



# 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 5<sup>th</sup>**! 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 14<sup>th</sup>** and **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for **Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. More information is to follow!

Our **Remembrance Day Ceremony** will take place on **Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.



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

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

Confirmation Evening of Reflection - December 9<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>**  
from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.



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

This year's **Christmas Concert** will  
take place on **Tuesday, December  
18<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 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!