



ECCS Newsletter: March 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.

Please see the insert accompanying this email for more details about Lenten and Easter events at the Parish.

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. Thank you to everyone for your support of our recent Thornloe Cheese fundraiser!

Mrs. Aitchison's grade 7-8 class was the top earning class per capita!!! They win a pizza lunch! Well done. Our top overall salesperson was Haven Venne. She wins free pizza for every Friday in March. Well done Haven!

PEPPERETTES

This is a direct classroom fundraiser. All profits go to your child's classroom for various resources and/or activities. For siblings, you can either have them sell individually, or you can sell all on one sheet and we can evenly split the sales between their classes. Paper copies have, or will come home. **Orders are due Tuesday March 29.** Pepperettes will be delivered in mid-April. Thank you for your support!

From the Principal's Desk

We continue in the Holy season of Lent throughout March. Lent is the period of time when we are called to examine ourselves through careful reflection. Students will continue to learn of the three pillars of Lent; Prayer, Fasting & Charity. It is through these efforts that we can be prepared for the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday. I wish you and your family Christ's peace throughout your Lenten journey..... To better live out our faith, we are happy to carry on the tradition of weekly, optional lunchtime Masses at OMPH for students throughout Lent. You are welcome to join us.

The Catholic Virtue focus throughout March and April is "Hope". We are hopeful that happiness can be found even in times of despair; that love can be found even in times of hatred and anger; that peace can come in times of conflict and mistrust and that eternal life comes in and through our Faith in Jesus....

Please check our calendar as well as the OMPH insert with this newsletter for important dates and events occurring throughout March, culminating in Easter weekend from March 25-28th.

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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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.

Public Speaking

ECCS will be holding its annual Public Speaking competition in the school library on Thursday, March 3rd. Participation by students in this competition is optional. You are welcome to come and listen to the students speak. Because we are the only school competing, this competition will also serve as the Branch competition. The top three finishers in each of the categories will go on to compete at the Zone Level of competition at the Legion on Saturday March 5th. *Best of luck to all of the speakers!*

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, Ms. Batisse, Mrs. Hartzke and Mrs. Turner who run this program!!

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. 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