



School Council

# Parent to Parent Newsletter

November 2007

## Upcoming Events

### 2007/2008 School Year

- **Professional Activity Day**  
November 30, 2007
- **Holiday Concert**  
December 5, 2007
- **Christmas Holidays**  
December 24, 2007 –  
January 4, 2008
- **January 29th, 2008**  
Parent Information Night on  
Underage Drinking
- **Report Cards**  
February 12, 2008
- **Professional Activity Day**  
February 15, 2008
- **March Break**  
March 10 – 14, 2008
- **Good Friday**  
March 21, 2008
- **Easter Monday**  
March 24, 2008
- **Music Concert**  
May 7, 2008
- **Victoria Day**  
May 19, 2008
- **Exams**  
June 9 - 20, 2008

## Upcoming School Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 4, 2007  
7:30 p.m. in the School Library

Please join us at the meeting  
and find out what's happening at  
E.C.I.

**All are welcome!!**

### E.C.I. School Council 2007/2008

Sandy Brown (Chair)

Julie Brown	Karen Chin
Joseph Frey	Marie Bogle
Laurie Green	Michelle Gibbons
Loretta Pisani	Rick Spence
Walt Skobel	Paul Tocher

## School Council News

### Highlights from the Sept./Oct. meetings



#### Student Council Report

- Athletic Executive: The cross-country team won the regional championships. Winter sports include swimming, hockey, girl's volleyball, badminton, cricket and boys basketball. Intramural flag football has been held at lunch hours. Friday Night Lights was very successful - the Senior ECI Rams won. Fundraising to include bake sales and barbecues to raise money for the athletic banquet.
- Music Executive: The fundraiser of orange and cookie dough sales will end Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> with delivery Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Money raised goes toward the Music trip to Milan, Rome, Athens & Malta. The Holiday Concert on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> to include a silent auction. Donations of goods or services from local businesses and the community are wanted.
- Charity: Students participated in a C.N. Tower climb for United Way. They are presently raising money for the charity "Free the Children".

#### School Council Chair Report

- Lock down drill to be held twice a year, fire drill 6 times a year.
- The Multi Subject Instructional Period schedule investigated last year was not pursued due to contractual obligations within the teachers' collective agreement. Due to significant interest by teachers, students & parents, a parent sub-committee was suggested to investigate further. Parents with an interest should contact the School Council.
- The School Council gave out six Prefect awards and an individual award to Sydney Ferguson at commencement.

- The School Advocate newsletter announced the members of the New Parent Boards across Ontario.
- School Council Budget: from excess budget we will be contributing funds to some programs at the school: the Library (furnishings), the Math Dept. (a notebook computer), the Art Dept. (a digital camera), the Holiday Party, snacks during EQAO & Literacy tests, the graduation banquet and the commencement awards.
- The ECI web site has been updated with minutes to the meetings as well as other pertinent information.
- Parent Information Night about underage drinking: presentations include Parent Action on Drugs, our Community Liaison Officer and a Social Worker from Sick Children's Hospital.
- Punctuality can be problem for some students - Administration is working with the grade nines on attending class on time.
- Parents are asked to ensure current contact information is submitted to the school.
- Street crime officers in plain clothes come to the school to talk to the students. In January, the officers will be in full uniform which may not allow for the same relationship connection to the students.

#### Teacher Rep. Jim O'Reilly

- Professional Learning Centre meetings have commenced on Wednesdays again this year.
- 19 new teachers this year

**If you would like to be included on the School Council email list, please contact the School Council Chair at 416-394-7840. We share information on school related issues.**