



ECCS Newsletter: February 2017

Masses & Celebrations

Masses at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish are Sundays at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. ALL are welcome to attend

Catholic School Council

Our meeting Agendas and Minutes are now on the on the school website, as well as on the Catholic School Council bulletin board which is now up in the front lobby of the school. Parents/Guardians are always welcome to attend our meetings. Plans are currently underway to build a permanent shade shelter in the school yard. In support of this major project, we will once again be asking our school community to sell Thornloe Cheese as a fundraiser. Order forms will come home on Wednesday March 8. THANK YOU in advance for any support you are able to provide towards the sale and/or purchase of cheese!!

Student Information.

If at any time throughout the school year there is a change to student information (i.e. address or phone, medical information, custodial status, etc.), please inform the school immediately. It is extremely important that we are kept apprised of this type of information. If you have not already done so, please return the Student Information Update Forms that were forwarded to you. Even if there are no changes to the information, it is important that the forms are returned to the school.

From the Principal's Desk

This year, our Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1st. As always, you are welcome to join with our school community by attending our Mass on this day starting at 1:00 pm.

Term 1 report cards will go home on Wednesday February 15th. Even though formal parent-teacher interviews have passed, I encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teacher to discuss progress and next steps heading into term 2.

We have many activities throughout the month of February. Please see the calendar for details.

Also, just a reminder to anyone with an email address that you are welcome to join my email list, where you will receive office correspondence directly to your inbox! **Also a reminder of our Facebook group "English Catholic Central School".**

If you are a Catholic who has been away from your faith for a time and are interested in returning to the church, please consider attending Mass this weekend. Mass time at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is Sunday at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Also, if you are not a Catholic, but would like information on becoming one, please contact the school or Parish at 647-5035. Please know that you are always welcome at the Lord's Table!!

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Dress-Down Days

Fridays are “dress-down days” for the staff of ECCS. In order to dress down, staff members are asked to contribute to our Community Cancer Campaign

Public Speaking

ECCS will be participating again in the Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking competition. Participation by students in this competition is **optional**. The Branch-level competition is currently scheduled for Saturday March 4th. More information about this will be made available in early February.

Valentine Family Carnival

We will host our annual Valentine carnival on **Thursday February 9th from 4:30 – 7:00 pm**. This event will once again feature face painting, tons of fun games and of course delicious food and treats! Thank you in advance for your support of this grade 7-8 fundraiser!

In The News!!!!

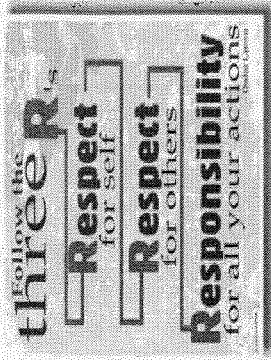
As a school, we would like to celebrate the involvement of our staff and students in the greater community. Please join us by clipping any photos, captions, or articles that make mention of an ECCS member in the newspaper and kindly forward them to the school. Also, please let us know of information about students that does not make the paper. These newsworthy events will then be displayed with pride in our school.

Lent!

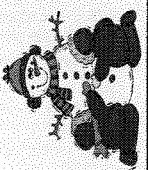

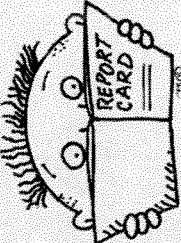


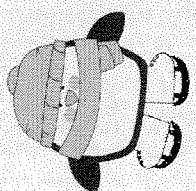
The theme at school for helping students recognize three things they can do throughout Lent will be: **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. These are the “3 Pillars” of Lent. One tradition you may honour in your family is to “Give Up” something for Lent (fasting). By forgoing some non-essential part of our daily lives throughout Lent, it allows us to focus back onto Jesus, his sacrifice for us, and his promise of eternal life with him.

