



ENGLISH CATHOLIC CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would first like to extend my congratulations to all parents, students and staff who helped to contribute a very generous donation of \$ 1 108.14 to the 2010 Christmas Wish Fund. A special thank you to Mrs. Ettles and Mrs. Gilboe for organizing this years' **Christmas Wish: Kids -vs- Adults Challenge**. In addition, we would like to thank our Grade 8 parents and **all** who attended the Grade 8 Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction! Your support is much appreciated!

As we enter the season of Advent, we will be gathering each Monday morning to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. It is rather suitable that this month's virtue of the month is **charity**. Many of us are already engaging in the mad rush to purchase gifts to put under the tree on December 25th, but we are also mindful of the fact that charity is not always about material things. Our quote of the month is, "**Where charity and love are, God is there**". As St. Thomas Aquinas describes it, "Charity is friendship first with God and secondly with all who belong to God". How can we practice charity and generosity in our community without necessarily giving material things? This month at English Catholic Central School, we will continue to demonstrate charity by completing random acts of kindness, sharing our time and talents will local nursing homes and by helping to prepare Christmas Food Hampers for our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish!

December is upon us and much is happening here at E.C.C.S. To view all upcoming events, please see the reverse side of this newsletter! Also listed below, are a number of information items:

- Our **Advent Mass** with Father John will take place on **Wednesday, December 15th at 9:30 a.m.** in the gym. All are welcome!

- Our **Christmas Concert** will take place on **Monday, December 20th at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym. Please note that students do not attend the performance due to lack of space but they are able to view the dress rehearsal that morning. Also, parents are reminded that parking is available at the back of the school but you are asked to arrive after **12:25 p.m.** Vehicles must then be removed from the playground by **2:45 p.m** for bus access.

- attached is an important letter regarding an upcoming Lockdown Drill at ECCS. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Other special dates:

- December 6th is **Hawaiian Day** in Mme. Birch's 6/7 Imm class!

Reminder: We are also on the web! Go to www.ncdsb.on.ca Click on Our Catholic Schools!

L. Hurtubise, Principal