



ECCS Newsletter: February 2018

Masses & Celebrations

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

Catholic School Council

Our meeting Agendas and Minutes are now on the on the school area of the Board website, as well as on the Catholic School Council bulletin board which is now up in the front lobby of the school. Parents/Guardians are always welcome to attend our meetings. A reminder that our main school yard improvement initiative will see the construction of a basketball court in the yard.

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. We appreciate your continued support.

NCDSB BOOK DRIVE!!

As part of an NCDSB community project, we are asking that you please donate any gently used books (for all ages) and educational supplies that you may have in your home. This Book Drive is part of a larger Northeastern Ontario project to fill a school library in Papua New Guinea and St. Anthony's Cathedral in Timmins will collect all books and ship them out in early March. We are assisting with giving the gift of reading and educational resources to those less fortunate than ourselves. Items can be dropped off anytime at the school.

From the Principal's Desk

This year, our Lenten season begins with **Ash Wednesday on February 14th**. This year we have a bit of an unfortunate "double booking" on the calendar that is beyond our control: Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day this year.... To ensure that Ash Wednesday is properly recognized at the school, we have "moved" Valentine's Day with any associated classroom events/activities to Monday February 12th. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Due to Father Wayne's continued recovery from illness, we will have a Communion Service rather than a Mass on Ash Wednesday at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Term 1 report cards will go home on Wednesday February 14th. Even though formal student-led conferences have passed, I encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teacher to discuss progress and next steps heading into term 2.

We have many activities throughout the month of February. Please see the calendar for details.

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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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 Community Cancer Campaign

Public Speaking

ECCS will be participating again in the Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking competition. Participation by students in this competition is **optional**. We will host an opportunity for interested students to practice their speech in front of an audience in the Library on Wednesday February 7th. Times TBD. The Branch-level competition is currently scheduled for Sunday February 25th.

Family Carnival

We will host our annual carnival on **Thursday February 22nd from 4:30 – 7:00 pm**. This event will once again feature face painting, tons of fun games and of course delicious food and treats! Thank you in advance for your support of this grade 7-8 fundraiser!

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.









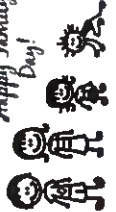
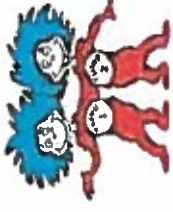


Lent!

The theme at school for helping students recognize three things they can do throughout Lent will be: **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. These are the “3 Pillars” of Lent. One tradition you may honour in your family is to “Give Up” something for Lent (fasting). By forgoing some non-essential part of our daily lives throughout Lent, it allows us to focus back onto Jesus, his sacrifice for us, and his promise of eternal life with him. Mr. Turner has not decided yet what will be coming off his treat menu, but Chocolate is a leading contender....



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Day 1	2 Please note: PA Day No School 	3 
4 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4  Speeches in the Library	8 Day 5  Dental Screening!	9 Day 1	10
11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12 Day 2  "Valentine's Day at ECCS" (because the 14 th is Ash Wednesday)	13 Day 3 No Hot Dogs today Olympics Day! Shrove Tuesday	14 Day 4  Report Cards go home.	15 Day 5 Canadian Attire Day Flag Day Ceremony 1:00 pm Gr. 8 Night @ TDSS 6:15 pm 	16 Day 1	17
18 	19 Day 2  Happy Family Day!	20 Day 1	21 Day 3	22 Day 4 Prayer for Diocese Carnival 4:30-7:00pm Hockey Ticket Draw! Scholastic Due	23 Day 5  Twins Day	24
25 Second Sunday of Lent	26 Please note: PA Day No School	27 Day 1	28 Day 2  Electives Day!	March 1 Virtue Liturgy 9:30 am		

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

COMING EVENTS - February 2018

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Our Mother of Perpetual Help will host a Men's Fellowship Breakfast on **Saturday, February 17th at 8:30AM**, in the Parish hall (81 Maple St. North New Liskeard). This breakfast is open to all men of faith.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will take place on **Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 P.M. and at 5:00 P.M. at St. Patrick's Parish in Cobalt.**

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting days of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday of Lent (**February 16th and 23rd**) from **12:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.** in the Church. All are welcome to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer. For more information, please contact the office at 705-647-5035.

EUCHRE & DESSERT PARTY: Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be hosting a euchre and dessert party on **Saturday, February 24th at 7:30 P.M.** There is no admission charge but participants are asked to bring a plate of your favourite dessert to share. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of cards and fun! For more information please contact the office at 705-647-5035.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER will take place **Tuesday, February 13th from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.** The Knights of Columbus are our hosts and they welcome you and your family to begin Lent with this annual event. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. For more information please call the office at 705-647-5035.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday, during the Season of Lent (**February 16th and 23rd**) **Saint Patrick's Parish in Cobalt** will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross **at 7:00 P.M.** We encourage you to come out and participate in this traditional devotion. For more information, please contact the office at 705-647-5035.

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME PROGRAM: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish offers a children's program (for children from JK until grade three) each Sunday during our 11:00 A.M. Mass. The children are dismissed downstairs just after Mass begins and return at the time of the offertory procession. During their time together they hear the gospel read at their level and work on an activity or craft based on the theme of the gospel. For further information, call the Parish Office at 705-647-5035.

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. Stay in touch with all the latest news and events on a weekly basis.

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 RECF

Activities

We had fun in January playing basketball in the gym. Often the children would want to engage in a fun game of basketball together where they all encouraged each other to play and if they responded "No, I'm not very good." The response was always "Neither are any of us, it's just fun!" They all demonstrated their knowledge of the rules and even though they are still learning they always knew who got to throw the ball back in if it went out of bounds.



Two of the after school children found out that our broken magnify glass frame works well as a bubble wand. They were using dish soap as part of their science experiment of mixing

ingredients when one tried to blow a bubble with the magnify glass frame.

From here they all started to try to make their own bubble



wands from different materials in the class.

Another activity the children requested was to paint on canvas. After Ashlyn purchased a canvas for each of the children, their creativity began to flow and each painting was so different. They used spray bottles for watered down paint, and tape for different layered designs, as well as regular paint brushes. Who knows what Feb. will bring?



**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2018
PD DAY**

No full day program will be available at ECCS on Feb. 2 but alternate care is available at other TCC Child Care locations.

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

Feb. 9 – Happy Birthday
Gavin!

Feb. 16 – Happy Birthday
Brady!

Feb. 24 – Happy Birthday
Terri-Lynn!

Feb. 29 – Happy Birthday
Peter!