



ENGLISH CATHOLIC CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians

September 6, 2018

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year at ECCS! I hope you spent time this summer enjoying the season and that you are looking forward to this school year as much as our Staff. I am excited to be with you again as your Principal! ECCS is a wonderful school, and we are happy to serve you and your child again this year!

This year, ECCS remains a **NUT AWARE** school.

Please refrain from sending lunches and snacks containing peanut or tree nut products to school. We also ask that should peanut or nut products be eaten at home for breakfast, **PLEASE** have your child wash their hands and face if necessary as even trace amounts of nut/tree nut residue can be fatal for children at our school.

I would also like to request that non-food items be used for celebrations like birthdays, Halloween etc as these occasions present unique challenges for staff in governing if a food product is safe for all students at the school. Should you wish to recognize a special day/event in your child's life this year, please be in touch with your child's teacher to discuss an appropriate plan for this celebration.

September and October's Catholic virtue is **GRATITUDE**. "Thanks" is a simple word, however, true Gratitude is not simply demonstrated by saying "Thank You" when someone does something nice for us. We must always teach children to be thankful for the good things and fortunate circumstances they have in their lives, as well as be thankful for God's ultimate gift to us, His Son Jesus Christ.

Please note that the student body from Grades 2 to 8 will participate in the **Fall Fair Parade on Friday, September 14th**. 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!

Thursday, September 27th, is our **Toonie for Terry Fox Walk @ 12:35 p.m.** If possible, students are asked to donate a toonie for this event.

We recognize that students will bring cell phones to school for various reasons. However, phones can create significant distraction in the instructional environment of a school, and create various problems involving inappropriate usage. We encourage students to leave phones at home, however for students bringing phones to school, we will ask students to keep their phones in their bags for the day, or if they bring it to class, they must be kept in a central location and can only be used under the direct permission of a staff member. **PLEASE do not attempt to communicate with your child(ren) by social media/text throughout the school day.** If a message needs to get to your child(ren) or if you wish to

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Speak to them, please contact the school at (705) 647-4301 and we will happily facilitate getting them a message, or getting them to talk with you.

We have some small changes to recess and lunch bell times at the school this year. School start and end times however remain unchanged. Please see the times below.

DAILY PROCEDURES

Bell Times:

8:35 a.m.	Supervision begins at the school and on the yard. Please do not drop students off, or have walkers arrive before this time as they will be unsupervised.
8:50 a.m.	School Entry
10:00-10:15 a.m.	Recess
11:35 a.m.	Lunch bell
11:50 a.m.	Lunch recess
12:35 p.m.	Afternoon classes begin
1:45-2:00 p.m.	Recess
3:20 p.m.	Dismissal

Please remember that we welcome you to call the school if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year. We look forward to another successful school year, and may the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of us as we work together as partners in Catholic Education to the best of our abilities for the children entrusted to our care.

Yours in Catholic education,

Matt Turner

School Arrival: Buses begin arriving at 8:35 a.m. and students should go directly to their assigned playground. For safety reasons, those who walk or are driven to school should arrive at the school no earlier than 8:35 a.m. Parents who need to drop students off before 8:35 a.m. may access the Before and After School Program by contacting Timiskaming Child Care at 672-2100.



Student Safety: We are responsible for the students from the time that they arrive until they leave at 3:20 p.m. We insist, therefore, that all students remain at school during this time period. Exceptions will be made only if the student brings a note signed by a parent or guardian indicating that the child will be picked up. When picking up your child please call before 2:00 p.m. as this will ensure that pick up messages will reach the classroom teacher. When arriving at school, please report to the office so that the classroom teacher can be notified that you are waiting for your child. Pursuant to the Ministry of Education's Safe School Policy, a monitored access system is in place at E.C.C.S. and all school doors are locked during school time. A buzzer and speaker are located at the main door to contact the office for entry to the school. Please do not leave the office area if you are waiting for your child as we will ensure your child comes down to meet you.

