day May 2nd

## From the Principal's Desk

During the first week of May, Holy Family School will celebrate Catholic Education Week. This week is specially set aside to celebrate our Catholic schools and how the triple connection of home, parish and school is an important and integral part of Catholic education. This triad emphasizes for our children the reality of our wider Catholic community that collaborates on their faith formation and education.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Walking Forward Together." Come celebrate a school system which celebrates and defines itself on Faith and Mercy and embraces the message of salvation for all peoples preached by Jesus. We have a variety of activities planned during the week and look forward to sharing our time with you.

### Catholic Education Week Prayer

Lord God,

*This week, we gather to celebrate our Catholic education along with students from all over Ontario. We thank you for always being by our side, both in times of stress and in times of joy. Together we pray that under your watch, you help us make the right decisions, guiding us on our path to you.*

*You are our teacher of truth, love and wisdom. Enlighten and guide us so we can achieve excellence in our journey with our faith. Unified in your name, we seek to be better stewards to one another.*

*We pray that you watch over us as we continue our journey of faith and education. Let us follow in your footsteps during hardship and our decisions. Continue to shine light upon your children's lives as we grow in your image. We pray that you unify us in faith and sameness.*

*Thank you for our community of faith and for the educators who guide our students your teachings. Lord, thank you for giving us the opportunity to explore our faith, not only in school, but in our parish community. Through you we are capable to grow in Christ.*

*Oh Lord, we ask that you keep us in your thoughts and bring us closer to you through your teachings this Catholic Education Week.*

*We make this prayer in your name.*

Cheryl Ricco



## Teacher Appreciation Week

May 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

National Teacher's Day

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Spring Concert

Holy Family School will be holding a Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Donations of pet food items will be accepted at the door. Many talented musical acts



will be performing, so please join us for this special event.

### EQAO Assessments

EQAO assessments for students in Grade 3 and 6 will be held from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

*Full Day Kindergarten  
Registration continues*

### Dance-a-thon

A Dance-a-thon will be held in the gym on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Students who collect pledges will have fun dancing the day away (JK-Gr 4 in the morning and Gr 5-8 in the afternoon). Proceeds raised from this event will help to support student activities at Holy Family School. Students are asked to please ensure



all forms and funds are returned to the school office by the morning of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support!

### Tutor in the Classroom

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

**Holy Family School Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 p.m.**  
Parents are always welcome to attend

*Victoria Day May 22<sup>nd</sup>*



*Mother's Day  
May 14<sup>th</sup>*

### Communion & Confirmation

Congratulations to Holy Family School students Curtis and Elliott who will be celebrating their First Communion and to Jayden, Ayumi, Dale, Logan, Peter, Colton and Victor who will be celebrating their Confirmation on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Parish. May God's love always be with you and keep you safe and strong. The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Breakfast in the Church Hall following the celebrations . . . \$5 Adults \$3 Children.

### Masses & Celebrations

- May 3 Catholic Education Week Mass  
9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 5 Living Rosary  
10:30 am in the gym
- May 7 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 12 Virtue Assembly  
1:00 pm in the gym
- May 14 Sunday Mass  
First Communion & Confirmation  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 21 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 28 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

### Badminton Tournament

The Grade 7-8 Badminton Team will be competing in a tournament on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The bus will be leaving Holy Family School at 8:25 a.m. and is expected to return at approximately 4:00 p.m. Players are reminded to come prepared for the day (proper gym-wear, a lunch, water, snacks). *Best of luck to the Team!*



**Bubble Gum Day Friday, May 26**  
\$2 per license and \$1 per pack of gum

**Temperance**  
and love and self-control.

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power