

# Holy Family School Newsletter

Important Information & Upcoming Events

March 2011

## March 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> is March Break

### Masses & Celebrations

- March 6 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- March 9 Ash Wednesday & Farewell to Alleluia  
2:20 pm at school
- March 13 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- March 20 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- March 23 Lenten Liturgy  
9:30 am at school
- March 27 Sunday Mass  
9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
- March 30 Lenten Liturgy  
10:25 am at School

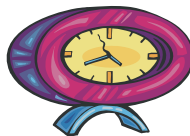


### Winter Carnival

The Englehart Winter Carnival will be held March 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. Many community events have been planned, so check your calendar and come out and enjoy the fun!

## Daylight Savings Time Begins March 13<sup>th</sup>

*(turn clocks ahead)*



### Skating

The final day for our Skating Program will be Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you to everyone who helped tie skates for us!*

**Junior Kindergarten  
Registration for  
September 2011 continues**

## From the Principal's Desk

At Holy Family we are always looking for ways to make our school a better place for children to learn and grow....

In this regard, I am asking you to give us your input on what we do well, and where can we improve. In a letter sent home with students on February 1<sup>st</sup>, you should have received a random, anonymous username and password for use at the survey site [www.tellthemfromme.com](http://www.tellthemfromme.com). If you would like to complete the survey, you can still log-in with these credentials, or if you have misplaced them, please contact the school and Mrs. Church will gladly provide you with another anonymous username and password.

This year, we have a very late Lenten season which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 9<sup>th</sup>. As always, you are welcome to attend our liturgy on this day, starting at 2:20 pm. Lent is the period of time when we are called to examine ourselves through careful reflection: Who are we really? Who is God calling us to be, and how are we living out that call in our everyday lives? Such reflection can sometimes be uncomfortable, making us face the need to reorder our priorities and our ways of living. However, this discomfort may be necessary if we are truly to experience the joy of the resurrection. It is in this joy that I wish you and your family Christ's peace throughout your Lenten journey...

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

*Matt Turner*

## Pajama Day is March 11<sup>th</sup>

### Grade 8 Grad Photos

Graduation photos for the Grade 8 students will be held Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at approximately 9:15 a.m. Students are reminded to bring a white collared shirt for their picture, and boys should also bring a tie. If you don't have a tie or white shirt, the photographer does have one that students can borrow.



## Fundraising

\*Our Sub Lunch profits go towards the Grade 7-8 Music Program.

\*Our Magazine Sales Campaign begins March 1<sup>st</sup>. All orders and payment must be submitted to the school no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. Proceeds raised will go towards student activities and resources.

\*Proceeds from the Snack Cart will be used for the Grade 4-5 year-end class trip.

\*Hot Dog Day profits will be used for the Grade 7-8 year-end class trip to the Eagle Crest Outdoor Centre.

\*Lollipop profits will go towards the Grade 7-8 Music Program.

\*All proceeds from our Staff Dress-Down Days are donated to the Englehart Food Bank.

\* The Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction proceeds will go towards the Grade 7-8 year-end class trip. Thank you to all of the volunteers and contributors!

*We thank you for your continuous support of all of our fundraising endeavours!*

## Message from our School Board

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." (Proverbs 16:3)*

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is undertaking a review of its operation to develop a strategic plan for the next four years. It is our intention to work directly with you, one of our many stakeholders, throughout this process to ensure your ideas, concerns and suggestions are understood and considered.

Our time line is to collect information through the use of interviews, an on-line survey and some planned open house sessions in March and April and then bring these findings to the Board of Trustees. We promise to post all on-line comments and interview responses on our web site [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca). However, any specific mention of names will be omitted.

We expect in late April to be able to publish some initial feedback/findings on this process as we journey towards a formal Strategic Plan being developed for the Board of Trustees. Your comments and the comments from all of our stakeholders will shape the Strategic Plan that will guide NCDSB over the next four years.

Please visit our web site at [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca) to complete the survey and share your comments about Catholic education and how we can better serve today's learners in our Catholic schools.

The NCDSB Strategic Plan is to address this question:

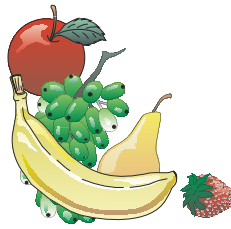
***How do we better serve today's learners  
in our Catholic schools?***

## Upcoming Activities and Events

Please note that some dates could be subject to change . . .

Apr 6	Reconciliation 10:25 am Lenten Liturgy 12:45 pm at school
Apr 11	PD Day
Apr 13	Lenten Liturgy 1:25 pm
Apr 15	Hat Day
Apr 18	HepB & HPV Vaccinations
Apr 20	Lenten Mass 9:30 am at Church
Apr 21	Stations of the Cross 2:20 pm at school
Apr 22	Good Friday (No School)
Apr 25	Easter Monday (No School)

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



**Did you know that February was Healthy Heart Month? One simple way to start taking care of your family's heart is to have your cholesterol level tested. In fact, new studies are suggesting that it is a good idea for children to get their cholesterol tested too. The body needs some cholesterol to function but too much cholesterol can cause problems for the heart. Most of your cholesterol is made by your liver but you also get cholesterol from foods you eat. Teaching kids about healthy choices of foods that are lower in cholesterol will keep your child's heart very happy!**

## Public Speaking

Congratulations to the top finishers in our school Public Speaking Competition, which was held February 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Primary Division	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Molly Malette</i>
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Alexis Oukes</i>
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Victor Belanger</i>
Junior Division	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Sayge Robichaud</i>
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Ethan Jodko-Narkiewicz</i>
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Nina Jodko-Narkiewicz</i>
Intermediate Division	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Cheyenne Watson</i>

These students have now qualified to compete at the Branch Competition on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Englehart Legion. The first place finishers from the Branch will go on to compete at the Zone Competition. *Best of luck to all of the speakers!* A big thank you to our Judges, Mr. Chodoriwsky, Mr. Roberts, and Mrs. Black for generously donating their time and expertise!

*There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love.*

*Bryant H. McGill*