Music Lessons

Are you interested in music lessons for your child and looking for a qualified teacher? Debbie Bandy will be available for piano & theory lessons at the school on Fridays. (Ages 7 & up). For more information – email bandydeborah@gmail.com or call 705-647-7576



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day 5	2 Day 1	3 PA Day No School	4 
5 5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6 Day 2 Candy Grams for Sale! 25 cents each.	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5 Valentine Carnival 4:30-7:00 p.m.	10 Day 1	11
12 6 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	13 Day 2	14 Day 3 Red/Pink/White Day 	15 Day 4 	16 Day 5 Grade 8 Parent's Night at TDSS 6:15 p.m.	17 Day 1	18
19 7 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	20 Happy Family Day! 	21 Day 2	22 Day 3 School Speeches in the Gym.	23 Day 4	24 Day 5 BACKWARDS DAY 	25
26 8 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	27 PA Day No School	28 Day 1 Virtue Liturgy 11:15 a.m.				

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH COMING EVENTS - February 2017

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish & St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting, on Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 P.M., the first meeting for all parents who wish their child to receive the Sacrament First Communion. Students in grade three and up who have made their First Reconciliation are invited to receive First Communion this year. For further information, please contact Paulette at 705-647-5116.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: To reach out to our sick and elderly parishioners we have introduced a celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick for those in need of God's healing grace. According to the teaching of the Church, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick should be celebrated with people who are: 1) seriously ill, 2) are seriously weakened by advanced age, 3) are scheduled for serious surgery, or 4) are elderly but not weakened by age, but have no serious illness present. Our next communal celebration will be on Tuesday, February 14th at 7:00 P.M.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting its monthly Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood and religious life on Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. This is one small way that we can help encourage and foster vocations within the Church. All are welcome!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Our Mother of Perpetual Help will host a Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, February 18th at 8:30AM, in the Parish hall (81 Maple St. North New Liskeard). This breakfast is open to all men of faith.

SUNDAY MASS IN LATCHFORD: Fr. Wayne Mills will be celebrating Sunday Mass at the Community Centre in Latchford on Sunday, February 19th at 3:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PRESENTS STORIES OF FAITH FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Join us for six Mondays in February and March as we explore stories of faith from the Old Testament. The first session begins on Monday, February 20th at 6:00 P.M. in the parish hall (81 Maple St. North New Liskeard). The evening will begin with a light meal and then discussion.

TIME FOR YOU AND ME: Is a group from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish that is open to everyone wanting to make a difference helping others in our Church, our community and our world! Join us for tea, coffee and dessert from 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 22nd. Be sure to bring a friend and your ideas!

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, February 24th from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. in the Church. All are welcome to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer. For further info, contact the office at 705-647-5035.

EUCHRE & DESSERT PARTY: Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be hosting a euchre and dessert party on Saturday, February 25th at 7:30 P.M. There is no admission charge but participants are asked to bring a plate of your favourite dessert to share. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of cards and fun!

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER will take place Tuesday, February 28th from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. The Knights of Columbus are our hosts and they welcome you and your family to begin Lent with this annual event. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. For more information please call the office at 705-647-5035.

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME PROGRAM: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish offers a children's program (for children from JK until grade three) each Sunday during our 11:00 A.M. Mass. The children are dismissed downstairs just after Mass begins and return at the time of the offertory procession. During their time together they hear the gospel read at their level and work on an activity or craft based on the theme of the gospel. For further information, call the Parish Office at 705-647-5035.

OMPH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK: Check our new facebook page at facebook.com/OMPH.NL and stay up to date on the latest happenings in the [http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NLParish](https://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NLParish).

WEEKLY OMPH E-BULLETIN: If you would like to receive the weekly e-bulletin from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, please email omphoffice@gmail.com.

PARISH WEBSITE: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish has updated its parish website. It contains information about the Parish, the weekly bulletin and a host of other useful information and links. Check out the website at www.ourmotherofperpetualhelp.ca.