

Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

October 2016

MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

- October 2 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- October 5 Thanksgiving Mass
9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church
- October 9 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- October 12 Virtue Assembly
9:30 am at School
- October 16 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- October 23 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- October 30 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

MILK PROGRAM

The Holy Family School Milk Program has begun once again. We will continue with the pre-order system each month. Orders for October have already been submitted, and the order form for November will be sent home soon.



*October 10th is
Thanksgiving Day*

Bubble Gum Day
Friday, October 28
\$2 per license \$1 per pack of gum

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is Monday, October 3rd. All students will be photographed. Please do not send money to school on picture day. Parents will have an opportunity to choose their photos from the proofs which will be forwarded at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

From the Principal's Desk

We recently held a BBQ and Games night at HFS. What was interesting to observe was the reaction by students and families when they realized the games were all related to Math. At first, some families were very hesitant in participating. I understand why . . . it involved Math! Yikes! But what many families quickly realized was that the games were simple and totally fun to play. Having a growth mindset in Math is a difficult reality to overcome when your own experiences with learning Math may have been negative ones. As a result, many of us shy away from anything that involves Math because we do not want to embarrass ourselves if we fail. We live with a fixed mindset – a “I hated Math in school and do not want to have anything to do with it ever again” sort of attitude. If we are going to have a serious impact on student achievement at HFS, however, we need to start taking baby steps towards having a growth mindset in Math. We need to start showing our kids that we are still learners in life and failure in Math is not the end, but just the beginning! We have to make mistakes in order to learn! Remember: the goal is growth, not perfection! And so, the next time we have an opportunity to come together to participate in a Games Night, let's do it! Let's take a deep breath and join a group playing a math game. What do we have to lose?

Thanks again to everyone who came out to the BBQ and Games Night! Your support is much appreciated and we are always grateful.

God bless,

Cheryl Ricco

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country Running Team will be participating in the TDSS Invitational Cross Country Meet at the Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club on Thursday, October 6th. The bus will be leaving Holy Family at 8:15 a.m. that morning and is expected to return at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Good luck team!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the Holy Family Catholic School Council was held Wednesday, September 28th. The main goal of this year's Council will be to increase parental involvement and participation in school based activities and improvement planning, as well as to raise funds to improve the school experience for Holy Family students. We post our meeting agenda and minutes on the school website, as well as on the Catholic School Council bulletin board in the school library. Parents/Guardians are always welcome to attend our meetings.

STUDENT INFORMATION

If at any time throughout the school year there is a change to student information (i.e. address or phone, medical information, custodial status, etc.), please inform the school immediately. It is extremely important that we are kept apprised of this type of information. If you have not already done so, please return the Student Information Update Forms that were forwarded to you. Even if there are no changes to the information, it is important that the forms are returned to the school.

DRESS-DOWN DAYS

Fridays are "dress-down days" for the staff of Holy Family School. In order to dress down, staff members are asked to contribute a Toonie. These funds will be donated to our local Food Bank.

Black & Orange Day
October 31st

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be sent home on November 9th. Student-lead Conferences will be held following receipt of the Progress Reports (date to be determined). Invitations will be sent home towards the end of October. If you would like to join your child's teacher in the sharing of your child's learning portfolio, please ensure your rsvp is returned to the school as soon as possible. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. In the meantime, please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

FUNDRAISING

Our *Pepperette Fundraiser* was once again a big success. Thank you to all who contributed. Funds raised will go towards various student activities throughout the year.



Bubble Gum Days will be held one day each month. All proceeds from this event will go towards Student Council initiatives.

INDOOR SHOES

It is very important that all students have a pair of "indoor" shoes to wear at school. For student safety and for hygiene purposes, shoes must be worn at all times. The Grade 7-8 students are also to bring their indoor shoes to Sacred Heart School, Kirkland Lake on the days they go for their Industrial Arts/Family Studies program.

Monday, October 31st
is Hallowe'en

Students may bring their costumes to school, but for the afternoon only please. A costume parade will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Please ensure that costumes are in good taste and in keeping with our school dress code. You are welcome to join us for the parade.



FOOD DRIVE

HFS, EPS and EHS will be holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive from October 3rd to 14th. Our goal is to fill a school bus, which will be parked behind the Arena, beside Holy Family School. Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at any of the schools. Thank you to Willard Bus Lines for loaning us the bus, and thank you to everyone for your support!

Gratitude "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

John F. Kennedy