



Falcon News



English Catholic Central School

April 2014

E.C.C.S. Prays For Spring!



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, Spirit Days, Wacky Hair Day and basketball events! Our MacMillan's Fundraiser was also a huge success! Altogether, students raised almost \$ 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!

Did you receive a "Happy Spring!" email from E.C.C.S.? We have been experimenting with a new system called **Blackboard Connect**. This new program will allow us to send out phone call reminders as well as email reminders regarding upcoming events at E.C.C.S. If you did not receive an email and would like to be included in the email list, please contact Mrs. Minnett at the office to ensure that she has your updated email address. We are also hoping to be able to send to you, via email, the link to our school calendars and newsletters!



April, with its celebration of Easter, has been assigned 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.



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

Important Grade 8 Dates!

Thursday, May 15th is **Grad Photo Day!** Envelopes will be sent home soon!



The **Grade 8 Trip to Camp Olympia** takes place on June 11th, 12th and 13th!

This year's **Awards Celebration** will take place on Tuesday, June 24th at 1:00 p.m. in the gym!



The **Grade 8 Graduation** will take place on Wednesday, June 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish.

- Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, April 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

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

A student who is creative is their written work and their thinking. A reflective, creative, holistic thinker who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.

- **Hoops for Heart** will take place on **Thursday, April 24th in the morning.** **Jump Rope for Heart** will take place on the same day in the afternoon!

- Thank you to all students, parents and staff who supported our **Macmillan's Fundraiser!** The target date for delivery is **Tuesday, April 1st.** Large orders will be ready for pick up after 2:30 p.m.



Thank You!

- 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!



Life Touch Spring Photo Shoot: On **Monday, April 14th,** Life Touch will be here to conduct a Spring Photo Shoot. More information is forthcoming!



Food Drive:

E.C.C.S. will be conducting a food drive during Holy Week! The Food Bank is in need of snack items for lunches!



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!



EASTER TRIDUUM CELEBRATIONS:

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection with the following liturgies:

Holy Thursday (April 17th) at 7:30 P.M. with Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Good Friday (April 18th) at 3:00 P.M. with a Service of the Word and Veneration of the Cross and

7:00 P.M. with Stations of the Cross. Holy Saturday (April 19th) with an **Easter Vigil** Mass at 9:00 P.M. and **Easter Sunday** Masses (April 20th) at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 AM.

For further information about our celebrations contact Father John at 705-647-5035. Come and join us in our celebration of new life!

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

L. Hurtubise, Principal

