



Falcon News



English Catholic Central School

October 2014



Happy Thanksgiving!

E.C.C.S. Staff and Students are Grateful!

This month's virtue of the month is **Gratitude**. How appropriate it is that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving together in just over a week! The choice to be grateful is not always without effort. Gratitude is the virtue that makes us aware and appreciate the gifts we receive each day. Our quote for this month is, *"Lord, your love knows no bounds. Fill my heart with gratitude for the gifts you lavish upon me everyday"* from **Psalm 23:1-6**. This quote will be the foundation for our work this month. We will reflect on the notion that we cannot think that we have a right to demand something without giving anything in return ... and without giving thanks for all that we are! Consequently, the staff at E.C.C.S. would once again like to express their **appreciation** to a number of our parents, our volunteers and community organizations who regularly assist us in our efforts to provide an excellent learning environment for our students. Whether it be assisting with the Snack Program, Rosary Club, Sacramental Preparation, Mass/Celebrations, volunteering in classrooms or accompanying students on trips, the dedication of your time is very much appreciated!

In the spirit of thanksgiving, staff and students at E.C.C.S. are also conducting a food drive and we are asked to bring in non-perishable food items through **October 14th -24th**. All food items collected will be given to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish and shared with all those in need!

Thank
You!



- Our **E.C.C.S. Open House, FREE BBQ and Book Fair** will take place on **Thursday, October 9th from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** We hope to see you there! Note: there is no cost to attend! Those parents who wish may bring in a **non-perishable food item!** A special thank you to our Parent Council for sponsoring this event!



- We are pleased to announce that **Photografiks** will be our school photographer again this year. School photos will take place on **November 4th (Jk-Grade 3) and November 7th (Gr. 5/6-8).**



- Our first official fundraiser will kick off this week! This year, E.C.C.S. has teamed up with **Nor Card!** While we do not encourage door to door sales, we do hope that students will sell to family and friends! Order forms have been sent out and they are due back by **Tuesday, October 14th**. The funds raised will go towards classroom excursions and student activities!



- We will be celebrating our **Thanksgiving Mass** with Father Wayne on **Thursday, October 9th at 10:35 a.m. in the gym.** All are welcome!



- October 13th is the **Thanksgiving Holiday**. There are no classes on this day!



Sacramental Preparation Information

First Reconciliation Rite of Enrolment
Sunday, October 12th at 11:00 a.m. at OMPH

Confirmation Parent Meeting
Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at OMPH

Confirmation Candidates Meeting
Tuesday, October 28th at 7:30 p.m. at OMPH

- E.C.C.S. has once again continued its partnership with the **Red Cross** to help provide a healthy snack program for all children! Healthy Snack bowls are located in each of the classrooms and are refurbished each Monday and Wednesday!



The following classes will be visiting the **Pumpkin Patch** this month:

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Johnston
October 6th, Mrs. Shillinglaw
and Mrs. Cull **October 10th**, and
Mrs. Gilboe and Mrs. Ettles
October 21st.

- Finally, a special thank you to all parents who put their name forward for this year's Parent Council. As there was no need to hold elections, this year's council will consist of the following parent representatives:

2014-2015 E.C.C.S. Parent Council

Mrs. Rachel Batisse, Mrs. Marita Kennedy, Mrs. Jen Bailey, Mrs. Karen Laffrenier, Mrs. Heidi Donk, Mrs. Melanie Fluery, Mrs. Natasha Ruddy, Mrs. Sara Munroe and Mrs. Billie Richer

The next **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on **Monday, October 6th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Family Studies room. At this time we will set the schedule for future meetings and elect the chair and vice chair person.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

God of all blessings, source of all life,
giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:
for the breath that sustains life,
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,
for the love of family and friends
without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:
for the beauty that the eye can see,
for the joy that the ear may hear,
for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder, for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:
for families who nurture our becoming,
for friends who love us by choice,
for companions at work,
who share our burdens and daily tasks,
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,
for people from other lands
who call us to grow in understanding,
for children who lighten our moments with delight,
for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:
for life and one more day to love,
for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace, for neighbours and one more person to love and by whom be loved, for your grace and one more experience of your presence,
for your promise: to be with us,
to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings,
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God.

Amen

Happy Thanksgiving!

L. Hurtubise, Principal

