



Falcon News



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

English Catholic Central School

September 2014



WELCOME BACK!



I would like to take this opportunity to **welcome** all students and parents to another exciting and rewarding school year here at English Catholic Central School. A very **special** welcome to our new students and staff - and to families new to the Temiskaming Shores area! We are confident that you will have a great year here at E.C.C.S.! If, at any time throughout the school year, you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or call the office at 705-647-4301 to speak with either myself or Mrs. Minnett, our school secretary!



Included in this month's newsletter are a number of information items which pertain to this new academic school year. For a more in depth look at our school's policies and procedures, you will find our **school handbook** on the board website along with the monthly calendars and newsletters which are posted each month. If you would like a paper copy of the handbook, please contact Mrs. Minnett at the office and she would be happy to send one home. Note: copies will be sent home for all our new families!

Monthly Calendars and Newsletters are posted on the web @ <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca> Click on "Our Schools" and then click on ECCS!

How fitting it is that we begin this school year with the virtue of the month - **Acceptance**. One of the great wonders of the world we live in is that no two people are alike! We may share a national, cultural or ethnic identity but we are all very unique and distinct creations! Sometimes, differences are scary- especially if we haven't learned about or don't understand how people are different or the ways in which we are all the same. During this first month at ECCS, we will be learning about acceptance and practicing our ability to look at the actions and attitudes of those around us without judging them. The virtue of acceptance means that we look beyond what we simply see - skin colour, ethnic background, religion, age or gender etc, and see a person created and loved by God!



A reminder that due to busing and supervision requirements, this year's **drop off time is once again 8:35 a.m.** If you need to drop off your child **before** this time, you must contact Timiskaming Child Care (705-672-2100) to access their **Before/After School Program** that is being offered again this year at school. Please also note that this year's lunch hour will be from **11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**



Once again, **student agendas** are being provided to students in the Junior and Intermediate grades (Grades 4-8). The agenda is an excellent tool for home-school communication. The primary grades will be using a Communication Folder that travels to and from school!



A reminder that due to **Safe School Policies**, it is necessary that we be extra vigilant about having visitors sign in at the office and have parents remain at the front of the school when picking up their child. Also, a friendly reminder that if you do plan to pick up your child, please provide written notice or **call before 2:00 p.m.** so that the message can be communicated to the classroom or itinerant teacher in time.



We are also sending home today a number of items: an NCDSB School Year Calendar, an Emergency School Closure form, a summary of School Bus policies to be signed by both the student and parent, a Board/Student Internet Agreement form for students in Grades 1 to 8, a medical authorization form for any students who require meds to be administered at school. (This includes prescribed medicine as well as Tylenol etc.). We ask that these forms be returned to the school **no later than Monday, September 8th, 2014.** Please note: an **Student Information Office Index Card** has also been given directly to your child for your attention. Please return this to the school ASAP so that we may update our records!

2014-2015 ECCS Staff

JK/SKMrs. Gilboe
 JK/SKMrs. Ettles
 Gr. 1Mrs. Brown
 Gr. 1\2Mrs. Johnston
 Gr. 2\3Mrs. Cull
 Gr. 3Mrs. Shillinglaw
 Gr. 4Mr. Morin
 Gr. 5/6 Ext. French.....Mr. Hurtubise
 Gr. 5/6 English Mrs. Tessier
 Gr. 7/8 EnglishMrs. Aitchison
 Gr. 7/8 Ext. FrenchMme. Catt
 Gr. 7/8 Ext. FrenchMme. Birch
 Music, Gym, Family StudiesMrs. Larocque
 Core French Mme. Blair
 Resource TeacherMrs. Menard
 Resource TeacherMs. Sharp
 Resource Teacher (.5 AT)Mr. Hurtubise
 Industrial Arts/Prep Mr. Moore
 Child and Youth Worker Ms. O'Shea
 SecretaryMrs. Minnett
 Educational Assistants: Mrs. Grzelak, Mrs. Venne,
 Mrs. Sauve, Mrs. Connelly, Mrs. Miron., Mrs. Gavin
 Custodians: Mr. Venne, Mrs. Godmaire

- Elections for the **2014-2015 School Council** will be held shortly. A nomination ballot will be sent home and elections will follow if necessary. Please consider donating your time!

- A special welcome to Fr. Wayne our new pastor at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish! He will be here to commission students and staff at a service in the school gym on Wednesday, **September 10th at 10:35 a.m.** All are welcome!



- Please note that the student body from Grades 2 to 8 will participate in the **Fall Fair Parade on Friday, September 12th.** For safety reasons, our youngest learners will remain at the school to do fall activities. Should you wish, you may pick them up to go to the parade. Further information will be forwarded next week. However, if you are able to **volunteer** for this event, I would ask that you please contact your child's teacher. Your support is greatly appreciated!

- Monday, September 15th, is our **Toonie for Terry Fox Walk @ 12:45 p.m.** If possible, students are asked to donate a toonie for this event.

Finally, I would like to **thank you** in advance for your continued assistance and support as we begin another busy academic year here at English Catholic Central School. Our staff is dedicated to the intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of each and every child! Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school!

Yours truly,

Lori Hurtubise, Principal

<u>School Hours:</u>	
Morning Drop off	8:35 a.m.
School Begins	8:50 a.m.
Morning Recess	10:10-10:25 a.m.
Lunch	11:45-12:45 p.m.
Afternoon Recess	2:05-2:20 p.m.
Dismissal	3:20 p.m.