

## ECCS Newsletter: October 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

#### **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 go towards grade 2-3 year end activities. *In the event that there is a surplus in these funds, money will be put towards general student activities such as buses for sports teams.* 





#### **Progress Reports**

Progress Reports will be sent home on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held November 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m. In the meantime, please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

#### **Cross Country**

Our team will go to the Nordic Ski Club in Cobalt on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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

September has flown by... It has been a good start up at ECCS and the children have settled into their learning and social routines very well! Of course we know that Thanksgiving is just around the corner as well as our upcoming first school Mass and Virtue Assembly. At our opening liturgy in early September, students were encouraged to "dig deep" to find things in their lives to be truly thankful for. We must always teach children to be thankful for the good things they have in their lives. They must also be taught to be mindful that there are people in our world who are far less fortunate. Lastly, we must continually 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 Facebook group **"English Catholic Central School".** 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!!

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#### **Catholic School Council**

The first meeting of the ECCS Catholic School Council will be held **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> for JKgrade 3 and Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you to our volunteers Mrs. Donck and Mrs. Turner for running this important program. There is no formal Breakfast program at the school. If a student forgets to eat breakfast, they are welcome to access the classroom snack

#### **Lunchtime Fundraising**

*Hot Dog Days* will again be offered every Tuesday. The first day will be October 4<sup>th</sup>. Hot dogs are \$1.50 each and students can purchase them using the monthly



purchase them using the monthly order form or on the spot at the beginning of lunch. 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 Tuesday. Our first sub day will be October 5<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go towards Grade 5-6 Extended French and Grade 6-7 English class year-end activities.

*Pizza Days* will be held every Friday. Pizza slices are \$2.00 each. The first pizza day will be October 7<sup>th</sup>. All funds raised will be used for the grade 4-5 class year-end activities. *In the event that there is a surplus in these funds, money will be put towards general student activities such as buses for sports teams*.

# Monday, October 31st is Halloween!

Students may bring their costumes to school on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. They can wear them in the afternoon. 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 31<sup>d</sup>

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 Mondays. (Ages 7 & up). For more information – email bandydeborah@gmail.com or



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