



Falcon News



English Catholic Central School

December 2013



E.C.C.S. Spreads Christmas Cheer!



Staff and Students Raise Over \$2000.00 for Christmas Wish!

Catholic Central School, we will continue to demonstrate charity by completing random acts of kindness, sharing our time and talents with local nursing homes and by helping to prepare Christmas Food Hampers for our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish!



On behalf of the staff and students at E.C.C.S., I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's **Christmas Wish Campaign!** Together, staff, students and parents raised over \$ 2000.00 for this very worthwhile cause. Congratulations to Mrs. Larocque's Grade 7 English

class for winning the first place pizza party! A special thank you also to all who supported this year's Grade 8 Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction. The students and parents did an excellent job and were able to put \$ 4300.00 toward their year end trip. Congratulations ... and many thanks for all your hard work!



As you can see from the December calendar, there are a number of exciting events taking place in the upcoming month. Be sure to consult the calendar for all of the details!

Listed below are a number of informational items:

- On Monday, December 9th there will be a **Student/Teacher Volleyball Game** at 2:00 p.m. To participate or watch the game, students are asked to bring in a non-perishable food item. All food collected this month will go to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish for their Christmas Food Hampers!



- Our **Advent Mass** with Father John will take place on **Wednesday, December 11th at 9:30 a.m.** in the gym. All are welcome to join us!



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. How can we practice charity and generosity in our community without necessarily giving material things? This month at English



Congratulations to our November Students of the Month!

Jada Porter, Curtis Shillinglaw, Hannah Braye, Lauren Donck, Angela McLaughlin, Kiara Kidd, Charity Lepage, Troy Robinson, Alliyah Kidd, Dominique Gervais, Darian Gervais, Breanna Ethier-Kidd, and Ben Caldwell.



- Our **Christmas Concert** will take place on **Wednesday, December 18th 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.

Sacramental Preparation Dates:

First Reconciliation Celebration
Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m.
at OMPH.



Student Safety/Snow and Ice

Now that the colder months have arrived and the snow and ice are plentiful on the ground, we would all like to play in it and with it! However, as much fun as it is, snow and ice can

be very dangerous! In fact, most student injuries happen during the winter months. In order for our school to be as **safe** as possible, the school rule must be that the snow stays on the ground – no snowball throwing, kicking snow or any other activity with snow or ice that could be harmful. Students must also be extra careful about **not pushing or shoving** as the ground is frozen! Please remind your child about this at home.

FAMILY SKATE & CHILLI SUPPER: The Family Committee of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting a family skate and chilli supper on **Sunday, December 15th beginning at 4:00 P.M.** at the New Liskeard Arena followed by a chilli & hot dog supper in the Parish Hall at 5:30 P.M. For further info or to sign-up, please call the Parish Office at 647-5035.



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School will be hosting a Parent Information Meeting for Grade 8 Parents who are interested in having their child explore the option of **French Immersion/ Extended French** in Grade 9. It will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 2nd!

Inclement Weather/ Snow Days

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.



CHRISTMAS MASSES: To celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be celebrating special Masses to mark this sacred day. Masses will be celebrated on **Tuesday, December 24th at 6:00 P.M., 10:00 P.M. and Midnight.** Mass will be celebrated on **Christmas morning at 10:30 A.M.** All are welcome to join in this sacred celebration.

The Sights and Sounds of Christmas

The sound of joyful church bells heard from a distant hill,
A warm and cozy fireside
To chase the winter's chill.

The jingle of the sleigh bells,
A Christmas candle's glow,
The cherished celebrations
Each heart has come to know.

A child's anticipation
As he peers beneath the tree,
And finds the gift he asked for when he sat on Santa's knee.

The sights and sounds of Christmas
Woefully will depart,
But the wondrous love of Jesus can remain within each heart.

(Catherine Janssen Irwin)

*Wishing you a Blessed Christmas
and a very Happy New Year!*



L. Hurtubise, Principal