



## ECCS Newsletter: December 2016

### 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

### December OMPH Schedule



Christmas Eve Masses: 6 pm, 10 pm and midnight at OMPH and 8 pm at St. Pat's.

Christmas Day Mass: 11 am at OMPH

Every Friday of Advent is the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 am to 4 pm.

#### Flu Season

With the flu season upon us, students and staff are reminded daily of the importance of proper hand washing and coughing/sneezing etiquette. In addition, parents/guardians are asked to please inform the school of any symptoms relating to your child(ren)'s illness when reporting an absence (i.e. fever, cough, sore throat, headache, fatigue, aches, pains and/or chills). This information will help in tracking trends in absenteeism rates and will further assist us in reporting accurate information to the local health unit if required. Children should remain at home when they are ill. We appreciate your continued support.

### From the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that we are already into December!! At this busy time of year and as you can see by our calendar, we will have several activities and events happening at the school, and then the Holidays will be upon us before we know it.

Though this is easier said than done, I encourage you and your family to ignore the marketing pressure of the media this season, and keep Christ as the focus of your family's Christmas celebrations. **It is vital that children view the Christmas season as an opportunity to give rather than to receive.** In this regard, I wish you and your family peace and joy throughout this Advent season as we commemorate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As always, please contact your child's teacher(s) if you have any questions or concerns about their progress.

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!!

*Matt Turner*



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### **Catholic School Council**

The third meeting of the ECCS Catholic School Council will be held **Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**. 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 in the front lobby of the school.

Parents/Guardians are always welcome to attend our meetings.

### **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.

### **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 Christmas Wish Campaign.

### **Snack Program**

We continue to offer a universal snack program at the school. There is no formal Breakfast program at the school. If a student forgets to eat breakfast, they are welcome to access the classroom snack bins upon arrival to class. Thank you to our volunteers Mrs. Donck and Mrs. Turner who run this program!!

### **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](mailto:bandydeborah@gmail.com) or call 705-647-7576

### **OMPH CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

ECCS will collect donations of non-perishable food for the OMPH Christmas Hampers. The collection period runs from December 14-21. The class who brings in the most items per capita wins a pizza lunch!! These hampers are distributed during the Christmas Season to less fortunate families within our community and surrounding area. Last day to bring in donations is December 21<sup>st</sup>. *Thank you for your generosity.*



### **ECCS CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

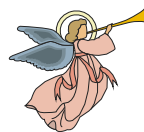
Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Each of the classes will be performing. *Everyone is welcome to attend!*

### **Hot Chocolate!!!**

Student council will be offering a hot chocolate/candy cane day on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Students will be able to pre-order hot chocolate and a candy cane, which will be delivered to their classroom that afternoon. Please support this student council fundraiser!

### **Lunchtime Fundraisers on Bus Cancellation Days**

In the event of a bus cancellation day, that day's lunchtime fundraiser (pizza day for example) is canceled. In the case of sub day, we would still receive the subs but would hold them until the next day. We will not be automatically reimbursing/crediting everyone on these days unless asked so please contact Mr. Turner (on Facebook message or by email) or the school to indicate that you would like reimbursement or a credit and we will happily arrange it. Thank you for your ongoing support of our lunchtime fundraisers.



*Wishing you peace and happiness during this joyous season. Merry Christmas!*



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