

# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2012

## MASSSES & CELEBRATIONS

- December 2 First Sunday of Advent - Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 3 Advent Liturgy  
11:05 am at school
- December 5 Reconciliation (Grades 4-8)  
10:25 am at school
- December 9 Second Sunday of Advent - Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 10 Advent Liturgy  
2:20 pm at School
- December 12 Advent Mass & Turkey Luncheon  
10:45 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 16 White Gift Sunday - Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 21 Virtue Assembly  
9:00 am at School
- December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 24 Christmas Mass  
7:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church
- December 30 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 31 Feast of Mary Mother of God Mass  
7:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church

December 21<sup>st</sup> is

Red & Green Day

## 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 school yard improvement. 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!*



## CLASSROOM OPEN HOUSE

Our next Classroom Open House will be held Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:20 p.m. You are welcome to come and visit your child's classroom.

**SUB DAY**  
**ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
ORDERS DUE BY  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

## From the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that we are already into December!! At this busy time of year, and as you can see by our calendar, we will have several activities and events happening at the school, and then the holidays will be upon us before we know it. I want to thank our parent and community volunteers for organizing and hosting our annual Turkey Luncheon on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Parish following Mass at 10:45 am. What a wonderful treat for our kids! As you know, we have had a new Bishop appointed to the Diocese of Timmins. His Ordination and Installation will take place at the Cathedral in Timmins on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Our school will be doing many spiritual events in honour of our new Bishop, including the participation in an Advent Novena. A Novena is a prayer that is repeated over multiple days, and this year we will do an **Advent Novena** where we will say the same prayer every day until Christmas. You are invited to say this prayer as many times as possible at home throughout Advent as well.

Our Advent Novena Prayer: "Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. When he humbled Himself to come among us as a Man, He fulfilled the plan You formed long ago and opened for us the way to salvation. Now we watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in His glory. His future coming was proclaimed by all the prophets. The Virgin Mother bore Him in her womb with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was His herald and made Him known when at last He came. In His love He has filled us with joy as we prepare to celebrate His birth. When he comes, may He find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. In memory of the coming of our Lord and Saviour, we beg You, Father, to grant us all the graces we need to be prepared for His coming to our souls on Christmas. For the love Jesus, Your Son, has shown us in becoming man to save us, we beg You to grant our prayer, if it be Your holy will. Amen"

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.** If you are not a Catholic, but would like information on becoming one, please contact Mrs. Anne Bougie at the Parish, 544-8023. What better way to celebrate the season of Advent than to rekindle your relationship with Jesus.

Matt Turner

Bubble Gum Day  
on December 14<sup>th</sup>

### HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Each of the classes will be performing. Students should be at the school no later than 6:15 p.m. *Everyone is welcome to attend!*



### TURKEY LUNCHEON

Holy Family School's Annual Turkey Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Immediately following the Mass, which is at 10:45 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 and to the Lions Club for their donation!*



Polar Express  
Party  
(JK to Gr 2)  
December 19<sup>th</sup>

### ROTARY CONCERT

The Annual Rotary Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Englehart Public School. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and \$1 for children. *Everyone is welcome!*

### COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Community Choir Christmas Concert will be held Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Admission is a goodwill offering. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

Wishing you peace and happiness during this  
joyous season.



Merry Christmas!

### 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. Our school goal this year is to collect 500 items in total. *We can do it!* Last day to bring in your donations is December 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Thank you for your generosity.*



### SKATING

Our Skating Program begins Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and will run until the March Break.

*Mondays 10:25 – 11:45 am Grades 3-6*  
*Mondays 1:00 – 2:00 pm JK-Grade 2*  
*Mondays 2:20 – 3:15 pm Grades 7-8*

It is mandatory that students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 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. Please note that if we have an inclement weather day on a scheduled skating day, skating will be cancelled for that week. It will not be carried over to the next day.

### CHRISTMAS TRAIN

The *Christmas Train* will be pulling into the Englehart Station on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Rides will not be available, however hot chocolate will be served and Christmas carols will be sung. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted. *Everyone is welcome to attend this community event.*



### EHS BAND PERFORMANCE

The Englehart High School Band will be performing for us on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. in the gymnasium. You are welcome to join us to sing Christmas carols along with the Band.

*December 21<sup>st</sup> is the last day of classes. Regular classes resume January 7<sup>th</sup>.*

*Charity And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity.*

(1 Corinthians 13:13)