



ENGLISH CATHOLIC CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians

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Welcome to the 2016-17 school year at ECCS! I hope you spent time this summer enjoying the season and that you are looking forward to this school year as much as our Staff. I am excited to be with you again as your Principal! ECCS is a wonderful school, and we are happy to serve you and your child again this year!

This year, ECCS transitions into a **NUT AWARE** school.

Please refrain from sending lunches and snacks containing peanut or tree nut products to school. We also ask that should peanut or nut products be eaten at home for breakfast, **PLEASE** have your child wash their hands and face if necessary as even trace amounts of nut/tree nut residue can be fatal for children at our school.

I would also like to request that non-food items be used for celebrations like birthdays, Halloween etc as these occasions present unique challenges for staff in governing if a food product is safe for all students at the school. Should you wish to recognize a special day/event in your child's life this year, please be in touch with your child's teacher to discuss an appropriate plan for this celebration.

September and October's Catholic virtue is **GRATITUDE**. "Thanks" is a simple word, but it can also be a precious demonstration of faith in God, as it fills our hearts with a readiness to cherish everything we have. However, true Gratitude is not simply demonstrated by saying "Thank You" when someone does something nice for us. We must always teach children to be thankful for the good things they have in their lives, as well as be thankful for God's ultimate gift to us, His Son Jesus Christ.

Please remember that we welcome you to call the school if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year. We look forward to another successful school year, and may the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of us as we work together as partners in Catholic Education to the best of our abilities for the children entrusted to our care.

Yours in Catholic education,

Matt Turner

Monthly Calendars and Newsletters are posted on the web @ www.ncdsb.on.ca Click on "Our Schools" and then click ECCS!
Please request to join our Facebook Group for current announcements and school news.

"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!"

Please note that the student body from Grades 2 to 8 will participate in the **Fall Fair Parade** on **Friday, September 16th**. For safety reasons, our youngest learners will remain at the school to do fall activities. Should you wish, you may pick them up to go to the parade. 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!

Thursday, September 29th, is our **Toonie for Terry Fox Walk** @ 12:45 p.m. If possible, students are asked to donate a toonie for this event.

Once again, we are pleased to provide every student in grades 3-8 with a Student Agenda. Students from JK-Grade2 will use an alternative form of communication folder. The agenda/folder has proven to be a very worthwhile tool for students who need assistance with assignment scheduling and time management. It is also an excellent means of communication between both the parent and teacher.

Although this agenda is a practical and convenient system of time management, it is more than just an activity schedule. It can be a valuable daily companion in helping students understand their expectations, create their time-lines, set goals, monitor their progress, and track their own success. Regardless of the students' previous academic accomplishments, routine use of an agenda will help to build and expand organizational skills that will last a lifetime. It is my belief that the consistent use of an agenda at home and at school will be of great personal and academic benefit to all students!

GOALS FOR USING THE AGENDA

Many factors come into play to ensure student success at school and consequently later on in life. Two of these factors are **communication** between home and school and **organizational skills**. These two factors, when promoted and developed, ensure that each child will develop to his or her full potential. In order for this program to be a success, three major stakeholders must work together: student, parent and teacher. The expectations for each stakeholder are as follows:

Expectations for the student:

- bring his/her agenda to class **daily** and bring it **agenda to class daily**
- record all homework and project assignments on the date assigned and the due date
- have the agenda signed by a parent/guardian daily
- record the dates of school activities

Expectations for the parent/guardian:

- ensure that the agenda is brought home daily
- sign the agenda daily
- respond to any comments or enquires by the teacher

- contact the teacher to express any concerns and request a meeting if necessary

Expectations for the teacher:

- * ensure that the student brings his/her home **nightly**
- * use class time to help students record assignments and due dates
- * verify that the agenda is being filled out daily
- * contact the parent/guardian to express any concerns and schedule a meeting if necessary.



DAILY PROCEDURES

Bell Times:

8:50 a.m.	School Entry
10:05 a.m.	Opening Exercises
10:10-10:25	Recess
11:45 a.m.	Lunch bell
12:05 p.m.	Lunch recess
12:45 p.m.	Afternoon classes begin
2:05-2:20 p.m.	Recess
3:20 p.m.	Dismissal

