



# Falcon News



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

English Catholic Central School

February 2012



## Second Term Begins!

### E.C.C.S. Staff and Students Welcome Term 2!

It is hard to believe that we are now entering the month of February and we are officially beginning our second term on Monday, February 6th!! On behalf of the staff and students at English Catholic Central School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and volunteers for all that they have done to make our first term such a great success!

A number of events will be taking place this month! Once again, our Grade 8s will be hosting their **Valentine Carnival** on **Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** from **4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** This year, in addition to the carnival activities, the E.C.C.S. Parent Council will be hosting a **book exchange** in the library! Students are asked to bring in their old books from home beginning **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**. They will be given a ticket for each book and then throughout the day and evening of the 9<sup>th</sup>, they will have the opportunity to exchange books. Parent Council will also be providing **free hot chocolate, outdoor games and a campfire!** We hope that you are able to join us!



The **E.C.C.S. Public Speaking Contest** will take place on **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**. The times for each division is as follows:

- Primary** - 9:30 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.
- Junior** - 10:35 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
- Intermediate** - 12:45 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all those who will be advancing to the gym and then to the Legion the best of luck! The Legion Public Speaking Contest is on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and it begins at 1:00 p.m.

Are you a new family to E.C.C.S.? Would you like to support our playground upgrades through the Husky Gas Card Program? Your Husky Loyalty Card can be swiped with every purchase at a Husky Gas or Service Center and they are good for most products! An introductory letter went out last week to each family. For more information, please feel free to contact the school.



Once again, the Lion's Club will be sponsoring the vision screening program at E.C.C.S.. It will take place on **Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** for students in JK, SK, Grade 1 and Grade 6. Parents are reminded to return the permission forms by this date!



You will notice this month that in addition to the school newsletter, teachers will be sending home classroom newsletters in order to help improve home-school communication. In addition to working on Learning Goals, Success Criteria, Feedback and Effective Mathematics Instruction as part of our **2011-2012 School Improvement Plan**, staff at E.C.C.S. are also experimenting with ways to improve home-school communication. Some teachers have set up web sites while others will be sending home information in a letter format. It is hoped that this enhanced form of communication will help foster greater conversations around the dinner table as well as provide you with important information regarding curriculum expectations.



***Listed below are a number of informational items. Please see the calendar for additional events!***

Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Studies room.



**Jump Rope for Heart** will take place on **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** in the morning. Students are reminded that they must have their pledge forms in before this date!

**First Term Report Cards** will go home on **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please note that while there are no formal interviews scheduled, you may arrange a meeting with your child's teacher at any time! An interview request form will be included in the report card package. Please be sure to sign and return the form to indicate that you have also received the report card!



**Ash Wednesday Mass** with Father John will take place on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. All are welcome!

The criteria for this month's **Student of the Month** is as follows:

A student who demonstrates **Leadership** in the classroom; "**A Discerning Believer**" who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.

In cooperation with the Timiskaming Health Unit, English Catholic Central School will be hosting a "**Stomp Out Smoking**" Event on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the gym. Students will be working with Eli Berefo, Public Health Promoter - Youth Engagement Lead to help organize the event. More information is to follow!



The grade 7 and 8 girls and boys basketball teams will travel to St. Michel on Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup> for

their first basketball tournament. All permission forms must be submitted by this date.



Finally in order to continue to enhance the teaching and learning environment at English Catholic Central School, E.C.C.S. has renewed its affiliation with The Learning Bar Organization and we will once again conduct a **Tell Them From Me** On-line Parent and Student Survey. Your log on information and confidential password will be included with the First Term Report Card. Parents are asked to complete the survey by **March 9<sup>th</sup>**. The information gathered from the survey will be used for school improvement planning purposes.