

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Important Information & Upcoming Events

November 2016

Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all.

George Washington

Masses & Celebrations

<u>November 4</u>	Virtue Assembly 10:30 am at school
<u>November 6</u>	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>November 9</u>	Remembrance Day Mass 9:30 am at Church
<u>November 11</u>	Remembrance Day Service 10:25 am at Englehart Cenotaph
<u>November 13</u>	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>November 20</u>	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>November 27</u>	Sunday Mass 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>November 28</u>	Advent Celebration 9:00 am at school

**Daylight Savings Time ends
November 6th**

*Set Your
CLOCKS
Back*

Picture Retake Day

Picture retakes will be taken on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 1st. 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.



November 18th is Pajama Day

From the Principal's Desk

As the teachers prepare the progress reports, and the students prepare their portfolios to present to you at our upcoming student-led conferences, here are some questions you can ask your child/children to help guide the conversation along:

What are your strengths in Reading, Writing, and Math?
What are your areas for growth in Reading, Writing, and Math?

What learning skills do you think you need to develop more?

What are some of your main challenges?

What can I do to support your progress?

Remember: promote a growth mindset with your child. As your child shows you his or her work, make statements like:

"I can see you worked hard on this!"

"It seems like it's time to try a new strategy."

"What strategies can you use to understand this better?"

"Look at those mistakes! Your brain must have really grown!"

Carefully choose your words when you praise your son or daughter. Every word parents say and action they perform sends a message to their children. These words and actions tell children how to think about themselves. Let's praise your children's efforts instead of praising their accomplishments!

Thank you for continuing to support student achievement at HFS!

God bless,

Cheryl Ricco



*November 11th is
Remembrance Day*



The Holy Family Catholic School Council will be selling tickets on a \$200 money tree. 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 scheduled for December 21st at 1:00 p.m. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for various student achievement initiatives.

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. Donations can be dropped off at the school or sent with your child.

We thank you for your generosity!



Village Noel

Students in Grades 1 to 8 will be attending the Village Noel in Temiskaming Shores on Friday, November 25th. Activities and workshops have been planned for the students throughout the day. A bus will be leaving Holy Family School at 9:30 a.m. and is expected to return at approximately 2:30 p.m. Students are reminded to bring a packed lunch and to come dressed for the weather conditions as many activities will be held outdoors.



Volleyball Tournament

Our Volleyball teams will be participating in a tournament on Tuesday, November 29th at Holy Family, Englehart Public and Englehart High School.

(Permission forms will be

forthcoming.) Students are reminded to please return their permission forms promptly and to come to school prepared for the day's activities. Parents are always welcome to come out and cheer on the teams!

Bubble Gum Day
Thursday, November 24th
License \$2.00 Gum \$1.00

PA Day November 7th

Progress Reports & Student-Led Conferences

Please note that student Progress Reports will be sent home on November 9th. In order to help you better understand what is going on with your child's learning, we are once again holding Student-Lead Conferences. 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 10th. 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 morning of Wednesday, November 23rd at Holy Family School. Students must return a consent form (forthcoming) in order to receive the vaccination.

Unveiling of Christmas

Friday, November 18th 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!*



School Council Meeting

November 30th at 6:00 pm

Social Justice Club Retreat

Social Justice Club students will participate in a Retreat at Holy Family School on Friday, November 25th at 4:00 p.m. until Saturday, November 26th at 12:00 noon. Students will learn about, and participate in, some of the opportunities that they have to become *difference makers* in the world.