

Good Afternoon St. Margaret Mary Community,

Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past weekend at St. Margaret Mary Parish. It was a beautiful celebration with His Excellency Bishop Crosby presiding. Thank you to Mrs. Fabrizio, Mr. Torelli and the entire Confirmation preparation team at the parish led by Mary and Carol who did a great job preparing and organizing the ceremony. Thank you to the sponsors, parents and families who continue to be guiding lights for our children of our Catholic faith.

Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday, February 14 this year. We will be going to the church at 9:00 a.m. for a liturgy and to receive our ashes. Families are welcome to join us. In respect of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the holiest liturgical season, our school will celebrate Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 13 with a red and white dress down and also with pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. The school will be purchasing 3 pancakes for each student and staff member from St. Charles Catering. The ingredients of the pancakes are: WATER, ENRICHED WHEAT FLOUR, SUGAR, WHEY POWDER, VEGETABLE OIL (CANOLA AND/OR SOYBEAN OIL), LIQUID WHOLE EGG, BUTTERMILK POWDER, SALT, BAKING POWDER.

The GLUTEN FREE Pancakes have only rice in it with a little baking powder if needed. No egg, No milk, no nuts.

Please let us know if one of the two options for pancakes do not meet the needs of your child and we will work together to find a suitable alternative or parents may wish to send in specific pancakes with their child to enjoy with the class on that day.

PERFUMES/COLOGNES: We are asking our older students to not bring cologne or perfumes to school. Some of our students like to use these items during the school day which may trigger sensitivity to smells or in some cases the glass containers break causing quite the disturbance in the classroom and smells to linger. This is **not** a ban on the use of these items, we are only asking that they are used prior to coming to school and to not be brought into the school.

AVAILABLE ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE (or with cash to the school):

Water bottles continue to be for sale for \$5.00 each

Catholic School Council (CSC) **Dress Down Days** \$20.00 for an entire family.

United Way Dress Down Donation - we will be hosting a Red & White Day in support of the United Way on Friday, February 9 for \$2.00

Knights of Columbus Father / Daughter Dance on Friday, February 9 - tickets are \$15.00 each and will be on sale until Feb 2. Tickets are available at the door of the event as well. More information is available here: [Dance.jpg](#) Any families who have purchased tickets will receive their tickets next week from the school.

UPCOMING EVENTS / IMPORTANT DATES:

PDF CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY: [February 2024 Calendar.pdf](#)

Friday, February 2: Graduation photos (for Grade 8s) and CSC Dress Down Day

Friday, February 9: Red & White Day for the United Way ~ \$2.00 donation for the United Way

Tuesday, February 13 - Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday) & Red & White Day for Valentine's Day. We are dressing in red and white on the 13th instead of the 14th as the 14th is Ash Wednesday and we will go to church.

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday liturgy at the church at 9:00 a.m. All families are welcome to join us!

Friday, February 16 - CSC Dress Down Day & report cards go home

Monday, February 19 - Family Day (no school)

Wednesday, February 28 - Pink Shirt Day

Thursday, February 29 - CSC Dress Down Day

Friday, March 1- PA Day (no school for students)

*Tomorrow (Thursday) our grads will be holding a flash sale on chocolate chip cookies. 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. This can only be purchased with cash during recess tomorrow as quantities are limited.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week,

Mrs. Coletto