



ENGLISH CATHOLIC CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that another month has already gone by. March was a busy month, filled with surprises! Students were treated to an outstanding musical performance by iTromboni, they participated in Elective's Day or Winter Carnival activities and they had the opportunity to meet Canadian Olympic Hockey Player Katie Weatherston who gave a presentation on goal setting and overcoming obstacles. To view highlights of these events, log onto our board website at www.ncdsb.on.ca and click on Our Catholic Schools to find the photo gallery for E.C.C.S.

As you can see from the April Calendar, a number of exciting events will be taking place again this month. Within the next few days, correspondence will be going home regarding E.C.C.S.' second annual **Spring Photo Shoot**. Parents will have the opportunity to order spring photos and are given the choice of eight different backgrounds. In addition, as we enter the month of April the staff and students at E.C.C.S. will continue its special preparations for the Easter Season. On Wednesday, April 20th, the entire school will participate in the noon hour **Lenten Mass at OMPH** at 12:00 p.m. In addition, our Grade 8 classes will once again perform the **Stations of the Cross** on Holy Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. We hope that you will find some time to join us.

With its celebration of Easter, the Northeastern Catholic District School Board has also assigned April the virtue of **Justice**. During Easter, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. But Justice is also an important part of Catholic teaching. The need to do justice comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God's image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to do justice, is a failure to respect the image of God in others. Throughout the month of April, staff and students at English Catholic Central School will participate in read alouds and discussions highlighting the importance of our call to work towards achieving justice in our world and the need to always respect the dignity of others.

Listed below are a number of information items that may be of interest to you. To view all of the events taking place this month, please refer to the April Calendar on the reverse side of the newsletter!

- Our next **Catholic Parent Council Meeting** will take place on **Monday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Family Studies room. All are welcome!

- On April 12th, E.C.C.S. will once again host a **Family Pancake Breakfast!**

- There will be a **French Immersion** meeting for **Grade 4 Parents** on April 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the library!

- French Immersion students in Grades 5-8 will travel to Quebec to visit the **Sugar Shack** on **Friday, April 15th.**

- Our E.C.C.S. **Magazine Order Campaign** will begin on Friday, April 29th!

- **Monday, April 11th is a Professional Development Day.** There are no classes this day!

- The **Grade 4 Bible Celebration** will take place on **April 29th at 10:35 a.m.** in the Library.

- Our second annual **E.C.C.S. Spring Photo Shoot** will take place all day on **April 27th.** More information is to follow!

Wishing you and your family a Happy Easter!

L. Hurtubise, Principal