



Falcon News



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

English Catholic Central School

May 2012



Walking in the Light of Christ!



Staff and students at E.C.C.S. celebrate Catholic Education Week May 6th - May 11th, 2012

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, parents and volunteers for helping to make our events in April such a huge success! As we enter the month of May, the staff and students at E.C.C.S. will begin their special preparations to celebrate Catholic Education Week! This year's theme is "**Walking in the Light of Christ**". From May 6th to May 11th, and throughout the month of May, students will have the opportunity to reflect on the gift of their Catholic Education and celebrate our uniqueness as a Catholic school. Your child will be engaged in activities and discussions which highlight the significance of what it means to: listen, learn, live, love and lead in the light of Christ.



For more information regarding Catholic Education Week, go to www.goodnewsforall.ca We hope that you are able to join us for some of these special events.

As part of our special celebrations, and to showcase the great work that we do as a Catholic school, we will be hosting a **Literacy Open House, FREE BBQ and Book Fair on Thursday, May 10th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 .p.m.** There will be excellent door prizes for families and each child in attendance will receive a free book! Parents who complete their **Tell Them From Me Parent Survey** can also put their name in a draw to win an **ipod touch!** We hope to see you there!

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

Important Grade 8 Dates!



The **Grade 8 Trip to Ottawa** takes place on June 5th - 7th!

This years' **Awards Celebration** will take place on Monday, June 25th at 1:00 in the gym!

The **Grade 8 Graduation** will take place on Tuesday, June 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish.

- Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, May 7th, 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 works well within a group and demonstrates **Teamwork**; "**A Responsible Citizen**" who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

- **May 7th - May 11th is also Screen Free Week!** The Timiskaming Health Unit is challenging families to turn off their screens and be more physically active!

- Our **Catholic Education Week Mass** with Father John will take place on **Monday, May 7th at 9:35 a.m.** in the gym. All are welcome!

- A reminder to parents of students in Grade 3 and Grade 6 that their children will be writing the **EQAO Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics** from May 23rd to June 6th. More information is to follow!

- A special thank you to all intermediate students who collected pledges and took part in the **Hoops for Heart** event. Many thanks also to Mme. Birch for organizing the day! Altogether, over \$1 100.00 was raised for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



- **May 17th is World Catholic Education Day!** Staff and students at E.C.C.S. will host their New Beginnings Luncheon and invite our retired teachers! A special lunch consisting of ham, caesar salad, cheese, pickles, buns, cupcake and juice will be provided and we will all gather to share our meal together in the gym! If they should so choose, students still have the option of bringing their own lunch to the gym!

- As part of our **Catholic Education Week** activities, students will once again have the opportunity to participate in **World Kids Colouring Day!** Each participating child is asked to give a **small** donation. The money raised will go towards the **Save the Children** organization which helps to ensure that children around the world receive a proper education.

- The **Book Fair** will run all week in the Library from May 7th - May 11th.

- May 16th is the **E.C.C.S. Track and Field Day!** Winners will advance to **TDSS on May 23rd**. Be sure to dress for the weather!



- **May 24th is Shades of Fun Day!** Students are encouraged to wear their sun glasses to protect their eyes from the sun. Student Council will make a donation to the CNIB!

- Our E.C.C.S. **Magazine Campaign** began last Friday! A reminder that students are encouraged to sell to friends and family. Order forms are due back into the office on **Friday, May 11th, 2012**. Note that orders can also be placed online at www.qsp.ca The group ID for E.C.C.S. is **6831**. Cheques should be made payable to English Catholic Central School. The proceeds raised from the Magazine Campaign will go towards technology upgrades throughout the school!



News from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish



DOGMATIC THEOLOGY

We will be hosting an eight week adult educational series beginning **Tuesday April 24th** and running weekly until **Tuesday, June 12th**. It begins at **6:00 P.M.** with a dinner (free will offering) followed by a presentation on a topic of faith to help participants grow in their understanding and appreciation of the Catholic Faith.

Upcoming presentations are:

I Believe In doG - The unconditional love of God (April 24th), You Did Not Choose Me - Coming into relationship with God (May 1st), The Seven Dogly Sins - Sin, Guilt and Forgiveness (May 8th), Cages and Fences - Surrendering to Christ (May 15th), Yum, Scripture - Eating God's Word (May 22nd), The Leash and the Collar - Living Under the Lordship of Christ (May 29th), It's a Dog's Life - The problem of suffering (June 5th), Do Dogs Go To Heaven? - Morality, grief and eternal life (June 12th).

To register for the series, please call the office at 705-647-5035.

- The **Grade 4 Bible Celebration** will take place on **Thursday, May 3rd 11:00 a.m.** in the Library.

- Our annual **E.C.C.S. Spring Photo Shoot** will take place all day on **May 8th in the library**. A letter and order form has been sent home along with the May Newsletter.



Finally, as the warmer weather approaches, students are reminded that **flip flops** are not permitted at school and that sandals without straps are not permitted on outdoor equipment due to safety reasons. In addition, **all** shorts and skirts must consistently be at finger tip length. For more information, see the school agenda insert that was sent home and signed by students at the beginning of the year!

L. Hurtubise, Principal