Recess: Food or drink is not permitted outside. Students are given time to eat a snack in class before going outside to their designated play area. Students are also required to come to school with appropriate outside clothing.

Snack Program: Thanks to a number of sponsors, parent donations, and staff volunteers, we are able to offer a snack program Monday-Friday.

Lunch: Hot lunches are available as class room fundraising initiatives this year. Hot dogs and pizza can be ordered, and both white and chocolate milk are available on a daily basis as well

Absenteeism: *The school office should be called (647-4301) to report a student's absence before 9:00 a.m. (voice mail is available 24 hours daily on the school line), or a parent's note brought in advising of upcoming absences to the classroom teacher. Attempts will be made to contact the student or parent for anyone one absent and unaccounted for. Students arriving after class attendance has been taken must pick up a late slip from the office for their teacher.*



School Telephone: Student use is restricted to emergency use only.

School books & textbooks: These materials are loaned with the understanding and expectation that they will be returned when due and in acceptable condition. If this does not occur, compensation may have to be made to the school.

Medications: No medications are permitted at school except those which have been prescribed by a medical physician and for which Board Authorization forms have been completed by both the physician and parent or guardian. If your child is sick and you anticipate the possibility of medication needed during school hours, please obtain an Authorization form from the school office before visiting your doctor. Any authorized medication is kept and administered from the school office.

Electronic Devices: E.C.C.S. promotes the responsible use of electronics. Please ensure the "responsible use of technology" form is read and signed. Students who do not use assigned electronics responsibly will lose the privilege.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR: It is our belief that students and staff have the right to attend a school which is free from harassment and discrimination, and in which they need not fear for their own safety and well being. It is our intent to establish, with appropriate guidance, a safe, pleasant learning environment that promotes the development of knowledge, skills and values consistent with our faith and student needs.

It is our practice to work as a team, to assist and encourage our students to become independent, self motivated and self disciplined. Our efforts, therefore, focus on accentuating positive and productive behaviours. The Golden Rule applies: Do unto others as you would have others do unto you. Students can't go wrong if they just do as asked by staff at all times..... **It really is that simple.**

BULLYING: In keeping with the teachings of Christ, recent Safe Schools initiatives and Board policy, English Catholic Central School will strive to create a safe, caring and supportive environment, free of bullying, for all members of the school community. As such, bullying is prohibited on school property, at school-related events, on school buses, or in any other circumstances (i.e. online) where engaging in bullying will have a negative impact on any member of the school community and on the school climate.

Bullying is defined as any **repeated, persistent, and aggressive** behaviour intended to cause (or should be known to cause) harm, fear, and/or distress to another person's or group of person's body, feelings, self-esteem, or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Northeastern Catholic District School Board's Code of Conduct can be found on the Board's website at www.ncdsb.on.ca. However, listed below are some guidelines you may wish to review with your child:

Students are expected to be responsible for their behaviour while on the school buses, on school premises, and while attending any of the activities sponsored by the school. They are expected to be respectful of their teachers, their fellow students, and all others who work with them during the school day. Students are expected to come to class prepared, on time, and show respect for school property and the learning environment. They must:

- use appropriate language
- dress appropriately
- act appropriately
- refrain from fighting or injuring others
- use electronic devices responsibly
- refrain from smoking or using drugs or alcohol






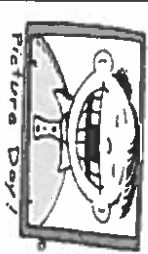

STUDENT DRESS: The students should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Clothes should be reasonably neat, clean and without tears or holes
- Patches, symbols or sayings on clothing shall not be offensive to anyone who might read it
- Dress appropriately for age and grade level in a manner that demonstrates modesty, dignity and is deemed appropriate for a Catholic school (the midriff –navel –must be covered and all shoulder straps must be at least three (3) fingers wide)
- Proper indoor and outdoor footwear appropriate for the conditions and environment must be worn at all times.



