# Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

November 2010

## November 15th is a PD Day

Masses & Celebrations

November 7 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

November 10 Remembrance Day Mass

9:30 am at Church

November 11 Remembrance Day Service

10:45 am at Englehart Cenotaph

November 14 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

November 21 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

November 28 Sunday Mass

9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

## Daylight Savings Time ends November 7th



## **Progress Reports**

Please note that the date for student progress reports has been changed from November 10<sup>th</sup> to *November 17<sup>th</sup>*. Report cards for all students will be sent home at the end of January and June. If you should have any concerns or questions in regard to your child's performance or progress at anytime, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### Student Pick-up

If you plan to pick your child up from school, please advise the office prior to doing so. This will help to alleviate a lot of confusion at bus time. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

### Student Agendas

Just a reminder, if you have not already done so, please send in \$5.00 for your child's agenda.

## From the Principal's Desk

On Thursday, November 11th our Grade 4-8 students will continue the tradition of attending the local Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph. Students will walk to the ceremony and participate in this important event, **RAIN**, **SNOW** or **SHINE**. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for this ceremony. Also, on Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup> we will attend a Remembrance Mass at Holy Trinity Parish at 9:30 am where we will honour and pray for all Canadian Military personnel both past and present. Our November Catholic Virtue is "PRUDENCE". Essentially, being Prudent means that you are able to make the right decisions even when it is difficult to do so. To make understanding this concept easier for our students, we will ask them to ask themselves "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?" when they are confronted with a potentially difficult decision. We hope that as parents & guardians you could ask this same question of your children at home when they are making decisions as well. 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 Mr. Pat Roberts at the Parish, 544-8023. Please know that you are always welcome at the Lord's table!!

Matt Turner

### Santa Claus Express

The Santa Claus Express will run on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Boarding time is 9:00 a.m. at the Englehart Station. Students will require a boarding pass,

which can be purchased at Holy Family School

(Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm) for a non-perishable food item.

#### Flu Clinic

The Temiskaming Health Unit will be holding a Flu Vaccination Clinic for students and staff at Holy Family School on the morning of Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Consent forms have been sent home and are due back to the school office by Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

## November 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day



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Thank you to everyone for your support of our Pepperette sales campaign. Pepperette sales totaled \$5,672.00, seeing a profit of approx \$1,786.00 which will be used for special student activities and

supplies. Congratulations to Miss Muender's Grade 3 class for selling the most, thus winning a pizza luncheon, and to Molly Malette who was the top salesperson in the school, winning lunch out with Miss Muender!

Thank you for your support of our Norcard fundraiser. We were able to sell \$2,033.00 in products, of which we earn a 45 percent profit (\$914.85).

Thank you for your support of the recent Terry Fox Walk. Holy Family School students were able to raise \$470.50. Congratulations to Eleea Milks for bringing in the most donations, thus winning the Terry Fox t-shirt.

### Rotary Christmas Hampers

Once again this year, during the month of November, Holy Family School will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and new gift items for the Rotary Christmas Hampers. These hampers are distributed during the Christmas Season to less fortunate families within our community and surrounding areas. We thank you for your generosity.

At Holy Family, we are committed to the personal, social,

#### **SUCCESS CRITERIA!!!**

spiritual and academic growth of our students. In regards to academic improvement, our teaching staff is experimenting with a new process where they use explicit Learning goals and related "SUCCESS CRITERIA" with students. Learning goals are displayed as a statement(s) around what the teacher expects students to be able to do after a given amount of learning time, and are usually based on Curriculum expectations. Related "success criteria" are simple statements regarding what students must be able to do to achieve the learning goal. As students progress through their learning time, teachers can then provide constructive feedback to their students explicitly related to the success criteria. It is hoped that as students apply this feedback in future work, their achievement will improve.

#### Violins

Mrs. Edith Young is once again volunteering her time and talent to teach *free* violin lessons. All Grade 3 students and interested students in Grades 4 to 6 receive lessons once per week. Mrs. Young also supplies the violins for the lessons. This is her 16<sup>th</sup> year providing the violin program. The program is a wonderful opportunity for the students to develop their musical talents. *Thank you, Mrs. Young!* 

## November 19<sup>th</sup> is Cowboy/Cowgirl Day

#### Flu Season

With the flu season upon us, students and staff are reminded daily of the importance of proper hand washing and coughing/sneezing etiquette. In addition, parents/guardians are asked to please inform the school of any symptoms relating to your child(ren)'s illness when reporting an absence (i.e. fever, cough, sore throat, headache, fatigue, aches, pains and/or chills). This information will help in tracking trends in absenteeism rates and will further assist us in reporting accurate information to the local health unit if required. Children should remain at home when they are ill. We appreciate your continued support.

#### **Unveiling of Christmas**

Friday, November 19th is Englehart's Unveiling of Christmas. A parade of lights will be held that evening and local artisans/crafts people and businesses will be on hand with many items for sale - a great time to start your Christmas shopping. This year, in conjunction with our Catholic School Council, we will be putting a float in the Unveiling of Christmas parade. All students are welcome to ride/walk behind the float, however we ask that all students be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration of the parade. More information will follow in regards to specific times, etc.