



ENGLISH CATHOLIC CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to take this opportunity to **welcome** all students and parents to another exciting and rewarding school year here at English Catholic Central School. A very special welcome to our new students and to families new to the Temiskaming Shores area! We are confident that you will have a great year here at E.C.C.S.!

The following are a number of information items which pertain to this new academic school year. Due to busing and supervision requirements, this year's **drop off time is once again 8:35 a.m.** If you need to drop off your child before this time, please contact Timiskaming Child Care (672-2100) to access their **Before/After School Program** that is being offered again this year at school. Please also note that this year's lunch hour will be from **11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

Once again, Student Agendas are being provided to students in the Junior and Intermediate grades. For additional information regarding school procedures, be sure to read the E.C.C.S. Handbook which is located inside the front cover. There is also a Catholic insert with information and activities related to our faith. The Handbook and insert will be sent home for primary students who are once again using a Communication Folder.

Now that the construction of the new Industrial Arts and Family Studies wing has been completed, our evening buses will once again load at the back of the school. I would like to thank you for your patience last year. We are very excited and will be providing tours to the students this week. We hope that you can join us at our **Open House on Thursday, September 23rd beginning at 5:00 p.m.**

A reminder that due to Safe School Policies, it is necessary that we be extra vigilant about having visitors sign in at the office and have parents remain at the front of the school when picking up their child. Also, a friendly reminder that if you do plan to pick up your child, please provide written notice or **call before 2:00 p.m.** so that the message can be communicated to the classroom or itinerant teacher in time.

Finally, we are also sending home today a number of items: an NCDSB School Year Calendar, a summary of School Bus policies, a Board/Student Internet Agreement form for students in Grades 1 to 8, a medical authorization form for any students who require meds to be administered at school. This includes prescribed medicine as well as tylenol etc,. We ask that these forms be returned to the school **no later than Friday, September 17th, 2010.** Please note: the annual Student Data Update Form and the Emergency Closure Procedure form will be mailed directly to you for your attention. Please return these to the school so that we may update our records.

On the following page, I have highlighted some important dates. Please be sure to consult the September Calendar for additional events!

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UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Our first Parent Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m in the new Family Studies Room.

The formation of a new **School Advisory Council** will take place this month and information will be provided separately.

Wednesday, September 8th is **International Literacy Day**. Families are invited to check out the online E.C.C.S. Tumblebook Library. In addition, Parent Council will be selling reading timers for \$5.00. See Mrs. Minnett for details!

Father John Lemire will commission students and staff at a service in the school gym on Friday, September 10th at 10:35 a.m. Please join us!

On Monday, September 13th, students in Grades 5-8 will travel to the Classic Theatre in Cobalt to see a performance by the **Toronto Symphony Orchestra** at 10:00 a.m.

Please note that the student body from Grades 2 to 8 will participate in the **New Liskeard Fall Fair Parade** on **Friday, September 17th**. Further information will be forwarded next week. However, if you are able to volunteer for this event, I would ask that you please contact your child's teacher. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Monday, September 20th, is our **Toonie for Terry Fox Walk** @ 12:45 p.m.

Friday, September 3rd is a **Professional Activity Day**. There are no classes on this day! The teachers will be participating in a Professional Development Day.

I would like to thank you in advance for your anticipated assistance and support as we begin another busy academic year here at E.C.C.S.!

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school!

Yours truly,

Lori Hurtubise, Principal