

A very blessed Holy Thursday St. Margaret Mary Community!

What an absolutely beautiful day we have been given today! This morning we started our day with a Holy Thursday liturgy, Coffee with our Staff on Live Announcements and ended the day with a school wide Easter Kahoot! Congratulations to Mrs. Mladen's Grade 8s who took first place in the Kahoot during the final 2 questions today!

Yesterday, Mr. Calcagni's Grade 6 class, presented the 14 Stations of the Cross in our gym. It was extremely well done and very moving. Thank you to the Grade 6 students and the choir along with Mr. Calcagni, Mr. Mastroianni, Mrs. Masotti, Mrs. Czajkowsky & Mrs. Giavedoni for a beautiful performance. Photos and a video from the Stations of the Cross can be found on our Instagram page @stmmces

Thank you to our school community for bringing in your change for Lent. We raised \$813.70 for our sister parish in Haiti to support educational costs for students in the parish there. Almsgiving is one of the most important parts of Lent and our community answered the call!

Kindergarten Registration: if you, or someone you know, has a child that will be starting in JK or SK in September 2024 and has not registered for school yet, please do so at: https://www.hwcdsb.ca/school_life/transitions/kindergarten

UPCOMING DATES:

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL TOMORROW. Stations of the Cross will be at 3:00 p.m. at all Catholic churches across the Diocese.

Monday, April 1 - Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 2 - World Autism Day : A day dedicated to raising public awareness by recognizing individuals around the globe living with Autism Spectrum Disorder including our own family members, friends, neighbours, classmates and colleagues. According to Autism Ontario, autism touches more than 70 million people. Approximately 1 in 66 children and youth are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Canada and this number continues to grow. Acknowledging the hurdles that people with autism and others who live with autism face every day, Pope Francis said, "Everyone should be committed to promoting acceptance...and solidarity through concrete support and by encouraging renewed hope." **On Tuesday, April 2nd we wear blue in recognition and support of people living with autism. (it is a full dress down day)**

Friday, April 5 - SPRING PHOTOS - students will have a chance to take individual and SIBLING photos. It is a dress down day for these photos.

Monday, April 8 - PA Day (no school for students)

Pope Francis's message to us during Holy Week: *"It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister," reads part of the Pope's message as he adds, "Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies."*

On behalf of the amazing staff of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School may the blessings of Easter be bountiful for each of you and your families. We wish you a very blessed and happy Easter!

Mrs. Coletto