



## ECCS Newsletter: January 2016

*Happy  
New Year*

### 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

### Flu Season

With the flu season upon us, students and staff are reminded daily of the importance of proper hand washing and coughing/sneezing etiquette. In addition, parents/guardians are asked to please inform the school of any symptoms relating to your child(ren)'s illness when reporting an absence (i.e. fever, cough, sore throat, headache, fatigue, aches, pains and/or chills). This information will help in tracking trends in absenteeism rates and will further assist us in reporting accurate information to the local health unit if required. Children should remain at home when they are ill. We appreciate your continued support.

*Junior  
Kindergarten  
Registration  
January 26<sup>th</sup>*



ECCS is holding Junior Kindergarten Registration for children, born in 2012, who will be starting school in September 2016. Please stop by the school to pick up your registration package, and tour the school.

### From the Principal's Desk

With the excitement and joy of the Christmas season behind us, January provides students with an excellent opportunity to focus on their learning, and on their role as young Christians. In this regard, it is vital that a child's education occur through partnership with school, home, community and Parish. I encourage you to consider how you can become more involved in your child's education at school. For more information, please ask your child's teacher for how you can help. Also, I have included a link to the parent area on the Ministry of Education website for your information. [www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/).

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 Twitter feed @ECCSNCDSEB.**

Lastly, January 26<sup>th</sup> will be our Junior Kindergarten registration day. Next year's JK students are children born in 2012. If you know of any friends or family who are undecided about which school to send their child to next year, please invite them to contact me. I would love to talk to them about what a wonderful school ECCS is!!

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!!

Matt Turner



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### **Catholic School Council**

The third meeting of the ECCS Catholic School Council will be held **Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**. 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. This year we will once again be selling Thornloe Cheese as our major fundraiser. Sales will run from January 13<sup>th</sup> - January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

### ***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

### **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.

### **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!!

### **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](mailto:bandydeborah@gmail.com) or call 705-647-7576