



ECCS Newsletter: February 2016

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 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. Thank you to everyone for your support of our recent Thornloe Cheese fundraiser! Total profit will be announced in the March newsletter. Cheese will be delivered to us on **Thursday February 11th**.

Student Information

If at any time throughout the school year there is a change to student information (i.e. address or phone, medical information, custodial status, etc.), please inform the school immediately. It is extremely important that we are kept apprised of this type of information. If you have not already done so, please return the Student Information Update Forms that were forwarded to you. Even if there are no changes to the information, it is important that the forms are returned to the school.



Looking for Used Guitars!

ECCS music program is looking for used guitars that you may have at home and would like to donate to our music program.

From the Principal's Desk

This year, our Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 10th. As always, you are welcome to join with our school community by attending our Mass on this day starting at 1:00 pm. Lent is the period of time when we are called to examine ourselves through careful reflection: Who are we really? Who is God calling us to be, and how are we living out that call in our everyday lives? Such reflection can sometimes be uncomfortable, making us face the need to reorder our priorities and our ways of living. However, this discomfort may be necessary if we are truly to experience the joy of the resurrection. It is in this joy that I wish you and your family Christ's peace throughout your Lenten journey... To better live out our faith, we are happy to carry on the tradition of weekly, optional lunchtime Masses at OMPH for students throughout Lent.

Term 1 report cards will go home on February 17th. Even though formal parent-teacher interviews have passed, I encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teacher to discuss progress and next steps heading into term 2.

Also, just a reminder to anyone with an email address that you are welcome to join my email list, where you will receive office correspondence directly to your inbox! **Also a reminder of our Facebook group "English Catholic Central School".**

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!!

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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 Biker’s Reunion Campaign

Public Speaking

ECCS will be holding its annual Public Speaking competition in the school library on Thursday, March 3rd. Participation by students in this competition is optional. You are welcome to come and listen to the students speak. The top three finishers in each of the categories will go on to compete at the Branch Level of competition at the Legion on Sunday, March 6th at. The first place finishers in each of the categories at the Branch Level will compete at the Zone competition. *Best of luck to all of the speakers!*

Snack Program

We continue to offer a universal snack program at the school. There is no formal Breakfast program at the school. If a student forgets to eat breakfast, they are welcome to access the classroom snack bins upon arrival to class. Thank you to our volunteers Mrs. Donck, Ms. Batisse, Mrs. Hartzke and Mrs. Turner who run this program!!

In The News!!!!

As a school, we would like to celebrate the involvement of our staff and students in the greater community. Please join us by clipping any photos, captions, or articles that make mention of an ECCS member in the newspaper and kindly forward them to the school. These newsworthy events will then be displayed with pride in our school.

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.

Music Lessons

Are you interested in music lessons for your child and looking for a qualified teacher? Debbie Bandy will be available for piano & theory lessons at the school on Fridays. (Ages 7 & up). For more information – email bandydeborah@gmail.com or call 705-647-7576