



ECCS Newsletter: December 2017

Sunday Mass

Masses at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish are Sundays at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. ALL are welcome to attend

December OMPH Schedule



Christmas Eve Masses: 6 pm, 10 pm and midnight at OMPH and 8 pm at St. Pat's.

Christmas Day Mass: 11 am at OMPH

Flu Season

With the flu season upon us, students and staff are reminded daily of the importance of proper hand washing and coughing/sneezing etiquette. In addition, parents/guardians are asked to please inform the school of any symptoms relating to your child(ren)'s illness when reporting an absence (i.e. fever, cough, sore throat, headache, fatigue, aches, pains and/or chills). This information will help in tracking trends in absenteeism rates and will further assist us in reporting accurate information to the local health unit if required. Children should remain at home when they are ill. We appreciate your continued support.

Chocolate Sales:

Please note that chocolate sales have been bumped to January 2018. However please feel free to ask about starting early if you are able to start selling now. This is a very important fundraiser for the school.

From the Principal's Desk

Here we go with one of the busiest times of the school year!! It is hard to believe that we are already into December. Many events and activities are squeezed into the final 15 school days leading up to Christmas. I'm sure that these days will fly by. I can't wait to hear about all of the Christmas excitement and family traditions that the kids tell me at this time of year! My hope for them and you is that you experience the joy and peace of Advent and then have a wonderful and MERRY Christmas when it comes! I also thank you for your support of our school, and I wish you a very Happy New Year in 2018!

Though this is easier said than done, I encourage you and your family to ignore the marketing pressure of the media this season, and keep Christ as the focus of your family's Christmas celebrations. **It is vital that children view the Christmas season as an opportunity to give rather than to receive.**

If you are a Catholic who has been away from your faith for a time and are interested in returning to the church, please consider attending Mass this weekend. Mass time at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is Sunday at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Also, if you are not a Catholic, but would like information on becoming one, please contact the school or Parish at 647-5035. Please know that you are always welcome at the Lord's Table!!

Matt Turner



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Catholic School Council

The third meeting of the ECCS Catholic School Council will be held **Monday, January 22nd at 6:00 pm**. Our meeting Agendas and Minutes are posted on the on the school website, as well as on the Catholic School Council bulletin board which is in the front lobby of the school.

Parents/Guardians are always welcome to attend our meetings.

Student Information

If at any time throughout the school year there is a change to student information (i.e. address or phone, medical information, custodial status, etc.), please inform the school immediately. It is extremely important that we are kept apprised of this type of information. If you have not already done so, please return the Student Information Update Forms that were forwarded to you. Even if there are no changes to the information, it is important that the forms are returned to the school.

Dress-Down Days

Fridays are "dress-down" days for the staff of ECCS. In order to dress down, staff members are asked to contribute to our Christmas Wish Campaign.

Snack Program

We continue to offer a universal snack program at the school. There is no formal Breakfast program at the school. If a student forgets to eat breakfast, they are welcome to access the classroom snack bins upon arrival to class.

Grade 8 Graduation: Graduation exercises will be held on Tuesday June 26th at 7:00 pm at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Church. This year we are encouraging parents and community members to consider sponsoring a graduation award. Please let us know if this may be of interest to you.

OMPH CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

ECCS will collect donations of non-perishable food for the OMPH Christmas Hampers. The collection period runs from December 11-21. The class who brings in the most items per capita wins a pizza lunch!! These hampers are distributed during the Christmas Season to less fortunate families within our community and surrounding area. Last day to bring in donations is December 21st. *Thank you for your generosity.*



ECCS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at 1 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Each of the classes will be performing. *Everyone is welcome to attend!*

Hot Chocolate!!!

Student council will be offering a hot chocolate/candy cane day on Wednesday, December 13th and 20th. Students will be able to pre-order hot chocolate and a candy cane, which will be delivered to their classroom that afternoon. Please support this student council fundraiser!

Wishing you peace and happiness during this joyous season. Merry Christmas!





