



Falcon News



'Lord, make us instruments of your peace...'

English Catholic Central School

May 2014



Serving in the Love of Christ



Staff and students at E.C.C.S. Celebrate Catholic Education Week May 5th - May 9th, 2014

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 "**Serving in the Love of Christ**". From May 5th to May 9th, 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 how we are called to serve with faithfulness, humility, compassion, justice and joy! Catholic schools are Catholic communities. Catholic schools are faith communities. We - parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff - walk and grow together in faith and are called to serve in the Love of Christ! We hope that you can join us for our school celebrations. For more information regarding Catholic Education Week, go to www.goodnewsforall.ca

As part of our special celebrations, on **Thursday, May 8th**, E.C.C.S. will be hosting an **Open House from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 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!



- Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, May 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Studies room.

- Our **Catholic Education Week Mass** with Father John will take place on **Monday, May 5th at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym. All are welcome!



- The **Grade 4 Bible Celebration** will take place on **Friday, May 30th at 11:00 a.m.** in the Library.

- **E.C.C.S. to Change French Immersion Designation to Extended French (Grades 5-8)**



Since the beginning of September, E.C.C.S. has been in discussion with **Senior Administration** and **Parent Council** about changing its designation as a **Late Immersion Program to Extended French**. With courses such as Family Studies, Industrial Arts and Music being taught in English at the Grade 7 and 8 level, it has become increasingly difficult to meet the ministry mandate of a 50-50 Immersion program. Consequently, effective September 2014, we will be changing from French Immersion (Grades 5-8) to an Extended French Program (Grades 5-8). This will allow us to ensure that subjects such as math and science can be taught in English at the Grade 7 and 8 level. More information from the school board is to follow but should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school!

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

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 26th to June 6th. The testing dates are as follows: **Grade 3 - May 26th, 27th and 28th. Grade 6 - June 3rd, 4th, and 5th.** More information is to follow!

Education Quality and Accountability Office



Important Grade 8 Dates!

Graduation Photos will take place on **May 15th**! Envelopes will be sent home soon!

The **Grade 8 Trip to Camp Olympia** takes place on June 11th, 12th and 13th.

This years' **Awards Celebration** will take place on Tuesday, June 24th at 1:00 in the gym!

The **Grade 8 Graduation** will take place on Wednesday, June 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish.



- Our annual **E.C.C.S. Spring Photo Shoot** will take place all day on **Thursday, May 1st in the library**. This year, we welcome Life Touch. Please note that they will photograph all students and then send home a proof package and those parents who wish to place an order may do so at that time!

- 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 volunteers for organizing the day! Altogether, almost \$6000.00 was raised for the Heart and Stroke Foundation!

- As part of our Celebration of **World Catholic Education Day** which takes place on May 29th, we will host our **New Beginnings Luncheon!** 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.

- The **Book Fair** will run all week in the Library from May 5th - May 9th. It will also be open during the Open House!



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

- Due to the late spring, **Track and Field** dates have not been determined! More information is to follow!



- May 4th -10th is also **Children's Mental Health Week!** For more information about what is happening in our community, see the attached flyer regarding the upcoming workshop: **Strength-Based Parenting Strategies to Enhance the Psychological Well-Being in Children and Adolescents.**

National Week for Life and the Family May 11th - May 18th 2014

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 Prayer for Family**. We invite you and your family to join us!

Prayer For Family

God of all times and places, we ask you to be with us as we pray.

For families who struggle to speak to one another in love,
For families who delight in being together,
For families who want to live with less in order that others might live with more,

For families who do not have enough, and struggle for the necessities of life,

For families who read your word together,
For families who find it hard to spend time together,

For my family,
For the families in my community,

For the families of our parish,
For the families around the world,

For all families, we pray that your love will grow in them so that your love will shine through them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

L. Hurtubise, Principal