

# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Important Information & Upcoming Events

December 2016

## MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

- December 4 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity
- December 5 Advent Celebration  
9:00 am at School
- December 7 Reconciliation  
10:25 am at School
- December 9 Virtue Assembly  
11:00 am at School
- December 11 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity
- December 12 Advent Celebration  
9:00 am at School
- December 14 Holy Family School Mass  
10:45 am at Holy Trinity  
Turkey Luncheon  
11:45 am at Holy Trinity
- December 18 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity
- December 19 Advent Celebration  
9:00 am at School
- December 24 Nativity of the Lord Mass  
7:00 pm at Holy Trinity

## 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 towards student achievement initiatives. You can purchase your tickets from Council Members or at the school office. The draw will be held December 21<sup>st</sup> at our Christmas Concert. *Thank you for your support!*

*Scholastic Book Orders due  
December 9<sup>th</sup>*

## 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. Last day to bring in donations is December 9<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you for your generosity!*



## *From the Principal's Desk*

One of my favorite memories as a child is remembering the weekly anticipation of lighting a candle from our home advent wreath. Each week, as the flame on the purple candles and pink candle burned, and their shadows danced across our faces at the dinner table, we were reminded of how the light of Christ shines in each one of us. So, not only was the Advent wreath an exciting way to countdown to Christmas day, it was a beautiful Catholic tradition celebrated by my family to remind us of the reason for the season: the birth of Christ. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for the birth of Jesus, but we also wait for Him to be born again in our hearts, our classrooms, our homes, our community, and in the whole world. It is during this season that we are reminded of God's everlasting love.

It is for this reason I am so excited to celebrate Advent with the school community. Please join us in our weekly Advent celebrations, Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m., to share in our school family's journey towards Christmas. The spirit of the season is alive and well in the eyes and hearts of the staff and students at Holy Family School. Take a moment from the hustle and bustle of the coming weeks to quiet yourself and your heart and prepare for the greatest gift of love. Come celebrate with us.

God bless,

*Cheryl Ricca*

## ROTARY CONCERT

The Annual Rotary Christmas Concert will be held Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Englehart Public School. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students. *Everyone is welcome!*

## December 23<sup>rd</sup> is Santa Hat Day

### HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Each of the classes will be performing. *Everyone is welcome to attend!*



### TURKEY LUNCHEON

Holy Family School's Annual Turkey Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Students and staff will walk 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!*



**Polar Express Party**  
(JK to Gr 2)  
December 16th

### COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Community Choir Christmas Concert will be held Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Admission is a goodwill offering. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

### VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at HFS-EPS-EHS for Grade 3-6 teams.

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Northern College Haileybury for Grade 7-8 teams. Bus leaves Holy Family at 9:00 a.m.

Come on out and cheer on all of the teams. Good luck Holy Family!!

**DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> IS THE LAST DAY OF CLASSES. REGULAR CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>.**

### CHRISTMAS TRAIN

The *ONR Christmas Train* will be pulling into the Englehart Station on Wednesday, December 7<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.*



**Bubble Gum Day**  
Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
License \$2 Gum \$1

### SKATING

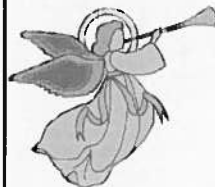
Our Skating Program begins Tuesday, January 10th and will run until the March Break.

Tuesdays	10:25 - 11:45 am	Grades 3-6
Tuesdays	12:45 - 2:00 pm	JK-Grade 2
Tuesdays	2:00 - 3:00 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.



*Wishing you peace and  
happiness during this  
joyous season.  
Merry Christmas!*



*God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say **Thank You**?*

Dr. William Arthur Ward