



# Falcon News



English Catholic Central School

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## Growing Together in Faith!



Staff and students at E.C.C.S.  
Celebrate Catholic Education Week  
May 5<sup>th</sup> - May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, parents and volunteers for helping to make our events in April such a huge success! As we enter the month of May, the staff and students at E.C.C.S. will begin their special preparations to celebrate Catholic Education Week! This year's theme is "**Growing Together in Faith**". From May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>, students will have the opportunity to reflect on the gift of their Catholic Education and celebrate our uniqueness as a Catholic school. There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week. In addition to the special events planned, your child will be engaged in activities and discussions which highlight: a Faith that is Rooted, Faith that is Nurtured, Faith that is Discerned, Faith that is Witnessed and Faith that is Celebrated. Catholic schools are Catholic communities. Catholic schools are faith communities. We - parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff - walk and grow together in faith. We hope that you can join us for our school celebrations. For more information regarding Catholic Education Week, go to [www.goodnewsforall.ca](http://www.goodnewsforall.ca)



As part of our special celebrations, and to mark **World Catholic Education Day on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**, E.C.C.S. will be hosting its first **Daytime Open House from 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.** Parents are invited into their child's classroom to view their best work and to witness the great work that we do as a Catholic school!

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

### Important Grade 8 Dates!

The **Grade 8 Trip to Niagara Falls** takes place on May 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>!

This years' **Awards Celebration** will take place on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the gym!

The **Grade 8 Graduation** will take place on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish.



- Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Studies room.

- Our **Catholic Education Week Mass** with Father John will take place on **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:35 a.m.** in the gym. All are welcome!

- A reminder to parents of students in Grade 3 and Grade 6 that their children will be writing the **EQAO Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics** from May 27<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>. The testing dates are as follows: **Grade 3 - May 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**. **Grade 6 - June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>**. More information is to follow!

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- The **Book Fair** will be open all week to students beginning **May 6<sup>th</sup> - May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Parents will also be able to view the Book Fair at the **Open House** or on the evening of **May 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

- A special thank you to all students who collected pledges and took part in the **Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart** event. Many thanks also to Mme. Catt and Mme. Birch for organizing the day! Altogether, almost \$5000.00 was raised for the Heart and Stroke Foundation!

- As part of our Catholic Education Week celebrations, our **New Beginnings Luncheon** will take place on **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m.**



Staff and students at E.C.C.S. (along with our retired Catholic school teachers) will enjoy a special lunch consisting of ham, caesar salad, cheese, pickles, buns, cupcake and juice! We will all gather to share our meal together in the gym! If they should so choose, students still have the option of bringing their own lunch to the gym!

- As part of our **Catholic Education Week** activities, students in JK-Grade 4 will once again have the opportunity to participate in **World Kids Colouring Day on May 6<sup>th</sup>!** Each participating child is asked to give a **small** donation. The money raised will go towards the **Save the Children** organization which helps to ensure that children around the world receive a proper education.

- The **Book Fair** will run all week in the Library from May 6<sup>th</sup> - May 10<sup>th</sup>.

- May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the **E.C.C.S. Track and Field Day!** Be sure to dress for the weather!

- **May 27<sup>th</sup> is Shades of Fun Day!** Students are encouraged to wear their sun glasses to protect their eyes from the sun. Student Council will make a donation to the CNIB!



- Our E.C.C.S. **Magazine Campaign** will begin later this month! A reminder that students are encouraged to sell to friends and family or simply renew subscriptions! Order forms are due back into the office on **Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.** Note that orders can also be placed online at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) Cheques should be made payable to English Catholic Central School. The proceeds raised from the Magazine Campaign will go towards technology upgrades throughout the school!



### **National Week for Life and the Family** **May 12<sup>th</sup> - May 19<sup>th</sup> 2013**

The family plays a vital role in our society - in our schools, in our work places and in our churches! In order to honour our families, throughout this week, the staff at E.C.C.S. will pray **The Family Prayer**. We invite you and your family to join us!

#### **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**

- The **Grade 4 Bible Celebration** will take place on **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** in the Library.

- Our annual **E.C.C.S. Spring Photo Shoot** will take place all day on **May 16<sup>th</sup> in the library.** A letter and order form has been sent home along with the May Newsletter.



**F**inally, as the warmer weather approaches, students are reminded that **flip flops** are not permitted at school and that sandals without straps are not permitted on outdoor equipment due to safety reasons. In addition, **all** shorts and skirts must consistently be at finger tip length. For more information, see the school agenda insert that was sent home and signed by students at the beginning of the year!

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