

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Important Information & Upcoming Events

April 2016

MASSSES & CELEBRATIONS

April 1 Virtue Assembly at 9:30 am at school
April 3 Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity
April 6 Easter Mass 9:30 am at Holy Trinity
April 10 Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity
April 17 Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity
April 24 Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity



FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Magazine Sales Campaign. Proceeds raised will be used for various student needs.

Thank you also to everyone who purchased Keurig Coffee. These proceeds will go towards the Grade 7-8 year-end class trip expenses.

Pepperette sales will begin on Monday, April 4th, with an expected delivery date the week of May 16th. Proceeds from the sales will go towards the Holy Family Catholic School Council for various student activities and/or supplies. Please ensure all orders and payment are handed into the school office no later than Friday, April 22nd.

HEAD LICE

It seems that Spring and Fall are the times of year when these pests like to come to school. We ask that parents check their child(ren)'s head regularly. Information is available at the school and at the Timiskaming Health Unit for those who would like it. Students who have head lice and/or nits will be asked to remain at home until they have been treated and all nits have been removed. Thank you for helping us with this annual challenge.

PA Day April 11th

PROMOTIONAL BREAKFAST

Thank you to the Canadian Red Cross for providing a free promotional breakfast for students and staff on the morning of Tuesday, April 19th. We appreciate the continuous support from the Canadian Red Cross, who also provide annual funding and equipment for our Snack Program. *Thank you!!*

From the Principal's Desk

Allelulia! Allelulia! Christ has risen! Happy Easter everyone! The best thing about Easter is the sense of hope Christians all over the world experience. As Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, Basil C. Hume once stated, it is "Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake"

(http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/easter_prayers.html); and Hope is alive and well at Holy Family School! It hugs us in the halls when we laugh with our friends; it embraces us in its arms when we struggle with our learning; it encourages us to keep trying when we feel we have failed. Hope is what brings us together as a school, as a community, as a family.

Catholic Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.

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May God bless you and your family,

Cheryl Ricco

*Hat Day is
April 22nd*



SPRING PHOTOS

Holy Family School will be holding a Spring Photo Shoot on Thursday, April 21st. A Lifetouch photographer will be here to take photos of individual students, siblings together, or family photos. More information will be forthcoming soon.

STUDENT ABSENTEEISM

The attendance verification check is a process which enables schools to verify a student's absence or lateness with the parent or guardian. Parents/guardians are reminded that they must call the school, or leave a message, whenever their child(ren) will be absent or late. Where there are other siblings attending school, a note from the parent is also acceptable. Any students arriving late to school must immediately report to the office upon entering the school. A "late slip" will be issued, and the student must take this slip to his/her teacher. A great deal of learning takes place in the morning as that's when the majority of Language and Math instruction is held, so it is very important that students arrive at school on time. The school grounds are open at 8:30 a.m., at which time there is a supervisor on duty. Most students arrive by bus between 8:30 and 8:50 a.m. Students who walk to school should plan to arrive at approximately the same time.



Friday, April 22nd, 2016

Earth Day is a day for action; a chance to show how important the environment is to you. Whether you organize an event in your community or teach a peer about environmental issues, Earth Day is about uniting voices around the globe in support of a healthy planet.

**Full Day Kindergarten
Registration Continues**

EARLTON FARM SHOW

Students will be visiting the Earlton Farm Show on Friday, April 15th. Busses will be leaving Holy Family School at 12:45 p.m. and will return at



approximately 2:30 p.m. The students will get to see the farm animals and learn about local agriculture. We thank the Earlton Farm Show for funding the bussing costs in order for our students to attend.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Mrs. Schaffner will be holding her annual White Elephant Sale on the morning of Thursday, April 28th in the school Library. All of the students will have an opportunity to visit the sale, and proceeds raised will go towards student activities. Any donations for the sale would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the school office. (Great time to do your spring cleaning, and kids, you can do your Mother's Day shopping!)

National Volunteer Week April 10th -16th, 2016

Volunteers are the roots of strong communities. Just like roots are essential for trees to bloom, volunteers are essential for communities to boom. Thanks to volunteers, our communities grow strong and resilient. Even the tiniest volunteer effort leaves a profound and lasting trace in a community, much like tree rings that appear over time.

National Volunteer Week is a time to recognize, celebrate and thank our volunteers.

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers we are so fortunate to have at Holy Family School!!

Bubble Gum Day April 29th

Hope *Walk on with hope in your heart, and you'll never walk alone.*

(Shah Rukh Khan)