

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Important Information & Upcoming Events

May 2016

Catholic Education Week May 2nd to 6th

"Opening Doors of Mercy"

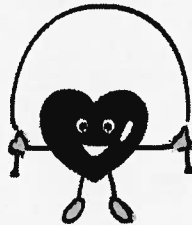
Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration is entitled, "Catholic Education: *Opening Doors of Mercy*". The overall scriptural theme is taken from Matthew's Gospel, "*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy*" – Matthew 5:7. We are hopeful that, as the body of Christ, we too feel our hearts embracing mercy in our community.

The five sub-themes for Catholic Education: *Opening Doors of Mercy* are:

- Monday – Mercy that Welcomes
- Tuesday – Mercy that Loves
- Wednesday – Mercy that Forgives
- Thursday – Mercy that Lives the Gospel
- Friday – Mercy that Rejoices

We hope to see many of you during our school celebrations.

Jump Rope for Heart May 12th



TRACK & FIELD

May 11th Holy Family School Meet at EHS Track

Grade 3-8 students are reminded to come prepared for the day (hat, sunscreen, jacket, water, snacks, proper running shoes, etc.). *You are encouraged to come on out and cheer on all of the athletes!* Top finishers from our school event will compete at the Legion Branch Meet in Englehart on May 18th. We will require a number of volunteers in order to run the Legion Meet this year, so if you are able to help please contact the school as soon as possible. Mr. Bosak's students will be selling pop-cycles and drinks throughout the day at both Track & Field events.



Dress Up Day May 3rd

From the Principal's Desk

Did you know that publicly-funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841? 1841! Holy Family School is a part of this rich tradition and our graduates serve the community, the province and the nation well. For this reason, Catholic Education Week is a celebration of our Catholic values. It is during this time of the school year when we are given the opportunity to reflect upon our uniqueness in the public education system, and celebrate what makes our school such an amazing place to learn.

This year, the theme of Catholic Education Week is "Opening Doors of Mercy". The theme is based on Pope Francis' declaration that 2016 be a "Holy Year of Mercy" as a way for the Catholic church to "make more evident, its mission to be a witness of mercy." Please feel free to join us during our daily activities, particularly our Open House on Wednesday, May 4th, as we open our doors to you, your friends, and your family. Come celebrate with us!

Catholic Education Week Prayer

God of Love and compassion, help us to open the door of mercy in our school communities, in our families and in the world. Let mercy guide our living and bring us closer to the heart of the gospel. May we live as Jesus with mercy that welcomes, loves, forgives and calls us to live the gospel joyfully. Amen.

Cheryl Ricco

Teacher Appreciation Week May 2nd to 6th National Teacher's Day May 3rd

SNACK PROGRAM

A big thank you goes out to The Temiskaming Foundation for their "For Kids Sake Grant" of \$500 which we received. This enabled us to purchase a much needed new freezer for our Snack Program. In addition, we received a "Marshall Franklin Moore Fund Grant" of \$288 from TTF for our Snack Program. Thank you also to the Canadian Red Cross for purchasing a new stove for our Snack Program. We can't thank organizations and groups, such as this, enough for their continuous support and financial assistance in helping to keep our Breakfast/Snack Program running. *Thank you all so much!!!*

SPRING CONCERT

Holy Family School will be holding a Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 3rd beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Donations of nonperishable food items will be accepted at the door. Many talented musical acts will be performing, so please join us for this special event.



EQAO ASSESSMENTS

EQAO assessments for students in Grade 3 and 6 will be held from May 25th to June 1st. It is important that students be in attendance each day, so we ask that parents/guardians please try to avoid scheduling appointments, etc. on these dates.

Full Day Kindergarten Registration continues

CAKE WALK

The Glee Club will be hosting a Cake Walk on Friday, May 20th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. All students are asked to contribute \$2 each, and each class will participate in the Cake Walk dance, where one student from each class will have an opportunity to win a delicious cake. Proceeds raised from this event will go towards a future dance workshop for the members.

TUTOR IN THE CLASSROOM

Please join us in welcoming Mackenzie Montminy, our Tutor in the Classroom, to Holy Family School. During the months of May and June, Mackenzie will be supporting the work of Teachers through tutoring activities with the students.

Holy Family School Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m.
Parents are welcome to attend.



Mother's Day
May 8th

MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

- May 1 *Sunday Mass*
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 2 *Virtue Assembly*
9:30 am in the gym
- May 4 *Catholic Education Week Mass*
9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 6 *Living Rosary*
9:30 am in the gym
- May 8 *Sunday Mass*
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 15 *Sunday Mass*
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 22 *Sunday Mass*
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- May 29 *Sunday Mass*
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

Victoria Day May 23rd

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT



The Grade 7-8 Badminton Team will be competing in a tournament on Thursday, May 12th at TDSS in New Liskeard. Departure and return times are yet to be determined, but players and parents will be notified once we receive the schedule of games. Players are reminded to come prepared for the day (proper gym-wear, a lunch, water, snacks). *Best of luck to the Team!*

Bubble Gum Day Friday, May 27
\$2 per license and \$1 per pack of gum

Prudence There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.

Colin Powell