

# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2015

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.* (Corinthians 13:4-8)

## MASSSES & CELEBRATIONS

- November 1 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- November 2 Virtue Assembly  
2:20 pm at school
- November 8 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- November 11 Remembrance Day Mass  
9:30 am at Church  
Remembrance Day Service  
10:25 am at Englehart Cenotaph
- November 15 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- November 22 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- November 29 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- November 30 Advent Liturgy  
2:20 pm at school

## Daylight Savings Time ends November 1<sup>st</sup>

Set Your  
**CLOCKS**  
Back

## PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture retakes will be taken on the afternoon of Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. If a retake is requested, please notify Mrs. Church prior to retake day. On retake day, students are asked to return their proof packages to the photographer. This will help the photographer, and make for a smoother retake day.



With the colder temperatures upon us, we remind students to please dress appropriately for the weather (coat, hat, mittens, boots). Weather permitting, students go outside for all recesses, so it is important that they are dressed warmly.

## From the Principal's Desk

As I walk down the hallways of the school every day, I can hear the chatter of eager minds, the thump of dancer feet and the sound of melodious voices harmonizing.

As a school we think about how to engage students and hold their attention. If a lesson is to be productive, how do we make sure the students actually absorb the topic? With this constant question in our mind we continuously upgrade our teaching tools and techniques as well as our academic programs. In a technology prevalent world today, we appeal to young minds by incorporating smart boards, tablet computers and projectors into the teaching-learning process.

I would also like to take this opportunity to **thank all** parents/guardians for taking the time to read with your children, check homework, communicating with your child's teacher and countless other things you do as a parent to encourage and support the education of your son or daughter.

With all of us working together, Holy Family continues to do what you have always done: develop an environment in which students possess integrity and values; also, providing students the best opportunities and the best all-round education. The vision is to produce conscientious, smart and confident citizens who will go out into the world and make us proud!

*Treena Fontaine*

*We Remember*

*November 1<sup>st</sup>*

*PA Day November 9th*



The Holy Family Catholic School Council will be selling tickets on a \$200 money wreath. Tickets can be purchased from Council members or at the school office for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The draw will be held at our Christmas Concert,

which is tentatively scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for school yard improvements.

Thank you for your support of our recent Norcard fundraising campaign. Students were able to bring in \$2,342.00 in sales, of which the school earns approximately 30%. These proceeds will be used for such things as school trips, sports equipment, school yard toys, and other student activities. We anticipate receipt of the Norcard orders towards the end of November. Students are asked to please ensure that their customers receive their orders as soon as possible.

## *November 20<sup>th</sup> is Pajama Day*

### **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.*



## *Book Exchange November 13<sup>th</sup>*

### **WE DAY**

We are very excited that our Social Justice Club students will be attending the We Day Event in Ottawa once again! The bus will be leaving Holy Family School at 2:00 pm on November 9<sup>th</sup> and will return at approximately 10:00 pm November 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to our Board Office for allowing us this wonderful opportunity!

***School Council Meeting  
November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm***

## **PROGRESS REPORTS & STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES**

Please note that student Progress Reports will be sent home on November 11<sup>th</sup>. In order to help you better understand what is going on with your child's learning this year, we are going to hold a different type of parent-teacher conference this fall. Your child has been working very hard to prepare for this event. He/she has selected work samples from all classes, analyzed his/her strengths and weaknesses as a learner, and set possible goals for the remainder of the school year. Please come to this conference prepared to listen, acknowledge your child's effort and growth, and ask questions. You will also be asked to help complete the goals, and develop a plan to achieve them. We do hope you will take this opportunity to visit and share with your child. You are invited to attend our "Student-Led Conference Night" on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Classrooms will be open and teachers will be available to facilitate discussion from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **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. A Flu Clinic, for staff and students, will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family School. Students must return a consent form (sent home previously) in order to receive the vaccination.

### **UNVEILING OF CHRISTMAS**

Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

