



ECCS Newsletter: October 2015

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

Milk Program

The ECCS Milk Program has begun once again. We will continue with the pre-order system each month. Orders for October have already been submitted, and the order forms for November will be sent home soon. All money raised will be used for student resources and activities.

October 12th is Thanksgiving Day

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be sent home on Wednesday, November 11th. Parent-Teacher Meetings will be held November 19th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Interview request forms will be sent home towards the end of October. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please ensure that your request form is returned to the school as soon as possible. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. In the meantime, please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.



Open House & Barbeque

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have postponed our Open House and BBQ that was originally scheduled for October 6th. A new date will be determined and communicated through a future letter home. Thank you for your understanding.

Cross Country

Our team will go to the Nordic Ski Club in Cobalt on Thursday, October 8th to compete in the TDSS Invitational Cross Country Meet. Please return permission forms when they come home. *Good luck team!*



From the Principal's Desk

I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received as your new Principal. I am trying my best to learn everyone's name, but sorry in advance if I forget yours! There has not been a day that has gone by that I am not thankful for the privilege to be at ECCS, with all of our wonderful students and staff! This really is a special school.

Of course we know that Thanksgiving is just around the corner as well as our upcoming first school Mass and Virtue Assembly. We must always remember that it is very easy to become ungrateful.... "Thanks" is a simple word. However, true Gratitude is not simply demonstrated by saying "Thanks" when someone does something nice for us. We must always teach children to be thankful for the good things they have in their lives, as well as be thankful for God's ultimate gift to us, His Son Jesus Christ.

We have many interesting events happening at the school throughout October, so please refer to the calendar for more details.

An important reminder about our Twitter feed @ECCSNCSB. Please follow us! Also, if you have not already, please let me know your email address and I will include you on our parent/guardian email contact list.

As always, please contact your child's teacher(s) if you have any questions or concerns about their progress.

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

Catholic School Council

The first meeting of the ECCS Catholic School Council will be held **Monday, October 5th at 6:00 pm**. The main goal of this year's Council will be to increase parental involvement and participation in school based activities and improvement planning, as well as to raise funds to improve the school experience for ECCS students. We will post our meeting agenda and minutes on the school website, as well as on the Catholic School Council bulletin board which will be put up in the front lobby of the school. Parents/Guardians are always welcome to attend our meetings.

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 Christmas Wish Campaign.

Picture Day

Picture Day is Tuesday, October 27th for JK-grade 3 and Wednesday October 29th for grade 4-8. All students will be photographed. If you have any questions, please contact the 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.

Lunchtime Fundraising

THANK YOU to everyone for their patience as we have adjusted our lunchtime food services following the retirement of Mrs. Grzelak.



Hot Dog Days will now be offered every Tuesday. The first day will be October 6th. Hot dogs are \$1.50 each and students can purchase them on the spot at the beginning of lunch. No pre-ordering is required. All proceeds from hot dog days go towards the Grade 7-8 year-end class trip.

Sub Days will be every Wednesday, with order forms due back to the school on the preceding Monday. Our first sub day will be October 7th. All proceeds from both of these days will go towards Grade 5-6 Extended French and Grade 6 English class year-end activities.

Pizza Days will be held every Friday. Pizza slices are \$2.00 each. No pre-ordering is required. The first pizza day will be October 9th. All funds raised will be used for Student resources and activities at the school.

It would be very helpful if exact change was sent with students, as well as cheques being made out for each separate fundraising campaign

Friday, October 30th is Halloween a day early!

Students may bring their costumes to school on Friday, October 30th. Please ensure that costumes are in good taste and are in keeping with our school dress code. The school will not be responsible for damaged or lost costumes.

Also, students and staff are encouraged to wear black and orange.

Black & Orange Day October 30th



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