



Falcon News



'Lord, make us instruments of your peace...'

English Catholic Central School

October 2011



Happy Thanksgiving!



E.C.C.S. staff and students full of gratitude!

As we enter the month of October, I would like to thank parents for the overwhelming support offered to both the staff and students during the month of September! Of particular note, was the wonderful turn out we had of parents and grandparents who took the time to walk with us at the New Liskeard Fall Fair. We could not have participated in this community event without your support!

As the Northeastern Catholic District School Board's virtue of the month for October is Gratitude, the staff at E.C.C.S. would once again like to express their appreciation to a number of our volunteers and community organizations who regularly assist us in our efforts to provide an excellent learning environment for our students. How appropriate it is that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving together in just a few short days! Our quote for this month is, "Lord, your love knows no bounds. Fill my heart with gratitude for the gifts you lavish upon me everyday" from Psalm 23:1-6. This month, staff and students at ECCS will focus on gratitude and will discover that the choice to be grateful does not always come without effort! In the spirit of Thanksgiving, staff and students at ECCS are also asked to bring in non-perishable food items throughout the week of **October 3rd -7th**. All food collected will be given to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish and shared with all those in need!

Listed below, are a number of important informational items. Please be sure to review the **October Calendar** for a complete list of upcoming events!

- **Cross Country Running** will take place at the Nordic Ski club on October 6th. Grade 7 and 8 students will also be participating in the **ECCS Badminton Tournament** on October 26th. If you can assist with either of these events, please contact the school.

- if you have not yet returned **Student Data Update Forms**, please do so! If you need to have the sheets reprinted, please contact Mrs. Minnett at the office!



- Our **ECCS Open House BBQ and Book Fair** will take place on **Wednesday, October 5th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** We hope to see you there! Note: there is no cost to attend! A special thank you to our Parent Council for sponsoring this event!

- As some of you are aware, our Child and Youth Worker is now only available to us for half the day. If you need to contact Ms. O'Shea for matters relating to your child, she is on site from 9:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

- We are pleased to announce that Fotografiks will be our school photographer again this year. School photos will take place on **November 1st (Jk-Grade 3/4) and November 2nd (Gr. 4/5-8)**. If you have preschool children, you are welcome to bring them at 8:30 a.m. to have their photos taken. The order forms will be sent out shortly and are due back at school no later than **October 27th**.

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2011-2012 E.C.C.S. Parent Council

Mrs. Rachel Batisse, Mrs. Lisa Johnston, Mrs. Karen Watchorn, Mrs. Anna Turner, Mrs. Marita Kennedy, Mrs. Annette Cloutier, Mr./Mrs. Baerg, Mrs. Heidi Donk, Mrs. Celine Wadge and Mrs. Chantal Gagne. The next **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Family Studies room. At this time we will set the schedule for future meetings and elect the chair and vice chair person.

- **E.C.C.S. Spirit Wear** will be on sale once again in the library in October. More details are to follow . See the attached flyer for designs and prices!

L. Hurtubise, Principal

- Our first official fundraiser will kick off soon! This year, ECCS will be selling healthy pasta! Catalogues and order forms will go home on Tuesday, October 11th and they are due in by Friday, October 21st.



**Have Fun! Eat Pasta!
Raise Money!**

The funds raised will go towards student activities!



- We will be celebrating our **Thanksgiving Mass** with Father John on **Friday, October 7th at 9:30 a.m. in the gym.** All are welcome!

- October 10th is the **Thanksgiving Holiday.** There are no classes on this day!

Finally, a special thank you to all parents who put their name forward for this year's Parent Council. As there was no need to hold elections, this year's council will consist of the following parent representatives:

A Prayer of Gratitude

Gracious God, in the busyness of my day, I sometimes forget to stop and thank you for all that is good in my life.

My blessings are many and my heart is filled with gratefulness for the gift of loving, for the ability to love and be loved, for the opportunity to see the everyday wonders of creation, for sleep and water, for a mind that thinks and a body that feels.

I thank you too for those things in my life that are less than I would hope them to be. Things that seem challenging, unfair, and difficult.

In the silence of my soul, I thank you most of all for your unconditional and eternal love.

Amen

