



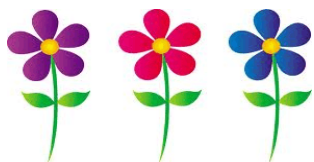
# Falcon News



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

English Catholic Central School

April 2013



## E.C.C.S. Welcomes Spring!



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

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, parents and volunteers for helping to make our events in March such a huge success! It is hard to believe that another month has already gone by. Students were able to participate in Winter Carnival/Elective's Day, Electronic's Day, Spirit Days, and basketball events! Our Pepperette Fundraiser was also a huge success!. Altogether, students raised approximately \$ 5000.00. The monies will be disbursed amongst the divisions and will go towards classroom activities and year end trips. Once again, your continued support is much appreciated!

- Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Please note that at this meeting, we welcome Special Assignment Teacher Erica Raymond who will be discussing the upcoming **Full Day Kindergarten Program** which will be rolled out at E.C.C.S. in September 2013.

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

A student who is an **Effective Communicator** as demonstrated through writing and oral presentations; "An Effective Communicator" who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values.

On the heels of celebrating Easter, the Northeastern Catholic District School Board has assigned April the virtue of **Justice**. During Easter, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. But Justice is also an important part of Catholic teaching. The need to do justice comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God's image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to do justice, is a failure to respect the image of God in others.

Throughout the month of April, staff and students at English Catholic Central School will participate in read alouds and discussions highlighting the importance of our call to work towards achieving justice in our world and the need to always respect the dignity of others.



### Important Grade 8 Dates!



Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> is **Grad Photo Day!** Envelopes will be sent home soon!

The **Grade 8 Trip to Niagara Falls** takes place May 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>!

This year's **Awards Celebration** will take place on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the gym!



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

- There will be a **Grade 4 Parent Meeting** for those students who wish to attend the Grade 5 **Immersion Program** next year. It will take place on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

**Hoops for Heart** will take place on **Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in the morning**. Jump Rope for Heart will take place on the same day in the afternoon!

- Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> is a **Professional Activity Day**. There are no classes on this day!



- Thank you to all students, parents and staff who supported our **Quality Meats Pepperette Fundraiser!** The target date for delivery is the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>. Once we have a firm date, correspondence will be sent home. Due to the size of some of the orders, it may be necessary for parents to come to the school to pick them up!

- Congratulations to all of the boys and girls basketball teams for an excellent 2013 Season. A special thank you to our coaches: Mrs. Larocque, Mr. Hurtubise and Mr. Cull for taking the time to run our practices and organize our tournaments. Your dedication is much appreciated!



- E.C.C.S. will once again be collecting **telephone books** throughout the month of April. Mr. Moore and Mrs. Grzelak will have incentive prizes for those students who have collected the most phone books. These prizes will be delivered to the winning students on Earth Day!

### **EQAO Provincial Testing:**

A reminder to parents of students in Grades 3 and 6 that EQAO Provincial Testing will take place the last week of May and the first week of June. Please ensure that your child is in attendance during these dates. Additional information regarding EQAO testing is forthcoming. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### **Student Absences and Lates:**

Just a reminder that a great deal of learning occurs first thing in the morning. In most classrooms, this is the Literacy or Mathematics Block. In order to maximize opportunities for learning, it is crucial that students arrive to school **on time** and that absences are kept to a minimum!

### **Appropriate Dress for Upcoming Months:**

With the warmer weather approaching, students are reminded that coats/sweaters are still to be worn outside! In addition, once the warmer weather arrives, students are reminded that **beach wear and flip flops** are not permitted at school for safety reasons. In addition, **all** shorts and skirts must consistently be at finger tip length and all shirts must **cover** the midriff and navel. Shoulder straps must also be at least **2 fingertips** wide. For more information on the dress code, see the Code of Conduct insert that was sent home and signed by students at the beginning of the year!

### **Important Sacramental Preparation Dates:**

**Evening with the Bishop** for Confirmation Candidates - Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at OMPH.

**Confirmation Retreat** - Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at OMPH.

**Confirmation Dress Rehearsal** - Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at OMPH.

**Confirmation** - Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at OMPH.

### **A Prayer in Springtime**

There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage 'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.' Springtime is a season of optimism and hope and a Christian lives a faith centered on hope. Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond. We live a resurrection life reflected in the new life springing up around us. Thank you, Lord, for the hope that you bring and for the renewal that you bring - both to this world and to our hearts and lives.

Amen

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a blessed Easter and Happy Spring!

L. Hurtubise, Principal

