



Falcon News



English Catholic Central School

December 2014



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



Staff and Students Raise Over \$1500.00 for Christmas Wish!



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 \$ 1500.00 for this very worthwhile cause. Congratulations to Mrs. Tessier's 5/6 class for winning the first place pizza party! We would like to also congratulate the Grade 7 and 8 classes for their participation in **Operation Christmas Child**. All together, they sent off 17 boxes to needy children! 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 \$ 3300.00 toward their year end trip! Congratulations ... and many thanks for all your hard work!



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 Catholic Central School, we will continue to demonstrate charity by completing random acts of kindness, sharing our time and talents (see the attached Advent Ideas Calendar) and by helping to prepare Christmas Food Hampers for our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish!

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 Tuesday, December 10th 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 Wayne will take place on **Tuesday, December 16th at 10:30 a.m.** in the gym. All are welcome to join us!



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Nor Card Correction and Apology

If you ordered a green or blue iphone or ipad extension cord from the catalogue, please note that the cords work for iphones **only!** If you would like to return the cords, we will work with Nor Card to provide you or your purchaser with a refund!

- Our **Christmas Concert** will take place on **Thursday, 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 the day before. 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.

**Maybe Christmas
doesn't come from a
store.
Maybe Christmas,
perhaps, means a
little bit more.
-The Grinch**

Sacramental Preparation Dates:

First Reconciliation Celebration
Monday, December 1st 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. Please remind your child about this at home.

Snow Days and Bus Safety

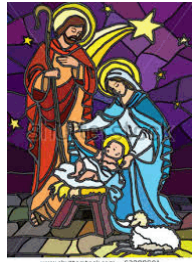
Please listen to the radio or check our website (www.ncdsb.on.ca) with respect to bus **cancellations** or delays during inclement weather days. The school will remain open but the programs available at school may be modified. Also note: **Willard Bus Lines** will be at the school on **Monday, December 1st** to conduct grade appropriate seminars regarding bus safety and bus evacuation procedures!



FAMILY CHILLI SUPPER: The Family Committee of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting a chilli supper on **Sunday, December 14th beginning at 4:00 P.M.** For further info or to sign-up, please call the Parish Office at 647-5035.

BLACKBOARD CONNECT: In January, we would like to once again begin to experiment with a program called "**Blackboard Connect**". This program will allow us to better communicate with our parent community by sending out email reminders and phone calls regarding upcoming school activities. If you would like to ensure that you are on our email list, please email our secretary Mrs. Minnett at eccssec@ncdsb.on.ca

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 **Wednesday, December 24th at 6:00 P.M., 10:00 P.M. and Midnight.** Mass will be celebrated on **Christmas morning at 11:00 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!*