

Happy Friday St. Margaret Mary Community,

THANK YOU SO MUCH for the incredible Meet The Staff event this past Wednesday! The turnout was absolutely amazing and we were blessed with such perfect weather right at the last minute (just in time to enjoy some ice cream). It meant a lot to us as a staff to be able to see the children so excited about 'showing off' their classrooms and introducing you to their teachers. We are looking forward to our next family event in November (details to follow soon!).

SWEATERS: A reminder that navy blue school hoodies are available for purchase via School Cash Online until Friday, October 7.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER: Cases of chocolate will be sent home today for those families who have requested one (if your child didn't receive their case please let us know as some of the forms did not have student names on them and we couldn't make out who the form was from). Payment of the cases can be made via Cash School Online. The entire case is \$90. Once you've sold a case you may request another one. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Tuesday, September 27 students are reminded to please wear their uniforms for their individual and class photos on Tuesday. Retakes will take place in November for individuals.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL: Elections will take place on Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 pm in the learning commons (library).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: is Rowan's Law Day. In March of 2018, the Ontario government passed a law known as Rowan's Law. Designed to protect athletes and to educate parents/guardians, coaches and officials about the dangers of head injuries, it is the first law of its kind in Canada and will benefit both athletes and non-athletes. Rowan's Law is also about education. By increasing concussion awareness and knowledge, we can change Ontario's culture around sports, physical activity and injury.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: ORANGE SHIRT DAY for the National Day of Truth & Reconciliation This year's Catholic Education Week theme: We are Many, We are One, focuses on intentional listening - to each other and to the Holy Spirit. In the spirit of unity, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDsB) continues on its journey of truth, reconciliation, and healing, through active listening of the voices and experiences of Residential school survivors and Indigenous parents/families and communities impacted by the residential school system. Students and staff are invited to wear an orange shirt on Friday in recognition of this very important day.

DID YOU KNOW? Every Friday our school does Live Announcements via MS Teams which are streamed to all our classrooms from our broadcast centre (aka: my office). We have two students who oversee our announcements (Emma & Juaneta in Grade 8) and each Friday we have two students who come up with 5 questions to ask Father Gregory during our weekly segment called, 'Coffee With Our Priest'. This morning we started our live announcements with a liturgy to mark Franco-Ontarian Day - merci to Mlle Mandula and the intermediates for the beautiful liturgy this morning.

Don't forget you can follow us on Instagram @stmmces

'Gracious God, Thank you for the gift of today.'

Wishing you a wonderful & blessed weekend,

Mrs. Coletto