



Falcon News



English Catholic Central School

May 2015



Jar Wars Begins May 4th!



Staff and students at E.C.C.S. Celebrate Catholic Education Week May 4th - May 8th, 2015

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! On a particular note, I would like to thank **Parent Council** for all their hard work on the Spring Tea, Dessert and Art Show. As a result of their efforts, E.C.C.S. now has its very own school mascot! Felix the Falcon is a wonderful addition to our school community and he is a great example of our school spirit and pride! In addition, Parent Council has purchased new Buddy Benches for the school yard as well as outdoor equipment such as basketballs, volleyballs, frisbees and sand box toys!



- As part of our Catholic Education Week celebrations, students at E.C.C.S. will have the opportunity to participate in **JAR WARS: BOYS -VS- GIRLS!** Classes will be collecting small change to donate to Father Marco who works for the Consolata Missionaries in Toronto. Father Marco's mission is to drill wells to help bring water to remote villages in Third World Countries who are in desperate need of this precious life giving source. The contest will end with a **final tally on Star Wars Dress Up Day May 15th**. The grand prize ... bragging rights!



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
Exploring Paths of JOY

Each 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 **"Exploring Paths of Joy"**. From May 4th to May 8th, 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 be a people of joy. Catholic schools are faith communities. We - parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff - walk and grow together in faith and are called to live and serve others with joy! We hope that you can join us for our school celebrations. For more information regarding Catholic Education Week, go to www.goodnewsforall.ca

- Our **Catholic Education Week Prayer Service** and Jar Wars kick off will take place on **Monday, May 4th at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym. All are welcome!

- Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, June 1st, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Studies room.

- The **Grade 4 Bible Celebration** will take place on **Thursday, May 7th at 11:00 a.m.** in the gym.



- 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 2nd, 3rd and 4th.** More information is to follow!

Education Quality and Accountability Office



Important Grade 8 Dates!

Graduation Photos will take place on May 13th. The graduates will have their photos taken and then proofs will be sent home.

The **Grade 8 Trip** takes place on May 26th and May 27th.

This years' **Awards Celebration** will take place on Monday, June 22nd at 1:00 in the gym!

The **Grade 8 Graduation** will take place on Wednesday, June 24th at 6:30 p.m. at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish.



- May 4th - 9th is also **Children's Mental Health Week!** For more information about what is happening in our community, see the attached flyer regarding the **Be Kind and Pass it On** initiative. Also, be sure to have your student complete the attached word search - they could win a bike!



- There will be a **Parent Meeting** for Grade 4 parents who wish to explore the option of **Extended French in Grade 5**. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Mme. Catt's room.



National Week for Life and the Family
May 10th - May 17th 2015

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

- Our annual **E.C.C.S. Spring Photo Shoot** will take place all day on **Thursday, May 14th in the library**. Please see the attached information from Photografiks!



- 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 Mrs. Cull and Mme. Birch and volunteers for organizing the day! Altogether, almost \$4000.00 was raised for the Heart and Stroke Foundation!



- The **Book Fair** will run all week in the Library from May 4th - May 8th. Each class will have an opportunity to tour the book fair. Students can also purchase books during recess breaks!



- May 26th 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!



- Track and Field Dates:

May 6th - Gord Zubyck Memorial Meet,
May 12th - ECCS Track and Field Day at TDSS,
May 20th - Branch 33 Track and Field Day at TDSS. More information is to follow!



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