



# ENGLISH CATHOLIC CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As many are aware, the flu season is now most definitely upon us! I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/guardians for continuing to follow the directives as outlined by the Timiskaming Health Unit. The school continues to work closely with the Timiskaming Health Unit and we provide daily reports to them regarding the school's absentee rate. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact them at 647-4305. Note also that E.C.C.S. continues to follow the directives as provided by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. We have provided hand sanitizers in every classroom and explicit instruction regarding thorough hand washing and proper coughing and sneezing etiquette. In addition, measures have been taken to ensure that surface areas are being cleaned more frequently. For additional information, see the attached **Health Facts**. You may also call the **Timiskaming H1N1 Info-line at 1-866-302-4309 or visit [www.timiskaminghu.com](http://www.timiskaminghu.com)**.

At the Spirit Assembly last Friday, I was able to share some good news with both the staff and students of E.C.C.S. The Northeastern Catholic District School Board has approved the addition of a new Tech Shop and Home Economics Room for E.C.C.S.! Construction is to begin in the spring! I am very pleased to share this news with our school community and we look forward to providing these additional learning opportunities for our students!

Finally, a special thank you to parents who put forth their name for this year's Catholic Parent School Council. There was no need to conduct an election this year and we were able to welcome three new members! I am pleased to announce that this year's Council is comprised of: Kim Jackson (Chair), Marita Kennedy (Vice Chair), Andrea Steiss (Treasurer), Rollie Allaire, Rachel Batisse, Lisa Hepworth, Celine Wadge and Angela Herd. The time these individuals devote to this initiative is much appreciated!

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

- Once again, E.C.C.S. will be assisting the Knights of Columbus by preparing **Santa Claus Express Goodie Bags**. If you have any leftover Halloween candy to donate, please send it to school to the attention of Mr. Moore.
- **Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> is a P.D. Day**. There are no classes on this day!
- **H1N1 Vaccinations** will take place at E.C.C.S. on **November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**
- Our next **Catholic Parent Council Meeting** will take place on **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the staff room.
- Food items brought in during the month of November will be donated to **Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish** in order to assist with the preparation of their **Christmas Hampers**.
- The E.C.C.S. **Christmas Wish Readathon** will begin **November 5<sup>th</sup> and run until November 13<sup>th</sup>**. Both staff and students are proud to once again participate in this very worthwhile cause!