December 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 First Sunday of Advent	4 Day 3 Advent Liturgy 9:30 am All Welcome!	5 Day 4	6 Day 5	7 Reconciliation Day 1 10:30 am Grade 3-6 Indoor Soccer 5:00-7:00 & Dance at 7:30-9pm	8 Day 2 Electronics Day! Please Bring in A Food Item!	9
10 Second Sunday of Advent	11 Day 3 Advent Liturgy 9:30 am All Welcome!	12 Day 4	13 Day 5 \$1.00	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16
17 Third Sunday of Advent	18 Day 3	19 Day 4 Christmas Concert 1:00 pm All Welcome	20 Day 1 Advent Mass 1:00 pm \$2.00	21 Day 1	22 Advent Liturgy 9:30 Day 2 Dress like Christmas!	23 Play Day Dec 22 in the am.
24 Fourth Sunday of Advent	25 	26	27	28	29	30
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Return to school after the holidays on January 8, 2018

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

COMING EVENTS - December 2017

AS A LEAD UP TO CHRISTMAS, OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP invites you view a diverse collection of nativity scenes (Crèche de Noël). A display of nativity scenes will be held in the parish hall on **Sunday, December 3rd after the 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Masses** and refreshments will be served.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP'S CHILLI DINNER AND LIGHTING OF OUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: On **Thursday, December 7th at 5:30 P.M.** in the **OMPH Parish hall**, we will host a free chilli dinner. At **6:30 P.M.** we will light our outside Christmas lights.

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting days of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday of Advent. **Friday, December, 8th from 12:00 P.M to 4:00 P.M., Friday, December 15th from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and Friday, December 22nd from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.** in the Church. All are welcome to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer. For further info, contact the office at 705-647-5035.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE will take place on **Monday, December 11th at 7:00 P.M.** There will be a short prayer service followed by individual confession. Two priests will be available. Come and be reconciled with God this Advent!

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP'S CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: To reach out to our sick and elderly parishioners we have introduced a monthly celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick for those in need of God's healing grace. According to the teaching of the Church, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick should be celebrated with people who are: 1) seriously ill, 2) are seriously weakened by advanced age, 3) are scheduled for serious surgery, or 4) are elderly but not weakened by age, but have no serious illness present. It is hoped that by offering the Sacrament more regularly, parishioners who are in need of it will take advantage of this opportunity Our next communal celebration will be on **Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 P.M.**

TIME FOR YOU AND ME: Is a group from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish that is open to everyone wanting to make a difference helping others in our Church, our community and our world! Join us for light lunch at **12:30 P.M. on Wednesday, December 13th.** There will also be a Christmas sing-a-long.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting its monthly Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood and religious life on **Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 P.M.** in the Church. This is one small way that we can help encourage and foster vocations within the Church. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: *Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish* will hold four Masses celebrating the Nativity of our Lord. They will take place on **Sunday, December 24th at 6:00 P.M., 10:00 P.M. and Midnight as well as Monday, December 25th at 11:00 A.M..** *Saint Patrick's Parish in Cobalt* will have a Mass on **Sunday, December 24th at 8:00 P.M..**

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE: *Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish* will celebrate the New Year with Mass on **Monday, January 1st at 11:00 A.M..** *Saint Patrick's Parish in Cobalt* will celebrate the New Year with Mass on **Sunday, December 31st at 5:00 P.M..**

OMPH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK: Check our new facebook page at facebook.com/OMPH.NL and stay up to date on the latest happenings in the <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NLParish>.

WEEKLY OMPH E-BULLETIN: If you would like to receive the weekly e-bulletin from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, please email omphoffice@gmail.com

PARISH WEBSITE: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish has updated its parish website. It contains information about the Parish, the weekly bulletin and a host of other useful information and links. Check out the website at www.ourmotherofperpetualhelp.ca.

Before & After School Program



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Ashlyn Little RECE

Activities

November brought so many great ideas by the children! We have done science experiments, made "smoke bombs" from flour and facial tissue, & tried wood working



by exploring simple tools. We are so thankful that Mr. Moore allows us to use the

scrap wood from the wood shop for our projects. We have played hockey and dodge ball in the gym, enjoy playing in the snow, building snowmen and snow forts.

We have auctioned off our centerpiece we made as a group to our parents to raise money for CJTT Christmas



Wish, and welcomed new friends to our fun!



Our absolute favourite activity was celebrating National Child Day on Monday, Nov. 20th by having breakfast with our parents and renting an inflatable to share with the whole school!



The children have so many great ideas and it is always fun to watch them try out their ideas even if it's an "epic fail" as we all know we learn the most from these moments and begin to problem solve. We are thrilled everyone has so much fun here!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

No full day program will be available at ECCS over the holidays but alternate care is available at other TCC Child Care locations. We will see

everyone on

Mon. Jan. 8, 2018.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Spaces are still available if you would like to register your child for the Before or After School Program, please contact Ashlyn Little, RECE, at 705-676-7609, or stop by the Home Economics room between 7:30-8:35 AM or 3:00-6:00 PM.

Dec. 7 – Happy Birthday Brooklyn!!

Dec. 17 – Happy Birthday Jacob!!

