



# Falcon News



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

English Catholic Central School

October 2013



## Happy Thanksgiving!



E.C.C.S. Staff and Students are Grateful!

This month's virtue of the month is Gratitude. How appropriate it is that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving together in just a few short days! The choice to be grateful is not always without effort. Gratitude is the virtue that makes us aware and appreciate the gifts we receive each day. Our quote for this month is, "Lord, your love knows no bounds. Fill my heart with gratitude for the gifts you lavish upon me everyday" from Psalm 23:1-6. This quote will be the foundation for our work this month. We will reflect on the notion that we cannot think that we have a right to demand something without giving anything in return ... and without giving thanks for all that we are!

In the spirit of thanksgiving, staff and students at E.C.C.S. are conducting a food drive and we are asked to bring in non-perishable food items through **October 1<sup>st</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>**. All food items collected will be given to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish and shared with all those in need!

**Thank You!**

As the Northeastern Catholic District School Board's virtue of the month for October is Gratitude, the staff at E.C.C.S. would once again like to express their appreciation to a number of

our volunteers and community organizations who regularly assist us in our efforts to provide an excellent learning environment for our students. Whether it be assisting with the Snack Program, Rosary Club, Sacramental Preparation, Mass/Celebrations, volunteering in classrooms or accompanying students on trips, the dedication of your time is very much appreciated!



- Our **E.C.C.S. Open House, FREE BBQ and Book Fair** will take place on **Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** We hope to see you

there! Note: there is no cost to attend! Those parents who wish may bring in a **non-perishable food item!** A special thank you to our Parent Council for sponsoring this event!

- We are pleased to announce that Fotografiks will be our school photographer again this year. School photos will take place on **November 6<sup>th</sup> (Jk-Grade 3/4) and November 7<sup>th</sup> (Gr. 5/6-8)**. If you have preschool children, you are welcome to bring them at 8:30 a.m. to have their photos taken.



- Our first official fundraiser will kick off this week! This year, E.C.C.S. will once again be selling **Quality Meets Pepperettes**. While we do not encourage door to door sales,

we do hope that students will sell to family and friends! Order forms will go home this week and they are due back by **Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**. The tentative delivery date is scheduled for the week of **November 4<sup>th</sup>**. The funds raised will go towards classroom excursions and student activities!

- We will be celebrating our **Thanksgiving Mass** with Father John on **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the gym**. All are welcome!



- Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> is a **Professional Activity Day**. There are no classes on this day. Teachers will be working on this year's School Improvement Planning initiatives!

- October 14<sup>th</sup> is the **Thanksgiving Holiday**. There are no classes on this day!

- On October 10<sup>th</sup>, ECCS students will once again compete at the **Cross Country Running Event** at the Nordic Ski Club. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each student participating the best of luck. If there are any parents who wish to assist with this event, please contact the school.



- **ARE YOU MOVING?** Be sure to check to see if you are still in the E.C.C.S. catchment area! Call Mrs. Minnett at 705-647-4301!



### Sacramental Preparation Parent Meeting Dates

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting #1  
**Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at OMPH**

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting #2  
**Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at OMPH**



- Finally, a special thank you to all parents who put their name forward for this year's Parent Council. As there was no need to hold elections, this year's council will consist of the following parent representatives:

### 2013-2014 E.C.C.S. Parent Council

Mrs. Rachel Batisse, Mrs. Shannon Duquette, Mrs. Mary Grimaldi, Mrs. Marita Kennedy, Mrs. Jen Bailey, Mrs. Jennifer Bonney, Mrs. Jenn Hendersen, Mrs. Heidi Donk, Mrs. Annette Cloutier, Mrs. Carla Duquette, Mrs. Natasha Ruddy, Mr. Gregg Shanks, Mrs. Billie Richer, and Mrs. Erin Flickel.

The next **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Family Studies room. At this time we will set the schedule for future meetings and elect the chair and vice chair person.



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### A Thanksgiving Prayer

God of all blessings, source of all life,  
giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:  
for the breath that sustains life,  
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,  
for the love of family and friends  
without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:  
for the beauty that the eye can see,  
for the joy that the ear may hear,  
for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the  
universe with wonder, for the expanse of space  
that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:  
for families who nurture our becoming,  
for friends who love us by choice,  
for companions at work,  
who share our burdens and daily tasks,  
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,  
for people from other lands  
who call us to grow in understanding,  
for children who lighten our moments with delight,  
for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:  
for life and one more day to love,  
for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and  
peace, for neighbours and one more person to love  
and by whom be loved, for your grace  
and one more experience of your presence,  
for your promise: to be with us,  
to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings,  
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God.

**Amen**

Happy Thanksgiving!

L. Hurtubise, Principal