



Falcon News



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

English Catholic Central School

October 2012



Happy Thanksgiving!



E.C.C.S. Staff and Students are Grateful!

This month's virtue of the month is Gratitude. How appropriate it is that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving together in just a few short days! The choice to be grateful is not always without effort. Gratitude is the virtue that makes us aware and appreciate the gifts we receive each day. Our quote for this month is, "Lord, your love knows no bounds. Fill my heart with gratitude for the gifts you lavish upon me everyday" from Psalm 23:1-6. This quote will be the foundation for our work this month. To express thankfulness is a simple way to share our faith as it fills our hearts with a readiness to cherish all that we have. In this age of consumerism and the "me-centered" focus of today's culture, we need to refrain from feelings of entitlement. Materialism and consumerism prevent us from enjoying and being appreciative of all that we have. We cannot think that we have a right to demand something without giving anything in return ... and without giving thanks for all that we are!

In the spirit of thanksgiving, staff and students at E.C.C.S. are conducting a food drive and we are asked to bring in non-perishable food items throughout the week of **October 1st -5th**. All food items collected will be given to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish and shared with all those in need!

As we enter the month of October, I would like to take this opportunity to express by thankfulness to parents for the overwhelming support offered to both the staff and students during the first month of September! Of particular note, was the wonderful turn out we had of parents and grandparents who took the time to walk with us at the **New Liskeard Fall Fair**. We could not have participated in this community event without your support!

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



- Our **E.C.C.S. Open House, FREE BBQ and Book Fair** will take place on **Thursday, October 4th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** We hope to see you there! Note: there is no cost to attend! Those parents who wish

may bring in a **non-perishable food item!** A special thank you to our Parent Council for sponsoring this event!

- We are pleased to announce that Fotografiks will be our school photographer again this year. School photos will take place on **November 6th (Jk-Grade 3) and November 7th (Gr. 4-8)**. If you have preschool children, you are welcome to bring them at 8:30 a.m. to have their photos taken. The order forms will be sent out shortly and are due back at school no later than **October 26th**.



- Our first official fundraiser will kick off this week! This year, E.C.C.S. will be selling **MacMillan's Cookie Dough**. While we do not encourage door to door sales, we do hope that students will sell to family and friends! Catalogues and order

forms will go home this Thursday and they are due back by **Thursday, October 18th**. The tentative delivery date is scheduled for the week of **November 5th**. The funds raised will go towards classroom excursions and student activities!

- We will be celebrating our **Thanksgiving Mass** with Father John on **Friday, October 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the gym.** All are welcome!

- October 8th is the **Thanksgiving Holiday.** There are no classes on this day!



- On October 4th, ECCS students will once again compete at the **Cross Country Running Event** at the Nordic Ski Club. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each student participating the best of luck. If there are any parents who wish to assist with this event, please contact the school.

- A number of our classes will also be taking excursions to the local pumpkin patch. Please take note of the following dates:



Mrs. Cull (JK) and Mrs. Gilboe (JK/SK)
Friday, October 12th at 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ettles (SK/1) and Mrs. Turner (Grade 12)
Wednesday, October 10th at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Mundle (Grade 2) and Mrs. Shillinglaw (Grade 3)
Wednesday, October 17th at 1:00 p.m.

Parents are asked to ensure that all permission forms are returned to the school!



- E.C.C.S. will be conducting a **Food Drive** from Monday, October 1st to Friday, October 5th. All food items collected will be given to Our Mother Help Parish and shared with all those in need!

Sacramental Preparation
Parent Meeting Dates



First Reconciliation Parent Meeting #1
Thursday, October 4th at 8:00 p.m. at OMPH

Confirmation Parent Meeting
Wednesday, October 24, at 8:00 p.m. at OMPH

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting #2
Thursday, October 25th at 7:30 p.m. at OMPH



- It has come to our attention that not all families received their **Student Data Update Forms.** If you need to have the sheets reprinted, please contact Mrs. Minnett at the office!

- Finally, a special thank you to all parents who put their name forward for this year's Parent Council. As there was no need to hold elections, this year's council will consist of the following parent representatives:

2012-2013 E.C.C.S. Parent Council

Mrs. Rachel Batisse, Mrs. Lisa Johnston, Mrs. Marita Kennedy, Mr./ Mrs. Baerg, Mrs. Heidi Donk, Mrs. Celine Wadge, Mrs. Natasha Ruddy, Mrs. Trina Breault, Mrs. Lisa Maurice, Mrs. Billie Richer, Mrs. Erin Flickel.

The next **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on **Monday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Family Studies room. At this time we will set the schedule for future meetings and elect the chair and vice chair person.

L. Hurtubise, Principal



A Prayer of Gratitude

Gracious God, in the busyness of my day, I sometimes forget to stop and thank you for all that is good in my life.

My blessings are many and my heart is filled with gratefulness for the gift of loving, for the ability to love and be loved, for the opportunity to see the everyday wonders of creation, for sleep and water, for a mind that thinks and a body that feels.

I thank you too for those things in my life that are less than I would hope them to be. Things that seem challenging, unfair, and difficult.

In the silence of my soul, I thank you most of all for your unconditional and eternal love.

Amen