



Falcon News



'Lord, make us instruments of your peace...'

English Catholic Central School

January 2015



Wishing You All the Best in 2015!



E.C.C.S. Staff and Students
Wish Family and Friends a
Happy New Year!

On behalf of the staff at E.C.C.S., I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a very Happy New Year! We look forward to your continued support in 2015 as we work together to create a vibrant, faith-filled learning community!

While January brings the beginning of the New Year, many of us also regard it as the true beginning of the long, hard winter. In this sense, it is fitting that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board celebrates the virtue of **Fortitude or Courage** in January. The quote for this month is from 1 Chronicles 16:11, "Seek the Lord and his strength; seek His presence continually". This month at English Catholic Central School, we will demonstrate our courage to live our faith by standing up to bullying and by working hard to make the right choice - even when it is not the most popular choice!



Listed below are a number of informational items. Please see the January calendar for additional details!

JK/Kindergarten Registration for September 2015 will take place on **Tuesday, January 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** If you, or someone you know, has a child born in the year **2011** and would like further details, please contact the school at 647-4301. Registration is also available online at www.ncdsb.on.ca



Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Studies room.

Family Literacy Day 2015 takes place on Tuesday, January 27th. Please see the attached sheet 15 Minutes of Fun for some great family literacy ideas! For more fun family literacy activities and contests, check out www.abclifeliteracy.ca



Inclement Weather/ Snow Days

A reminder to 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.



This month's criteria for Student of the Month:

A student who demonstrates **respectfulness** for self, peers and adults; **a collaborative contributor** who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work, which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.

Friday, January 30th is a **Professional Activity Day!** There are no classes on this day!





FREE online math tutoring for Grades 7-10! Go to www.ontario.ca/HomeworkHelp You will need your Ontario Education Number (OEN) .That is the number at the top of your report card! See your teacher for more information!

Student Safety/Snow and Ice

Now that winter has 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.



Dressing for Cold Weather



A reminder to all parents that students should come to school prepared to play outside in snowy and cold weather. A hat, mitts, snow pants and boots are required for all students who wish to play in the snow. Should the temperature fall below -25° with the wind chill, students will remain inside for an indoor recess.

Making the Most of Reading Minutes

A little planning can help busy mothers and fathers make the most of even a few minutes of bedtime reading:

Read daily. Go to the library on the weekend and pick out several books for the week. Schedule special reading time to share one book with your child every night. This shows your child you value reading and your time together.



Talk about it. Talk about the story after reading time and again in the morning. This

reinforces the special time you spent together and is a great educational exercise.

Try variety. Tell a story that you know or make one up together. This helps stimulate creativity. Another option is to sing familiar songs together at bedtime to help your child explore and develop rhythm and language.

Teach the concept of time. Let your child choose books according to how much time you have to spend together (short, medium, long). "Tonight is a short book night. Can you find a short book that you want to read?" This teaches your child about time and involves your child in the decision process, which is empowering.

Build excitement. If using a longer book, you can read a chapter or two each night. This helps build continuity and suspense for what's to come!

New Years Prayer

Thank you Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.

The year ahead is empty
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And the happiness it brings.

Please give the leaders of our world
A courage born of peace
That they might lead us gently
And all the fighting cease.

Please give to all upon this earth
A heart that's filled with love
A gentle happy way to live
With Your blessings from above.

~ Charlotte Anselmo ~

Wishing you all the best in 2015!

L Hurtubise, Principal