



# Falcon News



English Catholic Central School

May 2011

## Happy Easter!

### Catholic Education Week May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 6<sup>th</sup>

On behalf of the staff and students at English Catholic Central School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Easter! As we enter this Easter season, it seems only fitting that we begin to make preparations to celebrate **Catholic Education Week** during the first week of May. This year's theme is "**Celebrating the Spirit**". From May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>, and throughout the month of May, students will have the opportunity to reflect on the gift of their Catholic Education and celebrate our uniqueness as a Catholic school. Your child will be engaged in activities and discussions which highlight the significance of what it means to celebrate the spirit of hospitality, understanding, wisdom, justice and gratitude. We hope that you are able to join us for some of these special events. For more information regarding Catholic Education Week, go to [www.goodnewsforall.ca](http://www.goodnewsforall.ca)

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is undertaking a review of its operations to develop a strategic plan for the next four years. You are invited to attend an informal **Open House** session on **Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the front foyer and to share your ideas and views regarding the initial findings that were developed through the online surveys and interviews that the board conducted. See the attached letter from our Director of Education for more details!

For additional information regarding upcoming events in May, be sure to refer to the May Calendar for more details!

- Our next **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Family Studies room. All are welcome!
- In order to help spread **justice in our world**, on **Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** students will once again have the opportunity to participate in **World Kids Colouring Day!** Each participating child is asked to give a **small** donation. The money raised will go towards the **Save the Children** organization which helps to ensure that children around the world receive a proper education.



- Our **Catholic Education Week Mass** with Father John will take place on **Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:35 a.m.** in the gym. All are welcome!
- The **Book Fair** will run all week from May 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Family Breakfast, Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$4.00 per person and \$15.00 per family!
- May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> is the **Grade 8 Toronto Trip!**
- **E.C.C.S. Track and Field try outs** will take place on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2011.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> is the **T.D.S.S. Track and Field Day!**

- On May 11<sup>th</sup>, students in the Grades 6/7 English and Immersion classes will travel to Timmins to see **Beauty and the Beast** at O'Gorman High School.



**May 7<sup>th</sup> - May 13<sup>th</sup> is Screen Free Week!** The Timiskaming Health Unit is challenging families to be more physically active!

- **Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> is Victoria Day!** There are no classes on this day!

- This year's **Spring Fling Talent Show** will take place on **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**. More details are to follow!

- **May 26<sup>th</sup> is Shades of Fun Day!** Students are encouraged to wear their sun glasses to protect their eyes from the sun. Student Council will make a donation to the CNIB!

- **Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart** will take place on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2011. Please return all pledge forms by this day!



**Confirmation Candidates are reminded of the following important dates:**

Confirmation Retreat: May 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm. - 4:00 p.m. at OMPH.

Meeting with the Bishop: May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at OMPH.

Rehearsal: May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at OMPH

**Confirmation: May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at OMPH.**

A special thank you in advance to parents and students for participating once again in our **QSP Magazine Fundraiser**. The campaign "kick off" took place today and it was very well received by both staff and students. With each subscription sold, the school receives approximately \$10.00 and the funds raised will be put towards a number of important school initiatives such as technology upgrades and school yard enhancements. All orders must be returned to the school by **Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. Remember, students are not encouraged to go door to door but instead are encouraged to sell to family and friends! Orders can also be placed online at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) Our school code is **6831**. This summer, snuggle up and read or consider giving the gift of reading!

Finally, as the warmer weather approaches, students are reminded that **beach wear and flip flops** are not permitted at school and that sandals without straps are not permitted on outdoor equipment due to safety reasons. In addition, **all** shorts and skorts must consistently be at finger tip length. For more information, see the school agenda insert that was sent home and signed by students at the beginning of the year!

L. Hurtubise, Principal

