



# Falcon News



English Catholic Central School

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## March - Focus On Forgiveness!

### E.C.C.S. Celebrates Lent and Forgiveness!

As we begin the season of Lent, we are reminded that this special season provides all of us with a time to prepare for the essence of our faith - **the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ**. As in previous years, our school community will begin the Liturgical Season of Lent with the distribution of ashes on **Ash Wednesday** and our Lenten promises. These promises will be our focus for the forty days of Lent and will be a reminder that Lent is a time to change the things in our lives which separate us from Jesus. Some of us have chosen to give-up something like candy or TV, remembering each time we deny ourselves the huge sacrifice that Jesus made for our sins. Others have chosen to add something to our daily lives that will bring us closer to Jesus, like extra time given over to prayer or volunteering extra time in the community. Whatever the case, we know that keeping our promises is difficult and that sometimes we may slip, but it is a good lesson for us and for our students to keep on trying and **not to give up!** It is our hope that by all of us taking time from our busy schedules to develop our relationship with God, we can use the Lenten season to develop a greater appreciation of the life that God is calling each of us to lead.



that **forgiveness is a gift** and it is a gift to our children when we teach and model forgiveness to them. As we continue our special preparations during the Lenten Season here at English Catholic Central School, we hope that you will find time to join us!

Our **Lenten Noon Hour Masses** this year will take place on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.. Student's have the opportunity to board buses and attend mass with other parishioners at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish. Staff and students enjoy spending this time together in prayer as we journey through Lent and prepare for our Easter celebrations!

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

- **First Term Report Cards** were sent home on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please note that while there are no formal interviews scheduled, you may arrange a meeting with your child's teacher at any time!



- E.C.C.S. students are once again taking part in a school wide fund raising event. E.C.C.S. has teamed up once again with **MacMillan's** and students are asked to sell to family and friends! The forms are due back in on March 6<sup>th</sup> or March 17<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to sell over the March Break! The funds raised will go towards covering the costs of student activities in each division.

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

We are on the web @ <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca>  
Click on "Our Catholic Schools"



How timely is it then that this month's virtue is **forgiveness**? Not only because we are entering the season of Lent, but also because it is an important cornerstone of our Faith and one that Jesus modeled for us in his life and death. This month, we are reminded

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 and who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively and responds critically in light of gospel values.

On Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, students are once again encouraged to participate in **Earth Hour** at 8:30 p.m. Students are reminded to **turn out the lights**, to stand up and to get involved and help lead the global journey to a sustainable future. For more information, see [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)



Congratulations to the boys and girls basketball teams for two excellent days at the TDSS and the St. Michel Tournaments. There are three events left! A reminder that all permission forms must be submitted by these dates. See below for details!

**Girls B Team - March 6<sup>th</sup> in Notre Dame Du Nord**  
**Grade 5/6 Mixed Team - March 25<sup>th</sup> at NLPS**  
**Boys A Team - March 20<sup>th</sup> in Timmins**



Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> is **Winter Carnival Day** at E.C.C.S for all primary students in grades JK-2 and **Electives Day** for students in grades 3-8! Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the outdoor activities! While our younger students will remain at the school to participate in fun activities, some of the activities

for the older grades will include: ice fishing, hockey, curling, computer programming and art/cooking appreciation.


Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> is **Electronic's Day** at E.C.C.S.. Student's who wish to use their electronic devices are asked to bring in a **canned good**. Please note that the rules for all electronics must still be followed. All devices must be used responsibly and only with the permission of the classroom teacher. In addition, the school will not be responsible for lost or damaged devices!




**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!





## Forgive Me



Dear God,

I know that I've done wrong through my thoughts, my actions, and the things that I've said, sometimes by mistake and sometimes on purpose. I have gone my own way and not put you at the center of my life.

I am very sorry and ask that you please forgive me. I thank you that I can ask you this because I truly believe that your Son, Jesus, died in my place and, through Him, I have access to you.

Please help me to follow you more closely every day and live a life which gives glory back to you. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.



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