



# 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 **100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebrations!** Your continued support is much appreciated! A special thank you also to parents who have already completed their online survey! Your efforts in this regard will help us to highlight areas of focus for future school improvement initiatives. **It is not too late to complete your survey!** Simply log on to [www.Tellthemfromme.com](http://www.Tellthemfromme.com) and enter your username and password!

A reminder that **Parent/Teacher Interviews** will take place this **Tuesday, March 1, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Note that as part of our School Improvement Planning this year, teachers have been experimenting with establishing Learning Goals and Success Criteria with students in order to enhance student learning. Learning Goals clearly identify what students are expected to know and be able to do and are written in such a way or language that students can understand. Teachers develop learning goals based on the curriculum expectations and share them with the students. Success Criteria are then student friendly statements that describe what the student must be able to do in order to successfully meet the learning goal. It is our hope to share with you our work in this area on Tuesday! If you have any questions regarding this strategy, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself!

## E.C.C.S. Celebrates the Virtue of Forgiveness

How timely is it that this month's virtue is **forgiveness**? Not only because we are soon to be 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 begin our special preparations for the Lenten Season here at English Catholic Central School, we hope that you will find time to join us!

## **The Northeastern Catholic District School Board invites you to participate in the development of its strategic plan!**

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is undertaking a review of its operation to develop a strategic plan for the next four years. Parents are asked to please visit the board web site at [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca) to complete a survey and share comments about Catholic education and how we can better serve today's learners in our Catholic schools. Please see the attached letter from the Director of Education for additional information!

***Listed on the opposite page are a number of information items! Please see the March Calendar to view all of the details!***

E.C.C.S. is pleased to host **iTromboni in Concert!** on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. Students from JK-8 will have the opportunity to hear one of the world's finest trombone quintets! This event was made possible by Jeunesses Musicales of Canada in partnership with Canadian Heritage!

Our next **Catholic Parent Council meeting** will take place Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Studies room. All parents are welcome!

E.C.C.S. is hosting a **Shrove Tuesday Family Pancake Breakfast** on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will go towards the Breakfast Program. More information is to follow!

E.C.C.S. is still looking for **Breakfast Program Volunteers**. If you are able to assist us on either Tuesday or Thursday mornings or Monday and Wednesday after school to help prepare food items, please contact Ms. O'Shea here at the school.

Our **Ash Wednesday Mass** with Father John will take place on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome!

**Our Lenten Noon Hour Masses** at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will begin soon. They will take place March 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

**March Break - March 14<sup>th</sup> - March 18<sup>th</sup>** There are no classes this week!

**Grade 8 Graduation Photos** will take place on the morning of Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2011.

**Knights of Columbus Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Help support Temiskaming Cancer Care/Biker's Reunion Events!** There will be a Yard Sale at E.C.C.S. on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have any items to donate, please contact Sandy Sauve or Wendy Dupuis. Note: this month's Regal Catalogue sales will also go to support Temiskaming Cancer Care! More information is to follow!

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> is **Winter Carnival Day!** Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather!

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will host its monthly **Snack and Yack** after masses on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall.

On Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, students are encouraged to participate in **Earth Hour** at 8:30 p.m. Students are reminded to **turn out the lights**, stand up, take responsibility, and to get involved and help lead the global journey to a sustainable future. For more information, see [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)



Finally, just a reminder that **Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Development Day!** There are no classes on this day. Teachers throughout the Northeastern Catholic District School Board will be participating in a workshop facilitated by Educational Consultant, Damian Cooper. The day will focus on effective assessment practices that will help improve student learning!

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