



Falcon News



English Catholic Central School

February 2015

Second Term Begins at ECCS!

Staff and Students Keeping Busy in February!

It is hard to believe that we are now entering the month of February and we are officially beginning our second term on Monday, February 2nd! On behalf of the staff and students at English Catholic Central School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and volunteers for all that they have done to make our first term such a great success! Parent council would also like to thank students and parents for their help with the **Thornloe Cheese Fundraiser!** All forms are due in on February 2nd. Parent Council will send home notification indicating the total amount raised and when orders may be picked up!

A number of events will be taking place this month! Once again, our Grade 8s will be hosting their **Valentine Carnival** on **Tuesday, February 10th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** In addition to the carnival activities, the E.C.C.S. Student Council will be organizing a **Cake Decorating Contest!** Judging will be based on student involvement and creativity. There will be prizes for JK - 2, Grade 3 - 5 and Grade 6 - 8. Categories include: Most Unique, Most Creative, Most "Valentiney", and a People's Choice Award. See the attached flyer for additional details!



The **E.C.C.S. Public Speaking Contest** will take place on **Thursday, February 26th**. The times for each division is as follows:

- Primary** - 9:30 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.
- Junior** - 10:35 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
- Intermediate** - 12:45 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a those who will be advancing to the gym and then to the Legion the best of luck!

Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, February 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Studies room.

First Term Report Cards will go home on **Wednesday, February 18th**. Please note that while there are no formal interviews scheduled, you may arrange a meeting with your child's teacher at any time! An interview request form will be included in the report card package. Please be sure to sign and return the form to indicate that you have also received the report card!



Our Ash Wednesday Mass with Father Wayne will take place on Wednesday, February 18th at 9:30 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome!

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

*A student who demonstrates **Leadership** in the classroom; "**A Discerning Believer**" who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.*

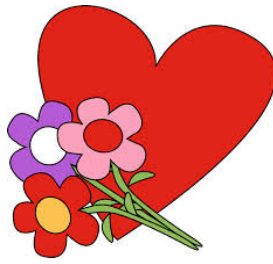


Wednesday, February 25th is Pink Shirt Day! Students are invited to wear pink to demonstrate their awareness of the need to stand up to bullying!

The Grade 7 and Grade 8 girls and boys basketball teams will travel to St. Michel on **Wednesday, February 25th** for their first basketball tournament. All permission forms must be submitted by this date. If you are able to help supervise, please contact the school!



Flower grams will be on sale again Monday, February 2nd - Friday, February 6th. The cost is \$2.50. See Mrs. Menard at lunch recess or Mrs. Minnett at the office.



First Communion Parent Meeting

Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

E.C.C.S. continues to hold **JK Registration for September 2015**. If you, or someone you know, has a child born in the year **2011** and would like further details, please contact the school at 647-4301. Registration is also available online at www.ncdsb.on.ca



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!

Inclement Weather/ Snow Days

A reminder to please listen to the radio or check our website (www.ncdsb.on.ca) with respect to bus **cancellations** on inclement weather days. The school will remain open but the programs available at school may be modified. Parents are asked to use discretion whether or not their child should attend school, and are reminded that once buses are cancelled they are cancelled for the whole day, so parents are responsible for transportation at the end of the day. For more information regarding student transportation, see the attachment from the North East Tri-Board Transportation Office.



This year's **March Break** will take place Monday, March 16th - Friday March 20th!



This month's virtue of the month is Temperance (Self-Control):

What is Temperance? Temperance is one of the four cardinal virtues. St. Thomas Aquinas ranked temperance as the fourth of the cardinal virtues, because it serves prudence, justice and fortitude. The moderation of our desires is essential to acting rightly (prudence), giving each one their (justice), and standing strong in the face of adversity (fortitude). Temperance is the virtue which attempts to overcome the human condition that "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Mark 14:38)



Monday, February 16th is **Family Day!** There are no classes on this day!



A Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in your home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen



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