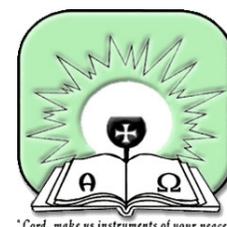




Falcon News



English Catholic Central School

November 2012



MacMillans a Huge Success!



Students work hard to bring in over \$18,000.00 in orders!

On behalf of the staff and students at E.C.C.S., I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the MacMillan's Fundraising Campaign. Altogether, students sold well over 1100 items and brought in approximately \$18,000.00. With about 25% of the funds raised going back to the school, this enabled us to put approximately \$4000.00 towards student activities and year end trips! The MacMillan orders are scheduled to be delivered to the school on **Monday, November 5th**! Orders will be sent home with students at the end of the day. If your child had a large order, please make arrangements for pick up on this day. Thanks again for your excellent participation!

November's virtue of the month is **Prudence** (Wisdom). Our quote for this month is "How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!" (Proverbs 16:16) Prudence has three steps: seeking the proper, most loving thing to do; judging what is the best choice; and confidently acting. A prudent person asks, "What is the right, most loving thing to do?" He/she considers others' advice, and looks to the Gospel and Church teaching to guide his/her conscience. He/she prays and thinks things through, then confidently acts in truth and love. In this way, practicing prudence unites us more closely both with God and neighbour. Prudence is visible in our Catholic schools when we reflect as Jesus' disciples and act in His love. This month at English Catholic School, we will express our prudence by thinking before we act!



The flu season is once again upon us! Please note that E.C.C.S. continues to follow the directives as provided by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. We continue to provide hand sanitizers in every classroom and offer explicit instruction regarding thorough hand washing and proper coughing and sneezing etiquette. If your child has flu like symptoms or has a fever, you are asked to keep them at home. We have also been asked by the Timiskaming Health Unit to advise parents that flu clinics will not take place in any of the elementary schools this year. However, listed below are dates that the clinics are available in your area!

Cobalt	Nov 1	4-6 p.m.	Golden Age Club
Haileybury	Nov 4	4-7 p.m.	Northern College
Temagami	Nov 8	4-7 p.m.	Medical Centre
Englehart	Nov 14	4-7 p.m.	Arena Complex
New Liskeard	Nov 15	2-7 p.m.	Health Unit

Clinics will also be held by appointment at your local Health Unit every Tuesday in November from 4-8 p.m.

Other Important Dates:

Progress Reports will go home on **Wednesday, November 14th** and **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for **Thursday, November 22nd**. More information is to follow!

Our **Remembrance Day Ceremony** will take place on **Thursday, November 8th at 9:30 a.m.** in the gym. If your child belongs to a service organization, please remind them to wear their uniform for our procession into the gym!



Sacramental Preparation Dates:

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting # 3
Tuesday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m.



First Reconciliation Celebration - Monday,
December 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Rite of Enrolment - November 18th at
11:00 a.m. mass.

Confirmation Evening of Reflection - December 9th
at 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, November 12th is a Professional
Activity Day.** There are no classes on this day!



Our **All Souls Mass** with Father John
will take place on **Friday, November
2nd at 1:15 p.m.** in the gym. All are
welcome!

**The Grade 8
Spaghetti Supper and Silent
Auction** will take place on
Wednesday, November 28th
from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.



School Photos will take place on November 6th for
Grades JK- Grade 3 and November 7th for Grades
4-8.

This year's **Christmas Concert** will
take place on **Tuesday, December
18th, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym!



Finally, E.C.C.S. is once again proud to participate
in **CJTT's Annual Christmas Wish Telethon**.
Students and parents were extremely generous
during this year's silver collection campaign and we
very quickly surpassed our goal! To date, students
have brought in over \$1 800.00! We will be
donating \$1000.00 to the Christmas Wish and
students will be voting shortly on which other
charitable organization they would like to support!
Thanks again for your generosity!

L. Hurtubise, Principal

Tips for Parent Teacher Conferences

This year, our Parent Teacher Conferences
will be held on **November 22nd**. They are
opportunities for parents and teachers to
talk together about how to help each child
succeed and be happy at school. **Your form
to book an conference time will be
included with your child's progress report.** Conferences are
short (10 minutes) so it is best to prepare before the
conference to make the best use of that short time.

**PREPARE**

Read your child's progress report. Make notes about your
questions and concerns. Talk to your child about the report.
Is she/he happy with her/his progress? Was she/he surprised
by any comments on the report? Ask the child to predict
what the teacher is going to tell you. Then, ask what she/he
would like you to discuss with the teacher.

ASK QUESTIONS

Arrive on time. Bring your child's progress report and your
list of questions with a notepad and pen to make notes.
Jotting down notes as you go along is a good way to jog your
memory later. Parent teacher conferences are strictly
confidential, so share personal information that might be
affecting your child's progress or behaviour at school (e.g.
family illness, job search, new baby). This information will
help the teacher understand your child better. Every parent
wants to hear how wonderful his/her child is - and the
teacher should tell you about your child's special skills and
achievements. But one of the main functions of the interview
is to point out areas where your child has room to develop.
Resist the urge to be defensive and work with the teacher to
look at ways that you can support your child's learning at
home. Strive to keep the lines of communication open and
friendly!

AFTER THE INTERVIEW

Before you say goodbye, find out the best way to follow-up
with the teacher. Schedule another meeting, if necessary, or
find out the best time to call the teacher. Review any
decisions you have made together. Once you are home, talk
to your child about the meeting. Be sure to pass on praise -
yours and the teacher's - before bringing up any issues of
concern. Follow-up on anything your child talked about
before the meeting. Talk about how you and the teacher are
going to help with the things that need to be improved!