Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

October 2012

Masses & Celebrations

October 2 Virtue Assembly

9:00 am at school

October 3 Thanksgiving Mass

9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church

October 7 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

October 14 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

October 21 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

October 28 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

Milk Program

The Holy Family School Milk Program has begun once again. We will continue with the pre-order system each month. Orders for October have already been submitted, and the order forms for November will be sent home soon.



Dress-Down Days

Fridays are "dress-down days" for the staff of Holy Family School. In order to dress down, staff members are asked to contribute a Toonie. These funds will be donated to our local Food Bank.

Student Information

If at any time throughout the school year there is a change to student information (i.e. address or phone, medical information, custodial status, etc.), please inform the school immediately. It is extremely important that we are kept apprised of this type of information.

If you have not already done so, please return the Student Information Update Forms that were mailed to you. Even if there are no changes to the information, it is important that the forms are returned to the school.

From the Principal's Desk

October's Catholic virtue is GRATITUDE and how apropos that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving in just a few short days. Our quote for this month is "Give thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5:20). "Thanks" is a simple word, but it is a precious fountain of faith in God, and it fills our hearts with a readiness to cherish everything we have. We hope that our students will take time to be thankful for what they have in their lives, as well as be thankful for God's ultimate gift to us, His Son Jesus Christ.

I ask that we continue to pray for the repose of the soul of CJ Fraser as well as for his family. We will be setting up a year-end Memorial award in his memory this year. More details to follow.

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. Please know that you are always welcome at the Lord's Table!!

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Orange & Camo Day October 5th

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be sent home on Wednesday, November 14th. Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held in November (date yet to be determined). Interview request forms will be sent home towards the end of October. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please ensure that your request form is returned to the school as soon as possible. We will do our best to accommodate everyone.

Black & Orange Day October 31st

Catholic School Council

The first meeting of the Holy Family Catholic School Council was held September 26th. Thank you to our Council members for this school year:

Jamie Pothier (Chairperson)

Melanie Parker (Vice-Chairperson)

Correen Antler (Parent Rep)

Stacey Borgford (Parent Rep)

Crystal Duguay (Parent Rep)

Teresea McGuire (Parent Rep)

Angela Preuit (Parent Rep)

Sheryl Robinson (Parent Rep)

Pauline Scott (Parent Rep)

Josee Jolette (Teaching Staff Rep)

Deana Church (Support Staff Rep)

Anne Bougie (Parish Rep)

Matt Turner (Principal/Secretary/Treasurer)

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 heighten the experience of Holy Family's students. We have begun getting quotes for a new basketball court for the senior yard. If within our price range, we would like to proceed with this yard improvement. Stay tuned for details! We post our meeting agenda and minutes on the school website, as well as post paper copies 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 Thursday, November 29th.

School Clothing

Holy Family School is once again selling school clothing. Please ensure all orders are returned to the school by Monday, October 15th. We do have some sizing samples at the school, as well as a couple of school clothing samples. In addition, we have stainless steel water bottles, travel mugs and cloth bags available. Please note that this is not a fundraising campaign. All prices reflect our manufacturing and set-up costs only. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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Pepperette Fundraiser was once again a big success. Thank you to I who contributed! Funds raised go towards our school yard vement plan.

Our Barbeque/Openhouse, which was held on Thursday, September 27th, was a big success. It was wonderful to see so many families come out. The *silent auction* was also a big success, and we thank you all for your support. All proceeds from the auction will be forwarded to the family of CJ Fraser.

Our *Terry Fox School Walk* was held on Friday, September 28th. This year we walked for CJ. The students were able to collect \$881.00 in pledges for the Terry Fox Foundation. Great job! Our top Terry Fox fundraiser was Jaden Beach, bringing in \$179.00 himself! Thank you to everyone for your donations!

Our *Norcard Fundraising Program* begins October 1st and runs until the 26th. Please ensure all orders and payment are returned to the school office no later than Friday, October 26th. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards school trips, sports equipment, playground toys, theatre performances, and various charity organizations, so your support helps our school in many positive ways.

Hot Dog Days are offered every Thursday. Hot dogs are \$1.50 each and students can place their orders with their classroom teachers on the morning of hot dog day. All proceeds from hot dog day go towards the Grade 7-8 year-end class trip.

Wednesday, October 31st is Hallowe'en

Students may bring their costumes to school on Wednesday, October 31st, but for the afternoon only. A costume parade will be held at

2:45 p.m. in the gymnasium. Please ensure that costumes are in good taste and in keeping with our school dress code. You are welcome to join us.



As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy