

Hello St. Margaret Mary Community,

Today is All Souls Day, a day on which we recognize and pray for all the faithful departed.

*Merciful Father, On this day, we are called to remember those who have died, Particularly those who have died in the past year,
And pray for their joyful reunion with you, their loving creator. As your son taught us to call the stranger neighbor, our fallen are many" (Genevieve Laskey, 2019)*

REPORTING ABSENCES: A reminder from the office to please enter your child(ren)'s absence through Safe Arrival. Parents/guardians are able to input an absence for multiple days at one time. Instructions on how to use School Messenger/Safe Arrival can be found here: [School messenger.pdf](#)

CONGRATULATIONS to our October Student of the Month award winners. Our focus for October was: *Faith In Action: Gratitude Learning Skill Focus: Responsibility* [St Margaret Mary STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD WINNERS \(1\).pdf](#) For the month of November, we are focusing on *Faith in Action: Peace Learning Skill: Organization.*

LUNCHBOX ORDERS: The LunchBox orders have been canceled for this Friday (November 4) and Monday (November 7) as the company that oversees this program requires a certain amount of lead time to process their orders.

These orders have been canceled in the event that the schools are closed this Friday. At this time we do not have any further information to share about the status of the schools on Friday. The HWCDSB will send out any pertinent information regarding this as it becomes available.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

PHOTO RETAKES: Will be on Wednesday, November 16 at the school (uniforms required). These are for individual student photos only.

TWINKLE TOES CAMPAIGN: Our Confirmandi (Grade 7s) are helping to support the Catholic Women's League (CWL) for their Twinkle Toes Campaign. The following items will be collected until November 14: [Twinkle Toes list of items.pdf](#) All donations are greatly appreciated to support this wonderful initiative.

MAD SCIENCE: Any students between FDK to Grade 6 who have registered for Mad Science (a voluntary, paid program) will start their lessons on Tuesday, November 8 at 11:20 a.m. in the learning commons.

UKULELE KIDS: Any students who have registered for Ukulele Kids (a voluntary, paid program) will be starting on Thursday, November 10 at 11:20 a.m. in the learning commons.

HWCDSB PARENT CONFERENCE: The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be hosting its 30th Annual Parent Conference on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 6:00pm. The conference will be held in-person at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School, 1824 Rymal Road East, Hamilton. In keeping with the provincial Catholic Education Week theme: We are Many, We are One, the evening will begin with a mass celebrated by Father O'Dell. The Eucharistic Celebration will be followed by breakout

sessions (workshops), a light meal, an opportunity for fellowship, prizes, and takeaway items. The link to register can be found here: <https://www.hwcdsb.ca/455052--Parent-Conference-returns-Nov-10--Register-today>

POPPIES: Our school will have poppies for sale for a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion beginning next Monday. We have a limited number of poppy stickers available which we typically reserve for our FDK students and we will hand them to our youngest students on Friday, November 11 so that they can wear them on Remembrance Day. Any donation is greatly appreciated to support the Royal Canadian Legion.

Wishing our Senior Boys Flag Football team good luck in their second round playoff game tonight!

Wishing everyone a lovely, sunny day! Enjoy this beautiful weather!

Mrs. Coletto