

# Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

December 2011

## Masses & Celebrations

- December 1 Virtue Assembly  
9:30 am at school
- December 4 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 5 Advent Liturgy  
11:05 am at school
- December 11 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 12 Advent Liturgy  
12:45 pm at school
- December 14 Advent Reconciliation (Grade 4-8)  
10:25 am at School
- December 18 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 21 Advent Mass & Turkey Luncheon  
10:45 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 23 Virtue Assembly  
9:30 am at School

## December 23<sup>rd</sup> is Red & Green Day

### 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 toward student activities. You can get your tickets from Council Members or at the school office. The draw will be held on the evening of the Christmas Concert. *Thank you for your support!*



### Pizza Day

Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

\$2.50 per slice

Orders Due Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>



### Kids Christmas Party

The Englehart Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Kids Christmas Party on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Community Centre. There will be games, crafts, face painting, and an appearance by Santa! Admission is a non-perishable food item. There will also be a Family Skate that evening from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Englehart Arena (non-perishable food item for admission).

## From the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that we are already into December!! At this busy time of year, we will have several activities and events happening at the school, and then the holidays will be upon us before we know it. We will begin our weekly Advent liturgies starting Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Pat Roberts for his ongoing commitment to the spiritual development of our students, not only in his involvement with our liturgies and Masses, but also for the classroom support he provides for our religious education programming.

Our Catholic Virtue for December is **CHARITY**... Please join us in helping our children develop their sense of empathy towards others, as this is the seed from which all forms of Charity can grow....

I want to thank our parent and community volunteers for organizing and hosting our annual Turkey Luncheon on Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> at Holy Trinity Parish following Mass at 10:45 am. What a wonderful treat for our kids!

Once again this year, I encourage you and your family to ignore the marketing pressure of the media this season, and keep Christ as the focus of your family's Christmas celebrations. It is vital that children view the Christmas season as an opportunity to give rather than to receive. In this regard, I wish you and your family peace and joy throughout this Advent season as we commemorate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are a Catholic who has been away from your faith for a time and are interested in returning to the church please consider attending Mass this weekend. Mass time at **Holy Trinity Parish is Sunday at 9:00 a.m.** If you are not a Catholic, but would like information on becoming one, please contact Mr. Pat Roberts at the Parish, 544-8023. What better way to celebrate the season of Advent than to rekindle your relationship with Jesus.

*Matt Turner*

### Christmas Concert

Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Each of the classes will be performing.

*Everyone is welcome to attend!*



### Community Choir

The Community Choir Christmas Concert will be held Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

## Turkey Luncheon

Holy Family School's Annual Turkey Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Immediately following the Mass, which is at 10:45 am that morning, the students and staff will proceed 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 and to the Lions Club for their donation!*



## Rotary Concert

The Annual Rotary Christmas

Concert will be held on Tuesday,

December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Englehart Public School. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and \$1 for children. *Everyone is welcome!*

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last day of classes. Regular classes resume January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## Classroom Open House

Our next Classroom Open House will be held Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:20 p.m. You are welcome to come and visit your child's classroom.

## Polar Express Party (JK-Gr 4)

**December 20th**

### Holiday Train

The Ontario Northland "*Holiday Train*" will be pulling into the Englehart Station on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 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.*

## 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. Our school goal this year is to collect 800 items in total. *We can do it!* Last day to bring in your donations is December 9<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you for your generosity.*

## Skating

Our Skating Program begins Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and will run until the March Break.

*Fridays 9:00 - 10:10 am Grade 7-8*

*Fridays 10:25 - 11:45 am Grade 3-6*

*Fridays 12:45 - 2:05 pm Grade JK - 2*

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!**

*Every good act is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows.*

Moliere