



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

October 2, 2014

Our first month of school has quickly passed, and it has been a great start to this new school year!

I have listed below some upcoming events and items of interest.

## **Voluntary Self-Identification**

Students and their families are reminded that voluntary Aboriginal self-identification allows the school to access additional supports and services based on this information. Self-Identification can be done using the Student Information Update forms, or simply by contacting the school to confirm. Please let me know if there are any questions.

## **Holy Family Catholic School Council**

The first meeting of the Holy Family Catholic School Council was held October 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to our Council members for this school year!

<i>Stacey Borgford</i>	<i>(Chairperson)</i>
<i>Angela Preuit</i>	<i>(Vice-Chairperson)</i>
<i>Correen Antler</i>	<i>(Parent Rep)</i>
<i>Stephanie Black</i>	<i>(Parent Rep)</i>
<i>Crystal Duguay</i>	<i>(Parent Rep)</i>
<i>Julie Pollock</i>	<i>(Parent Rep)</i>
<i>Adriane Rosa-McLean</i>	<i>(Parent Rep)</i>
<i>Karen Watchorn</i>	<i>(Parent Rep)</i>
<i>Julee Woods</i>	<i>(Parent Rep)</i>
<i>Christina Keseru</i>	<i>(Teaching Staff Rep)</i>
<i>Deana Church</i>	<i>(Support Staff Rep)</i>
<i>Anne Bougie</i>	<i>(Parish Rep)</i>
<i>Matt Turner</i>	<i>(Principal/Secretary/Treasurer)</i>

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 recently installed a basketball court in the junior/intermediate school yard area (thank you to Mr. Bryan Woods) and will be looking at additional school yard improvements. We post our meeting agendas and minutes on the school website, as well as on the Catholic School Council bulletin board in the front lobby of the school. Parents/Guardians are always welcome to attend our meetings. **The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

## **Play Day**

Play Day activities are being planned for the students on the afternoon of Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). Students are reminded to please come to school dressed appropriately and prepared for outdoor activities. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

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## **School Merchandise**

Holy Family School toques are still available for \$7.00 each. We also have tote bags for \$3.00 each, stainless steel sport water bottles for \$10.00 each and stainless steel travel mugs for \$12.00 each. All of these items can be purchased at the school office. Please note that school merchandise is not a fundraising endeavour and is sold at our cost.

## **Picture Day**

Student photos will be taken on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. All students will be photographed on picture day. Parents/guardians will receive a "Proof" package at a later date, from which you can choose your pictures and place your orders. Therefore, you will not receive "order forms" prior to picture day, and you are not required to send money to school on picture day. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

## **Student of the Month**

Each month the classroom teachers choose a "student of the month" from each class. Our students of the month receive a certificate and are treated to a pizza luncheon.

Our September Students of the Month were:

Junior-Senior Kindergarten: Makayla Field

Grade 1-2: Carley Boros

Grade 3-4: Raymond Pichette-Saunders

Grade 5-6: Logan Parker

Grade 7-8: Courtney West

Congratulations! Your pizza luncheon will be held on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Head Lice**

This time of year sees an increased number of cases of head lice. I ask that you please take a few minutes to check your child(ren) on a regular basis. I remind you that, if there are any signs of head lice, your child must not come to school. Once treated, and all nits have been removed, the child may return to school. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

## **Inclement Weather**

I hate to say it, but with the colder weather coming we want to remind you about our inclement weather procedures. If the weather is threatening, please listen to CJTT, CJKL or CJBB Radio prior to the start of the school day, or check the NCDSB web site at [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca) for bus cancellations or delays. If school busses are cancelled due to weather conditions, regular classes for students will also be cancelled for the day. The school will be open (unless indicated otherwise), however if you choose to send your child(ren) to school, please be aware that some staff members may not be in attendance due to road conditions. Parents sending children to school on these days must provide transportation to and from the school.

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## TRANSPORTING EQUIPMENT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Please see below the policies governing the transportation of equipment on school buses. Because of limited space on buses and the hazards to students, certain conditions govern the transporting of specific items.

1. **Skates**  
Skate blades shall be covered by guards, tied together and carried in a bag. The skates shall be placed on the floor of the bus at the student's feet.
2. **Skis and Poles**  
Skis and poles may not be transported on a school bus unless previously arranged with the school and transportation department.
3. **Hockey Equipment**  
Hockey equipment and hockey sticks shall not be transported to and from school on a bus unless arranged in advance with the school principal and transportation department.
4. **Musical Instruments**  
Musical instruments may be transported if they can be kept on the student's lap.
5. **Skateboards, Scooters, Roller Blades, Snow Boards**  
Skateboards, scooters, roller blades and snow boards shall not be transported on a school bus.
6. **Animals**  
No animals will be transported (whether caged or not) on a school bus (guide dogs excepted).
7. **Other**  
The decision to transport other objects to and from school shall be determined in advance and in cooperation by the principal, the school bus operator and the transportation department.

Program-related items may be transported if special arrangements have been made in advance between the principal (or designate), the school bus operator and the transportation department.

In all cases, equipment should not be placed in the aisles of the bus and should not obstruct the rear emergency door.

If you have any questions about any of this information, please contact the school.

Sincerely,

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Matt Turner  
Principal



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# IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parent or Guardian

## RE: STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Accidents can and do happen. Some injuries incur medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent or guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

We do make available an Accident and Life Insurance Programme for students. Participation in such a programme is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian.

For your convenience, we have arranged a Student Accident Insurance Policy exclusively through Reliable Life Insurance Company. This programme offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable prices. Benefits included are:

- dental expenses (resulting from an accident)
- total and permanent disability
- paralysis / loss of use
- special disability benefits
- death benefits

If your child participates in co-curricular activities or activities outside the school day, there is a plan tailored to your needs. All rates are one-time annual premiums. Family rates for 3 or more children are also offered.

The insurance agreement is between you and **Reliable Life Insurance Company**. If you wish to subscribe you may apply 24/7 directly at:

[www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)

Any questions should be directed to Reliable Life Insurance Company toll free at:  
**1-800-463-KIDS (5437).**

Student Accident Insurance is especially valuable for today's active children.

Yours truly

**Glenn Sheculski,  
Director of Education**