



ENGLISH CATHOLIC CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the staff at E.C.C.S., I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a very Happy New Year! We look forward to your continued support in 2011 as we work together to create a vibrant, faith-filled learning community!

While January sees the beginning of the New Year, many of us also regard it as the true beginning of the long, hard winter. In this sense it is apt that the virtue for January is **Courage**. The quote for this month is Isaiah 41:10, **"Do not be afraid; I am with You". "Be not afraid!"** is also what the angel tells Mary at the annunciation. (Luke 1:30) and at the resurrection, another angel uses the same words to tell the women at the tomb that Christ has risen. (Matthew 28:5) Jesus himself uses these words to strengthen his apostles. (John 6:20) It takes a lot of courage to practice and be true to our Catholic faith. This month at English Catholic Central School, we will demonstrate our courage to live our faith by standing up to bullying and by working hard to make the right choice - even if it is not the most popular choice!

Listed below are a number of informational items. Please see the reverse side of this newsletter to view all of the calendar details!

Our next **Catholic Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Studies room.

New Year's Mass with Father John will take place on Friday, January 14th at 10:35 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome!

JK Registration for September 2011 will take place on **Monday, January 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** If you, or someone you know, has a child born in the year 2007 and would like further details, please contact the school. Registration is also available online at www.ncdsb.on.ca

Family Literacy Day 2011 takes place on Thursday, January 27th. Please see the attached brochure for some fun family literacy activities. You can find more information at www.abclifeliteracy.ca

Our **"Soup's On!" - E.C.C.S. Family Fun Night** will take place on **Thursday, January 27th**, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Proceeds will go towards the Biker's Reunion. More information is to follow!

Monday, January 31st is a Professional Development Day. There are no classes on this day!

Finally, congratulations to Shirley Watchorn, winner of the Grade 8 Computer Draw for a lap top, printer and camera. Many thanks to all who purchased tickets in support of our grade eight students. A special thank you also to Mikrolink Computers for their very generous donation!

L. Hurtubise, Principal