

Good Morning St. Margaret Mary Community,

Yesterday evening all families received communication from HWCDSB:

*"For Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8, 2022, all schools of the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board will continue with online learning which will include some synchronous instruction. We continue to discuss and review contingencies beyond November 8th and will communicate those plans with you no later than Monday, November 7th."*

I am sending this email with further information that is pertinent to our school community.

**ITEM PICK-UP:** On Monday morning beginning at 8:20 a.m. students/parents have the opportunity to come to the school to collect any personal items, required books and if needed, a device for synchronous learning. Students/parents are asked to please come to the front/main door of the school for entry and to proceed to their classrooms for pick up. Devices will be picked up in the child's classroom. As our teachers need to prepare for synchronous teaching we are asking families to please pick up between 8:20 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Friends/neighbours/classmates can pick up items for each other; please let your child's classroom teacher know who is picking up items for your child. If you or your child are unable to pick up items Monday morning alternative arrangements can be made. Please email the school at [stmm@hwcdsb.ca](mailto:stmm@hwcdsb.ca)

**LOANER DEVICES:** With 410 students we do not have enough devices for one-to-one loaners. A reminder that any gaming console that connects to the internet can serve as a device for online learning (Xbox, Playstation, etc.,). Our goal is to ensure that each household has at least one loaner device if needed and at least one charging cable. All items borrowed from the school are to be returned in working condition back to the classroom teacher upon our return to school. If you wish to request a loaner device please click here: <https://forms.office.com/r/1fhH1Xi8gk>

**ACCESSING LMS/TEAMS:** Information can be found at : <https://parents.hwcdsb.ca/> Teachers will begin their online/synchronous lessons shortly after first recess on Monday morning (around 10:00 a.m.) The link to the classroom Teams meeting can be found on each class's LMS page.

**OFFICE:** Please note that the school voicemail and email will be monitored throughout the day but the phone may not be answered as office staff will not be present in the building. I recommend emailing the school at [stmm@hwcdsb.ca](mailto:stmm@hwcdsb.ca) with any urgent questions and I will do my best to respond in a timely manner. If you need help with connecting to Teams or any tech support please use the Parent Portal listed above to access the Help Desk.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** will continue as scheduled on Sunday

**CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME:** Tuesday's game for our Junior Girls will be rescheduled.

**MAD SCIENCE:** Mad Science will communicate with us shortly about their plan for this Tuesday's missed lesson. I will send out this information when it becomes available.

**ATTENDANCE:** If your child(ren) will be absent from synchronous learning on Monday/Tuesday please enter the absence in SafeArrival so that classroom teachers know who to expect and not expect in their Teams meeting on Monday/Tuesday.

We anticipate that there may be some technical glitches or students that may struggle to connect to Teams from home. Your classroom teachers will have information posted on their LMS pages that you can access for class work and you are able to message your teacher or contact him/her via LMS as well.

Any updates will continue to be sent via email from HWCDSB.

We continue to pray for all,

Mrs. Coletto