

ENGLISH CATHOLIC CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, volunteers and parents for helping to make our events in February such a huge success! A special thank you to those who came out to support our Grade 8 classes at the **Valentine Carnival** and to those who assisted with our **Olympic Electives Day!** We would also like to acknowledge all who contributed towards our **Development and Peace - Haiti Relief** initiative as students and staff were able to raise a total of \$575.00 and give Mr. Moore his much needed hair cut!

A special congratulations also to those students who placed in the 2010 E.C.C.S. Public Speaking Contest last month! Please note that next year, the contest format will be changing. Students who wish to pursue public speaking will sign up - much like an extra-curricular activity thus enabling them to receive individualized instruction and coaching. If you would like to assist us with this new format, please contact the school!

Listed below, are a number of information items that may be of interest to you. Please see the reverse side of this newsletter to view all of the calendar details!

Our next **Catholic Parent Council meeting** will take place Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the staff room. All parents are welcome!

On Thursday, March 4th there will be a **First Communion** meeting for Grade 3 parents at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Church at 7:30 p.m.

Our Lenten Noon Hour Masses at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish have begun. They will take place March 1, 10th and 31st @11:45. All are welcome!

March Break - March 15th - March 19th

Due to unforeseen circumstances, students were unfortunately unable to receive their **Spirit Wear** on Feb 18th. However, a number of items have now arrived and orders will be distributed shortly!

Finally, how timely is it that this month's virtue is **forgiveness**? Not only because we are in the season of Lent, but also because it is an important cornerstone of our faith and one that Jesus modeled for us in his life and death. This month, we are reminded that forgiveness is a gift and it's a gift to our children when we teach and model it to them. As we continue our special preparations for the Lenten Season here at E.C.C.S., we hope that you will find time to join us!

L. Hurtubise, Principal