



Falcon News



English Catholic Central School

November 2014



E.C.C.S. Remembers!



Lest We Forget!

Every year on November 11th, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. We honour those who fought for Canada in the First World War (1914-1918) and the Korean War (1950-1953), as well as those who have served since then. More than 1 500 000 Canadians have served our country in this way, and more than 100 000 have died. They gave their lives and their futures so that we may live in peace. This year at ECCS, during our Remembrance Ceremony on November the 6th, we will also pray in a special way for the families of Corporal Nathan Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent.

On behalf of the staff and students at E.C.C.S., I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the **Nor Card Fundraising Campaign!** Altogether, students brought in approximately \$14,000.00 in sales. With 50% of the funds raised going back to the school, this enabled us to put approximately \$7000.00 towards student activities and year end trips! Thank you!

November's virtue of the month is **Prudence** (Wisdom). Our quote for this month is "How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!" (Proverbs 16:16) Prudence has three steps: seeking the proper, most loving thing to do; judging what is the best choice; and confidently acting. Prudence is visible in our Catholic schools when we reflect on our actions as Jesus' disciples and act in His love. This month at English Catholic School, we will express our prudence by thinking before we act!



Our **ECCS Spirit Wear** will once again be on sale this month! Eagles Wings Embroidery will be in the library on **Tuesday, November 18th from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Parents and students are invited to drop in to view the items that are available! More information is to follow!

The NCDSB Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Needs You!

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is seeking an elementary parent representative to become a part of the board's **Catholic Faith Advisory Committee**. The mandate of this committee is to encourage and enhance the spiritual development of all partners involved in the education and formation of our students, increase the communication with our partners in education and strengthen the distinct nature and character of our Catholic school communities. This committee meets 3 times during the school year and asks for a 2 year term commitment. The committee will work towards two achievable goals yearly that supports the mandate of the committee. For a complete copy of the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee mandate and terms of reference, please contact Andrew Marks, NCDSB Community Relations Officer at the phone number and/or email address provided. All interested persons are asked to submit her/his name to her/his child's Principal or directly to our Catholic School Board office by contacting Andrew Marks at 705-268-7443 or amarks@ncdsn.on.ca Also attached is a letter from our Director of Education, Glenn Sheculski seeking your input as the Northeastern Catholic District School Board begins a review of its operations to revise its strategic plan.

Other Important Dates:

- **Progress Reports** will go home on **Wednesday, November 12th** and **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for **Thursday, November 20th** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. More information is to follow!
- Our **Remembrance Ceremony** will take place on **Thursday, November 6th at 9:30 a.m.** in the gym. If your child belongs to a service organization, please remind them to wear their uniform for our procession into the gym!

- Our next **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on Monday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Attached is an update of council activities from the Chair!. As always, parents are welcome to attend!

- The Grade 7 and 8 Girls and Boys **Volleyball Tournaments** will take place on **November 19th** (A Teams in Englehart), **November 26th** (B Teams at the School of Mines) and **November 27th** (A Teams at St. Michel). If you can help supervise, please contact the school!

Sacramental Preparation Dates



First Reconciliation Retreat

Sunday, November 30th at 1:30 at OMPH

Confirmation Enrolment

Sunday, November 16th at 11:00 a.m. at OMPH



Our **All Souls Mass** with Father Wayne will take place on **Monday, November 3rd at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym. All are welcome!

The Grade 8 Spaghetti

Supper and Silent Auction will take place on **Thursday, November 27th from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.**



School Photos! Students in Grades JK/SK through to Grade 3 will have their photos taken on **Tuesday, November 4th**. Students in Grades 4 through to Grade 8 will have their photos taken on **Wednesday, November 5th**. A reminder that again this year, envelopes will be delivered to parents **after** the photo shoot with proofs that parents can choose from!



NOTE: This year's **Christmas Concert** will take place on **Thursday, December 18th, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym!



Finally, E.C.C.S. is once again proud to participate in **CJTT's Annual Christmas Wish Telethon**. Students and parents have always been extremely generous during this silver collection campaign. More information is to follow and we will be sure to let you know the final outcome!

Tips for Parent Teacher Conferences



This year, our Parent - Teacher Conferences will be held on **Thursday, November 20th from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** They are opportunities for parents and teachers to talk together about how to help each child succeed and be happy at school. Your form to book a conference time will be included with your child's progress report. Conferences are short (10 minutes) so it is best to prepare before the conference to make the best use of that short time.

PREPARE

Read your child's progress report. Make notes about your questions and concerns. Talk to your child about the report. Is she/he happy with her/his progress? Was she/he surprised by any comments on the report? Ask the child to predict what the teacher is going to tell you. Then, ask what she/he would like you to discuss with the teacher.

ASK QUESTIONS

Arrive on time. Bring your child's progress report and your list of questions with a notepad and pen to make notes. Jotting down notes as you go along is a good way to jog your memory later. Parent teacher conferences are strictly confidential, so you may share personal information that might be affecting your child's progress or behaviour at school (e.g. family illness, job search, new baby). This information will help the teacher understand your child better. Every parent wants to hear how wonderful his/her child is - and the teacher should tell you about your child's special skills and achievements. But one of the main functions of the interview is to point out areas where your child has room to develop. Resist the urge to be defensive and work with the teacher to look at ways that you can support your child's learning at home. Strive to keep the lines of communication open and friendly!

AFTER THE INTERVIEW

Before you say goodbye, find out the best way to follow-up with the teacher. Schedule another meeting, if necessary, or find out the best time to call the teacher. Review any decisions you have made together. Once you are home, talk to your child about the meeting. Be sure to pass on praise - yours and the teachers' - before bringing up any issues of concern. Follow-up on anything your child talked about before the meeting. Talk about how you and the teacher are going to help with the things that need to be improved!

L. Hurtubise, Principal