September 2018

Community Faith Thank You
 Oneress Spirit Family Soul
 Believe Abundance Divine To
 Change
 GRATITUDE
 Health Purpose Create
 Journey Receive Emotion
 Grateful Appreciation Kindness
 Feeling Warming Thank Love
 Life Trust Give Ask Hope Thanks
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 2	3 Labour Day Holiday	4	5 Day 1 First Day of School!	6 Day 2 Commissioning Liturgy 1:00 pm	7 Day 3 New Liskeard Fall Fair (Grade 2-8)	8 31 
9	10	11	12 Day 1 Return Forms to the Office. 	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Day 1 Grade 4-8 	27	28	29
				Terry Fox Walk Day 2 Grade JK-3 		UPCOMING Open House BBQ Oct 4, 2018 Book Fair Oct 1-5, 2018

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH
COMING EVENTS - September 2018**

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: To reach out to our sick and elderly parishioners Our Mother of Perpetual Help holds a monthly celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick for those in need of God's healing grace. According to the teaching of the Church, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick should be celebrated with people who are: 1) seriously ill, 2) are seriously weakened by advanced age, 3) are scheduled for serious surgery, or 4) are elderly but not weakened by age, but have no serious illness present. Our next communal celebration will be on **Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 P.M.**

UPCOMING OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING: The opening meeting for the OMPH Catholic Women's League will take place **Wednesday, September 12th at 7:30 P.M.** in the Parish hall. All members are invited to start the year off by participating in this meeting. New members are always welcome to attend.

CEMETERY PRAYER SERVICES: The prayer service for the Haileybury Cemetery will take place on **Sunday, September 16th at 2:00 P.M.** The prayer service for **Cobalt Catholic Cemetery** will follow at **2:45 P.M.**

TIME FOR YOU AND ME: Is a group open to everyone wanting to make a difference helping others in our Church, our community and our world! Join us for tea, coffee and dessert from **1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 19th.** Be sure to bring a friend and your ideas!

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting its monthly Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood and religious life on **Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 P.M.** in the Church. This is one small way that we can help encourage and foster vocations within the Church. All are welcome! For further information call the office at 705-647-5035.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC. . . KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS? Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting an information evening on **Thursday, September 20th at 7:00 P.M.** in our Parish for anyone who is interested in joining the Catholic Faith. R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process for those who have never been baptized or who have been baptized in another Church and wish to become Catholic and for those Catholics who wish to deepen their faith. There is no obligation or strings attached with attending this info meeting. For further information or to register, please call Paulette at 705-647-5116.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish & St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting, on **Thursday, September 27th at 7:00 P.M.**, a meeting for all parents who wish their child to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion this coming year. Students in grade three and up are invited to receive First Reconciliation & First Communion this year. The meeting will take place in the Parish Hall. ***This will be the only parent meeting.*** Books will be given out at the meeting and cost \$15.00. For further information, please contact Paulette at 705-647-5116.

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, September 28th from 12:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.** in the Church. All are welcome to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer. For further info, contact the office at 705-647-5035.

EUCHRE & DESSERT PARTY: Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be hosting a euchre and dessert party on **Saturday, September 29th at 7:30 P.M.** There is no admission charge but participants are asked to bring a plate of your favourite dessert to share. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of cards and fun!

MASS TIMES: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in New Liskeard, on **Sundays at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.** and **St. Patrick's Parish in Cobalt, Saturdays at 5:00 P.M.**

OMPH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK: Check our new facebook page at facebook.com/OMPH.NL and stay up to date on the latest happenings in the <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NLParish>.

WEEKLY OMPH E-BULLETIN: If you would like to receive the weekly e-bulletin from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, please email omphoffice@gmail.com. Stay in touch with all the latest news and events on a weekly basis.

PARISH WEBSITE: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish has updated its parish website. It contains information about the Parish, the weekly bulletin and a host of other useful information and links. Check out the website at www.ourmotherofperpetualhelp.ca.