

Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

December 2010

Masses & Celebrations

- December 1 Virtue Assembly
9:00 am at school
Advent Reconciliation (Grades 4-8)
10:25 am at school
- December 5 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at School
- December 6 Advent Liturgy
11:05 am at School
- December 12 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 13 Advent Liturgy
12:45 pm at school
- December 15 Advent Mass & Turkey Luncheon
10:45 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 19 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- December 20 Advent Liturgy
1:25 pm at School
- December 26 Sunday Mass
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church

EHS Band

Mrs. Jennifer Holmes and the Englehart High School Band will be performing for us on Friday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m. in the gymnasium. You are welcome to join us for a Christmas sing-a-long.



December 17th 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!*

The Grade 7-8 Music students are selling lollipops for \$1 each. Proceeds raised will go towards purchasing music equipment and supplies.

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 29th. 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. I am also excited to announce that thanks to our local CWL members, we have started a **Rosary** club for staff and students. We plan to run the club every Monday through Advent at lunch recess.

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 15th 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. As always, please know that you are always welcome at the Lord's table!!

Matt Turner

Christmas Concert

Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 16th 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 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Church. Goodwill donations will be accepted at the door, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Turkey Luncheon

Holy Family School's Annual Turkey Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 15th. 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!*



Rotary Concert

The Annual Rotary Christmas

Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm at the Englehart Public School. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and \$1 for children. *Everyone is welcome!*

December 21st is the last day of classes. Regular classes resume January 5th.

Make the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice!

Creating a Healthy School Nutrition Environment



Holy Family School has started an exciting campaign to increase healthy food choices for students. The

Choice campaign will help create a school environment that supports healthy eating to benefit students, families, staff and the community at large!

A Healthy School Nutrition Environment (HSNE) means that a school promotes healthy eating through words and actions. Students get the same messages about food, nutrition and healthy eating everywhere - in the classroom, in the school and at home.

We encourage you to be a positive role model to your children by keeping healthy eating messages fun and focused on the many benefits. Add "*x-ray vision carrots*" to lunches, "*flu fighting oranges*" to breakfast or "*whole grain power cereal*" to a snack, and make healthy eating fun and easy.

Watch for more information about what a HSNE is, why it's important, and how you can help. Visit www.timiskaminghu.com for more information.

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 750 items in total. *We can do it!* Last day to bring in your donations is December 10th. *Thank you for your generosity.*



Skating

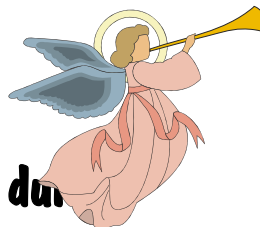
Our Skating Program begins Tuesday, January 11th and will run until the March Break.

Tuesdays	Grade 4-5	9:00 - 10:00 am
Tuesdays	Grade 6-7-8	10:25 - 11:45 am
Tuesdays	JK-SK & Gr 1-2	12:45 - 2:00 pm
Tuesdays	Grade 3	2:05 - 3:00 pm

It is mandatory that students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 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.

Heart & Stroke Foundation

The Heart & Stroke Foundation is looking for key volunteers to help in giving schools in the community more support. Attached is a description of the duties involved in this position. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jennifer Labbe, Program Coordinator at 705-267-4645 or by e-mail at jlabbe@hsf.on.ca.



**Wishing you peace
and happiness
this joyous
season.**

Merry Christmas!

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.