



# Falcon News



'Lord, make us instruments of your peace...'

English Catholic Central School

March 2012



## Spring is on the way!



### E.C.C.S. Staff and Students Prepare for a Busy Spring!

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, volunteers and parents for helping to make our events in February such a huge success! A special thank you to those who came out to support our Grade 8 classes at the **Valentine Carnival** and to those "**Heart Heroes**" who gave up their time to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation! Your continued support is much appreciated!

How timely is it that this month's virtue is **forgiveness**? Not only because we are in the season of Lent, but also because it is an important cornerstone of our Faith and one that Jesus modeled for us in his life and death. This month, we are reminded that forgiveness is a gift and it's a gift to our children when we teach and model forgiveness to them. As we continue our special preparations during the Lenten Season here at English Catholic Central School, we hope that you will find time to join us!

**Listed below are a number of informational items. Please see the calendar for additional events!**



- **First Term Report Cards** were sent home on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parents were asked to return the signed portion by **Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please note that while there are no formal interviews scheduled, you may arrange a meeting with your child's teacher at any time!

- E.C.C.S. students will once again take part in a school wide fund raising event. E.C.C.S. has teamed up with **Quality Meats** and students will be asked to sell pepperettes from March 5<sup>th</sup> - March 20<sup>th</sup>. Additional information and order forms will be going home on Monday. The funds raised will go towards covering the costs of student activities in each division.

- Congratulations to Nadia Breault and Maddie Males. Both girls competed in the **New Liskeard Legion Public Speaking Contest** and will be advancing to the next level of competition. Good luck ladies!

- Our **Lenten Noon Hour Masses** this year will take place on Monday's at 12:00 p.m.. Student's have the opportunity to board buses and attend mass with other parishioners at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish. Staff and students enjoy spending this time together in prayer as we journey through Lent and prepare for our Easter celebrations!



- Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Studies room.

- The criteria for this month's **Student of the Month** is as follows:

A student who demonstrates **Creativity** in their written work and in their thinking; "**A Reflective, Creative, Holistic Thinker**" who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.



Congratulations to the boys and girls basketball teams for an excellent day at the St. Michel Tournament. The boys A Team returned with the gold! The B Teams will travel to the Mining School to compete in the St. Patrick School tournament on **March 6<sup>th</sup>** while the A Teams will host the **E.C.C.S. March Madness Invitational Basketball Tournament** on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. A reminder that all permission forms must be submitted by these dates.

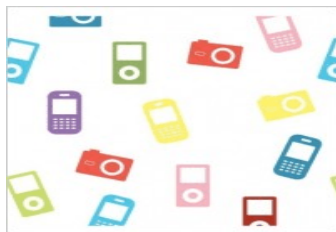
Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> is **Winter Carnival Day** at E.C.C.S..

Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the outdoor activities in the afternoon! During the morning, younger students will pair up with

older students and play **Match It Games** over the PA system. Students are asked to bring in a loonie to participate. The money raised from this event will go towards the **Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign**.

March 27<sup>th</sup> is **Electronic's Day** at E.C.C.S.. Student's who wish to use their electronic devices are asked to bring in a **canned good**. Please note that the rules for

all electronics must still be followed. All devices must be used responsibly and only with the permission of the classroom teacher. In addition, the school will not be responsible for lost or damaged devices!



A reminder to grade 8 students and parents that the second installment of \$50.00 for the grade 8 trip to Ottawa in June is due **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.



On Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, students are encouraged to participate in **Earth Hour** at 8:30 p.m. Students are reminded to **turn out the lights**, to stand up and to get involved and help lead the global journey to a sustainable future. For more information, see [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)

E.C.C.S. will once again be collecting **telephone books** throughout the month of March and April. Mr. Moore and Mrs. Grzelak will have incentive prizes for those students who have collected the most phone books.



Finally, a reminder that it is not too late to complete your **online survey!** The information gathered from the survey will be used for school improvement

planning purposes. Simply log on to [www.Tellthemfromme.com](http://www.Tellthemfromme.com) and enter the username and password that was included with your child's report card! Parents are asked to complete their survey by **Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**.

