



Falcon News



English Catholic Central School

November 2013



Sweaters for Syria a Huge Success!



E.C.C.S. Students Help Send Over 1, 800 Sweaters to Syria!

On behalf of the staff and students at E.C.C.S., I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the **Sweaters for Syria Campaign!** E.C.C.S. students brought in close to 400 sweaters to help send a grand total of 1, 825 sweaters to needy refugees in Syria! Thanks to you, many Syrian refugees will be able to brave the coming cold winter with warmer clothing! In addition to this, students worked very hard in October to help make our **Quality Meats Pepperette Fundraising Campaign** a great success! Altogether, students brought in approximately \$17,000.00. With about 30% of the funds raised going back to the school, this enabled us to put approximately \$5000.00 towards student activities and year end trips! The pepperette orders were delivered to the school today **Friday, November 1st** and orders were sent home with students at the end of the day. If there are any discrepancies with your order, please contact the school so that this can be rectified. Thanks again for your excellent participation!

November's virtue of the month is **Prudence** (Wisdom). Our quote for this month is "How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!" (Proverbs 16:16) Prudence has three steps: seeking the proper, most loving thing to do; judging what is the best choice; and confidently acting. Prudence is visible in our Catholic schools when we reflect as Jesus' disciples and act in His love. This month at English Catholic School, we will express our prudence by thinking before we act!



The flu season is once again upon us! Please note that E.C.C.S. continues to follow the directives provided by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. We continue to provide hand sanitizers in every classroom and offer explicit instruction regarding thorough hand washing and proper coughing and sneezing etiquette. If your child has flu like symptoms or has a fever, you are asked to keep them at home. Also note, in addition to the flu clinics that will take place in schools, clinics will also be held by appointment at your local health unit!

Congratulations to our October Students of the Month!

Angelina Roy, Jennifer Morrow, Alicia Gallagher, Melody Koosees-MacKewn, Cohen Ashick, Rowan Teskey, Adam Shillinglaw, Jenna Popkie, Vanessa Patrick, Jennika Lindsay, Kolby Fleury, Jaden Roy and Corey Hele.

Other Important Dates:

Progress Reports will go home on **Wednesday, November 13th** and **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for **Thursday, November 21st** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. More information is to follow!

Our **Remembrance Ceremony** will take place on **Wednesday, November 6th at 9:30 a.m.** in the gym. If your child belongs to a service organization, please remind them to wear their uniform for our procession into the gym!



The Grade 7 and 8 Girls and Boys **Volleyball Tournaments** will take place on **November 19th** (Englehart) and **November 27th** (St. Michel). If you can help supervise, please contact the school!

Sacramental Preparation Dates:

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting # 3
Thursday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.



Reconciliation Retreat -
Sunday, December 1st from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

First Reconciliation Celebration -
Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

**JK/SK Full Day Kindergarten
Parent Information Night**

JK/SK teachers - Mrs. Ettles and Mrs. Gilboe and our Early Childhood Educators - Ms. Marwick and Mrs. Trahan invite all JK/SK parents to an information session regarding the Full Day Play Based Kindergarten Program. It will be held on **Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m.** in the library!

Our **All Souls Mass** with Father John will take place on **Thursday, November 21st at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym. All are welcome!



The Grade 8 Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction will take place on **Thursday, November 28th from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

**NOTE: the date
change for School Photos!**

Students in Grades JK/SK through to Grade 3/4 will have their photos

taken on **Tuesday, November 5th**. Students in Grades 5/6 through to Grade 8 will have their photos taken on **November 7th**. A reminder that this year, envelopes will be delivered to parents **after** the photo shoot with proofs that parents can choose from!



This year's **Christmas Concert** will take place on **Wednesday, December 18th, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym!

Finally, E.C.C.S. is once again proud to participate in **CJTT's Annual Christmas Wish Telethon**. Students and parents have been extremely generous during this year's silver collection campaign. We will be sure to let you know the final outcome!

L. Hurtubise, Principal

Tips for Parent Teacher Conferences

This year, our Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on **November 22nd**. They are opportunities for parents and teachers to talk together about how to help each child succeed and be happy at school. **Your form to book a conference time will be included with your child's progress report.** Conferences are short (10 minutes) so it is best to prepare before the conference to make the best use of that short time.

**PREPARE**

Read your child's progress report. Make notes about your questions and concerns. Talk to your child about the report. Is she/he happy with her/his progress? Was she/he surprised by any comments on the report? Ask the child to predict what the teacher is going to tell you. Then, ask what she/he would like you to discuss with the teacher.

ASK QUESTIONS

Arrive on time. Bring your child's progress report and your list of questions with a notepad and pen to make notes. Jotting down notes as you go along is a good way to jog your memory later. Parent teacher conferences are strictly confidential, so share personal information that might be affecting your child's progress or behaviour at school (e.g. family illness, job search, new baby). This information will help the teacher understand your child better. Every parent wants to hear how wonderful his/her child is - and the teacher should tell you about your child's special skills and achievements. But one of the main functions of the interview is to point out areas where your child has room to develop. Resist the urge to be defensive and work with the teacher to look at ways that you can support your child's learning at home. Strive to keep the lines of communication open and friendly!

AFTER THE INTERVIEW

Before you say goodbye, find out the best way to follow-up with the teacher. Schedule another meeting, if necessary, or find out the best time to call the teacher. Review any decisions you have made together. Once you are home, talk to your child about the meeting. Be sure to pass on praise - yours and the teachers' - before bringing up any issues of concern. Follow-up on anything your child talked about before the meeting. Talk about how you and the teacher are going to help with the things that need to be improved!