

Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

October 2011

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 6 Virtue Assembly
9:30 am at school
- October 9 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- 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 forms for November will be sent home soon.



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.

Student Agendas

If you have not already done so, please remember to send \$5 to the school for the cost of your child’s agenda.

From the Principal’s Desk

At Holy Family, we are dedicated to helping students grow, both spiritually and academically. In this regard, our Catholic Virtue for the month of October is “**Gratitude**”. We hope that our students will take time to be thankful for what they have in their lives, as well as be thankful for God’s ultimate gift to us, His Son Jesus Christ. I want to thank all of our parent volunteers for helping to make the Holy Family experience richer for our children. In this regard, I encourage anyone interested to come and attend our first Catholic School Council meeting on October 5th at 6:00 pm. As always, if you have any questions about our school, or if you would like to discuss your child’s progress, please contact me or your child’s teacher at any time. 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. Also, if you are not a Catholic, but would like information on becoming one, please contact Mr. Pat Roberts at the Parish, 544-8023. Please know that you are always welcome at the Lord’s table!!

Matt

Turner

October Virtue

October’s virtue is GRATITUDE, how apropos that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving in just a few short days. Our quote for this month is “*This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad*” Psalm 118:24. “Thanks” is a simple word, but it is a precious fountain of faith in God, and it fills our hearts with a readiness to cherish everything we have. Although the world is currently experiencing economic challenges, and we may have difficulty saying thank you for some of our hardships, sometimes this can release us from that sense of entitlement that can prevent us from really seeing God’s grace in our daily lives. The choice to be grateful is not always without effort.

**Orange & Camo Day
October 7th**

Catholic School Council

The first meeting of the Holy Family Catholic School Council for this school year will be Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. Parents/Guardians are always welcome to attend our meetings.

Breakfast Program

A big thank you to Crystal Duguay for organizing our Breakfast Program. We are still in need of adult volunteers to assist however. Tasks involved would include preparation of the food, serving the students, and clean-up afterwards. The Breakfast Program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 until 8:50 a.m. If you are interested in helping, please contact the school (544-2397). Also, I remind everyone that we do ask for a \$2 donation per week per child participating in the Breakfast program. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Black & Orange Day October 31st

Fundraising

Our *Pepperette Fundraiser* was once again a big success. Thank you to all who contributed!

Our *Norcard Fundraising Program* begins October 3rd and runs until the 28th. Please ensure all orders and payment are returned to the school office no later than Friday, October 28th. You will notice some new items this year in addition to the usual cards and calendars. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards student activities, so your support helps our school in many positive ways. In addition, by submitting an order form, you will qualify to be entered in a draw to win a 2011 Ford Fiesta.

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 mailed to you. Even if there are no changes to the information, it is important that the forms are returned to the school.

Monday, October 31st is
Hallowe'en

Students may bring their costumes to school on Monday, October 31st, but for the afternoon only. 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.



Parent-Teacher Interviews

Progress Reports will be sent home on Wednesday, November 9th. Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday, November 10th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Interview request forms will be sent home towards the end of October. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please ensure that your request form is returned to the school as soon as possible. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. You will be notified of your interview times prior to November 9th.

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

John Fitzgerald Kennedy