



ECCS NEWSLETTER MAY 2016

From the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that it is May and are now into the final months of the school year! We have many events scheduled for the month of May and this truly is a busy month in the life of our school.

Most importantly we will celebrate Catholic Education Week from May 2nd to 6th. This year's theme is "Opening Doors of Mercy", and it is my hope that you will join us in celebrating the Christ-centred environment that our school offers throughout this week. Please see the calendar for specific events throughout the month of May, and always know that you are invited to attend.

Our May/June Catholic Virtue is "**PRUDENCE**". Essentially, being prudent means that you are able to make the right decision even when it is difficult to do so. To make understanding this concept easier for our students, we will encourage them to ask themselves "**WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?**" (WWJD?) when they are confronted with a difficult decision. We hope that as parents & guardians, you could ask this same question of your children at home when they are making decisions, or when they face challenges as well.

Also, grade 3 and 6 students will be writing the **Provincial EQAO tests on Wednesday May 25th – Thursday June 2nd**. If you are a parent of a child(ren) in these grades, please contact the school if your child must be absent from school at all during this time. Teachers are busy preparing students for these assessments, however, parents and guardians can help as well. You may visit www.eqao.com, then click on the "Parent Resources" link, or contact the school for more information.

Please check our calendar as well as the OMPH insert with this newsletter for important dates and events occurring throughout May.

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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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.

Please see the OMPH insert accompanying this Newsletter for more details about events at the Parish.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK!!!

Catholic Education Week 2016 combines both the theme of mercy and the act of opening doors of reconciliation, mercy and forgiveness to all around us.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

Monday: Mercy that Welcomes
Tuesday: Mercy that Loves
Wednesday: Mercy that Forgives
Thursday: Mercy that Lives the Gospels
Friday: Mercy that Rejoices

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own developed activities we have prepared a series of activities which will highlight how our school is 'Opening Doors of Mercy'.

Spring Concert Note:

Our spring concert on May 3 is a voluntary event for students wishing to perform, and does not include all students. Should your child be performing, you of course are welcome to attend!

Catholic School Council

Our meeting Agendas and Minutes are now 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. We will be holding our final meeting of the year on Monday May 30th at 6:00 pm.

Track & Field



We have 3 Track and Field dates throughout May. Wednesday May 4th is an optional relay meet for grade 3-8 students at TDSS. Wednesday May 11th will be our school track and field meet for all grade 3-8 students. This will be held at the school. The top 3 finishers at our school meet in each event from each age division will be eligible to participate in the Branch meet on Wednesday May 18th at TDSS.

For the meets held at TDSS, the intention now is to **walk to and from the event**. However as of right now, start/end times as well as weather conditions are unknown so we may arrange for bus transportation as needed.

Speaking of weather, these meets are officially **all weather events** (except for Lightning). Also, please ensure students come prepared for the day (hat, sunscreen, jacket, water, snacks, lunch, proper running shoes, warm clothing etc.) You are encouraged to come on out and cheer on



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