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English Catholic Central School

February 2013



Second Term Begins at ECCS!



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 4th! 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 **Tuesday, February 12th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** In addition to the carnival activities, the E.C.C.S. Parent Council will once again be hosting a **book exchange** in the library! Students are asked to bring in their old books from home beginning **Monday, February 4th**. They will be given a ticket for each book and then throughout the day and evening of the 12th, 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 6th**. 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 17th and it begins at 1:00 p.m.

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 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Studies room.

First Term Report Cards will go home on **Wednesday, February 20th**. 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 13th 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.



Friday, February 1st is a Professional Activity Day There are no classes on this day!

Wednesday, February 27th is **Pink Shirt Day!** Students in Grades 3-8 will be gathering in the gym for a **Safe Schools Assembly** at 1:00 p.m. Don't forget to wear pink!



The grade 7 and 8 girls and boys basketball teams will travel to St. Michel on Wednesday, February 20th for their first basketball tournament. All permission forms must be submitted by this date.

- The **Grade 3 Swim to Survive Program** will begin this month on February 25th. If you are able to assist students at the pool, please contact Mrs. Shillinglaw.



- Due to the number of inclement weather days, **Flower grams** will be on sale again Monday, February 4th - Wednesday February 6th. The cost is \$2.00. See Mrs. Menard at lunch recess or Mrs. Minnett at the office.



Calling All Soccer Players!

The Tri-Town Soccer Club will be holding its registration dates in February and March. See the attached flyer!



Sacramental Preparation Dates

First Communion Parent Meeting

Tuesday, February 5th at 7:30 p.m. at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Grade 8 Confirmation Candidates are reminded to contact Mrs. Rostad (705 647- 5116) in the event that they can not attend a meeting. She will make the arrangements for you to participate in another group's meeting!

E.C.C.S. continues to hold **JK Registration for September 2013**. If you, or someone you know, has a child born in the year **2009** and would like further details, please contact the school at 647-4301. Registration is also available online at www.ncdsb.on.ca



Student Absences and Lates:

Just a reminder that a great deal of learning occurs first thing in the morning. In most classrooms, this is the Literacy or Mathematics Block. In order to maximize opportunities for learning, it is crucial that students arrive to school **on time** and that absences are kept to a minimum!

Inclement Weather/ Snow Days

A reminder to please listen to the radio or check our website (www.ncdsb.on.ca) with respect to bus **cancellations** on inclement weather days. The school will remain open but the programs available at school may be modified. Parents are asked to use discretion whether or not their child should attend school, and are reminded that once buses are cancelled they are cancelled for the whole day, so parents are responsible for transportation at the end of the day. For more information regarding student transportation, see the attachment from the North East Tri-Board Transportation Office.



This month's virtue of the month is Temperance (Self-Control):

What is Temperance? Temperance is one of the four cardinal virtues. St. Thomas Aquinas ranked temperance as the fourth of the cardinal virtues, because it serves prudence, justice and fortitude. The moderation of our desires is essential to acting rightly (prudence), giving each one their (justice), and standing strong in the face of adversity (fortitude). Temperance is the virtue which attempts to overcome the human condition that "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Mark 14:38)

Temperance is also defined as the righteous habit which makes a person govern their natural appetite for pleasures of the senses in accordance with the norm prescribed by reason. In one sense, temperance may be regarded as a characteristic of all the moral virtues; the moderation it enjoins is central to each of them. Thus it is the virtue that controls the yearning for pleasures and delights which most powerfully attract the human heart.

This month, students at E.C.C.S. will focus on temperance/self control and will be given opportunities to reflect on whether or not there is a need for a little more "**moderation**" in their lives!

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