Good Afternoon St. Margaret Mary Community,

UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, January 25 - Bell Let's Talk Day and **a dress down day** for all students and staff. Everyone is invited to dress in 'what makes you happy / smile' (e.g., cozy sweaters, warm pjs, favourite jeans...)

Friday, January 26 - PA DAY. There is no school for students on Friday.

Saturday, January 27 - Sacrament of Confirmation at 11:00 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary Parish. We wish all our Confirmandi lots of blessings and prayers as you receive this sacrament!

PIZZA/WATER BOTTLES/CSC DRESS DOWN::

PIZZA ORDERS: Pizza orders for February until the end of June are due this Friday. Orders can be placed through School Cash Online by midnight on Friday, January 26.

WATER BOTTLES: are available for purchase for \$5.00 each through School Cash Online or with cash in Mrs. Coletto's office. Students are reminded to put their name on their water bottles.

CSC DRESS DOWN FUNDRAISER: Help support our school fundraising efforts for 2024! For \$20.00 per family, students are invited to dress down on 10 specific dates between February and June. The first dress down is Friday, February 2. Payment for this fundraiser can be made through School Cash Online. This is an optional activity for families.

SCHOOL REMINDERS

BUS ZONES: We have 2 clearly marked bus zones. Do not park/stop in the bus zones. We have buses that are arriving at various times throughout the day. The area right out of the front of the school is a bus zone, do not park/stop here - while it is easier and quicker to drop off your children here, it is a non stopping zone and you may be ticketed by by-law. Please ensure you are stopping outside of the bus zones.

DESIGNATED PARKING: We have a number of designated parking spots in our lot that are for reserved for families/persons with the appropriate permits. A number of our families, staff members and church parishioners rely on these spots and have the proper permit to do so - please do not use these spots if you do not have a permit.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: A reminder that in the case of severe winter weather, a decision to close schools or cancel transportation will be made by the school board early in the morning. Local TV stations, radio stations and social media will post information concerning any cancellations or closures. I will also email families directly by 7:00 a.m. if schools are closed. It will also be posted on our Instagram account @stmmces HWCDSB also has social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter/X, and Instagram (@hwcdsb) that will post this information.

Wishing everyone a great week,