



Falcon News



'Lord, make us instruments of your peace...'

English Catholic Central School

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E.C.C.S. Celebrates Lent!



E.C.C.S. Celebrates Lent and Prepares for Easter!

As we continue the season of Lent, we are reminded that this special season provides all of us with a time to prepare for the essence of our faith - the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As in previous years, our school community has embarked upon the Liturgical Season of Lent with the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday and our Lenten promises. These promises will be our focus for the forty days of Lent and will be a reminder that Lent is a time to change the things in our lives which separate us from Jesus. Some of us have chosen to give-up something like candy or TV, remembering each time we deny ourselves of the huge sacrifice that Jesus made for our sins. Others have chosen to add something to our daily lives that will bring us closer to Jesus, like extra time given over to prayer or volunteering extra time in the community. Whatever the case, we know that keeping our resolutions is difficult and that sometimes we may slip, but it is a good lesson for us and our students to keep on trying and not to give up. It is our hope that by all of us taking time from our busy schedules to develop our relationship with God, we can use the Lenten season to develop a greater appreciation of the life that God is calling each of us to lead.



How timely is it then 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 forgiveness to them. As we continue our special

preparations during the Lenten Season here at English Catholic Central School, we hope that you will find time to join us!

Our **Lenten Noon Hour Masses** this year will take place on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.. Student's have the opportunity to board buses and attend mass with other parishioners at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish. Staff and students enjoy spending this time together in prayer as we journey through Lent and prepare for our Easter celebrations!

Listed below are a number of informational items. Please see the calendar for additional details!

- **First Term Report Cards** were sent home on February 20th. Parents are asked to return the signed portion by Monday, March 4th. Please note that while there are no formal interviews scheduled, you may arrange a meeting with your child's teacher at any time!



- E.C.C.S. students are once again taking part in a school wide fund raising event. E.C.C.S. has teamed up with **Quality Meats** and students are asked to sell pepperettes from February 25th - March 26th. The funds raised will go towards covering the costs of student activities in each division.

- Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, April 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Note: at this meeting we will be hosting a presentation by Special Assignment Teacher, Erica Raymond regarding the upcoming **Full Day Kindergarten Program at E.C.C.S.** All are welcome!

We are on the web @ <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca>
Click on "Our Catholic Schools"

The criteria for this month's **Student of the Month** is as follows:

A student who demonstrates **Creativity** in their written work and in their thinking; **A Reflective, Creative, Holistic Thinker** who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.

Congratulations to the boys and girls basketball teams for an excellent day at the St. Michel Tournament. The boys A Team returned with the gold! The teams will now travel to TDSS to compete in the St. Patrick School tournament on **March 6th**. A reminder that all permission forms must be submitted by these dates.

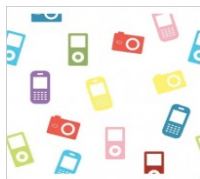


Friday, March 8th is **Winter Carnival Day** at E.C.C.S for all primary students in grades JK-2 and **Electives Day** for students in grades 3-8! Students are reminded to dress appropriately

for the outdoor activities! While our younger students will remain at the school to participate in fun activities, some of the activities for the older grades will include: ice fishing, hockey, curling, Cajo farms, computer programming and art appreciation.

Friday, March 22 is **Pyjama Day**. Students may also purchase milk and cookies for their last snack for a toonie! The money raised from this event will go towards the **Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign**.

March 27th is **Electronic's Day** at E.C.C.S.. Student's who wish to use their electronic devices are asked to bring in a **canned good**. Please note that the rules for all electronics must still be followed.



All devices must be used responsibly and only with the permission of the classroom teacher. In addition, the school will not be responsible for lost or damaged devices!

On Saturday, March 30th, students are once again encouraged to participate in **Earth Hour** at 8:30 p.m. Students are reminded to **turn out the lights**, to stand up and to get involved and help lead the global journey to a sustainable future. For more information, see www.earthhour.org

Student Absences and Lates:

Just a reminder that a great deal of learning occurs first thing in the morning. In most classrooms, this is the Literacy or Mathematics Block. In order to maximize opportunities for learning, it is crucial that students arrive to school **on time** and that absences are kept to a minimum!

Harder for Carter Penny Drive!

Students are asked to bring in their pennies to help support the Harder for Carter Skateboard Park Campaign. Carter Antila was a former student and graduate of E.C.C.S. and we are proud to support this very worthwhile cause!

EASTER TRIDUUM CELEBRATIONS:

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection with the following liturgies: **Holy Thursday** (March 28th) at 7:30 P.M. with Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight, **Good Friday** (March 29th) at 3:00 P.M. with a Service of the Word and Veneration of the Cross and 7:00 P.M. with Stations of the Cross, **Holy Saturday** (March 30th) with an **Easter Vigil Mass** at 9:00 P.M. and **Easter Sunday Masses** (March 31st) at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 AM.

For further information about our celebrations contact Father John at 705-647-5035.

Come and join us in our celebration of new life!

An Easter Prayer for Children

Time for joy and time for giving,
Time for remembering love while living.
Take this message Easter day,
Show kindness and caring at home and play.

It is in our very acts of giving,
Easter's joy makes life worth living.
Children around the globe now hear,
Keep Easter in your heart all year.

Amen

Lori Hurtubise,
Principal

