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Weekend Masses Sat. 7:00 pm Sunday 8:30 am / 10:15 am / 12:00 noon

St. Margaret, Mary Prayer

Eternal Father,

You entrusted St. Margaret Mary with the grace to spread devotion to the sacred Heart of Jesus.

Help us embrace the love of Christ by following Saint, Margaret, Mary's loving example.

Guide us along the right path and bless us as we seek to unite ourselves to you in all our thoughts, our words and our actions.

May we, like Saint, Margaret, Mary, always find lasting strength, courage and peace in you.

We ask this through the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.

Amen

FEBRUARY 2015

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

- The Bible: 1 Corinthians 13:4 -

Love never fails.

The reading cited is a very popular one. This past month readings spoke to, Beloved..."

At the Parish I attend Father recommended this to use each descriptor of love as a great checklist to examine our conscience.

"Actions speak louder than words" is another saying when speaking of Love but the reading reminds us of the need for both when required.

As parents, staff and students we have opportunity to show love to God and each other every day. Do not hesitate to say and show love.

St. Margaret Mary, in her devotion to the Sacred Heart, invites us to, "behold this heart that has so greatly loved people."

We have this reminder painted on our walls in our entrance to the JK/SK classes.



St. Margaret Mary School JK/SK Registration

Registration will take place this year on Tuesday Feb. 10, 2015

Parents are asked to call the school at 905-383-8122 to make an appointment

To be eligible for Jr. Kindergarten a child must be four years of age before Dec. 31, 2011 and for Sr. Kindergarten a child must be five (5) years old by December 31, 2010. We require the following information to be provided at the time of registration:

> **Birth Certificate Baptismal Certificate Immunization Record Proof of Residence**

Please make sure you have all the documentation required prior to registration.

ABSENT STUDENTS

With the cold and flu season upon us it is most important for parents or caregivers to call the school (905-383-8122) to report an absence. If your child has an appointment or is not coming to school for any reason please call and inform us. The school has an answering machine on during the time the office is not open so you can leave a message at anytime.

We are all invited to pray for those individuals who are in the process of becoming Priests and Nuns. Prayers are also offered for those who are in our school and have expressed their interest in answering this call. For more information contact the Diocesan Office c/o Rev. Wojciech Kuzma at 905 528-7988 x 2246.

DIVERSITY CORNER



We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull.

Some have weird names, and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.



All people smile in the same language.

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REPORT CARDS 2015

You will be receiving a copy of your child's Report Card for Term I (September to January) this month. Four pages will come home.

Keep pages that do not require signatures Please return the signed sections to the school.

PEANUT & NUT ALLERGIES

We request the co-operation of parents in not sending foods with peanut products to school. Several of our students are highly allergic and we ask for your help in ensuring that risk of a lifethreatening illness is kept to a minimum.

We will have some treats at our school (ex. Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday) but will not have a Cake Raffle this year . We will always encourage staff and families to also respect the Board's suggestions outlined in our Nutrition Policy.

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February ECO News

Thank you to all Students, Staff and parents who donated gently used books for the First St. Margaret Mary's Book Swap. It was a fun recycling event that we hope to continue yearly. So please hold on to your used books till next year.

Feb 4th will be "Wear Yellow and Walk to School". This can include walking, car pooling or cycling to school (weather permitting).

Feb. 5th will be "Sweater Day." In true ECO Spirit on this day the thermostats will be turned down a couple of degrees and students are encouraged to wear their favourite, comfy sweater. St. Margaret Mary has been challenged by two neighbouring schools to see who will have the highest number of Go Marauders Go participants. We are continuing with Boomerang Lunches every Friday.





Dear Parents/Guardians:

All students will certainly enjoy our SMM MOVE-A-THON on Friday February 13, 2015 This year the theme is "Healthy Hearts".

Students can wear RED and WHITE - NO UNIFORMS.

Remember, dress code is always in effect on Civies Day. <u>Students must wear running shoes.</u> The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to enrich the learning environment for students.

The schedule for Friday February 2015 Healthy Hearts MOVE-A-THON in the gym is as follows:

Jr. (Gr. 4-6)-- 8:40 - 9:40 a.m.

Pr. (Gr. 1-3)- 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Int. (gr. 7-8) - 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

FDK-1:35 - 2:15 p.m.

Pledge envelopes are being sent home. <u>Pledges are due on Friday, February 13, 2014</u> <u>Please ensure that one pledge envelope is used per child:</u>

(two children in one family will mean there are two pledge envelopes).

As is expected with any school fundraiser, students are encouraged to ask family and friends to sponsor them. We <u>do not</u> expect students to go door-to-door to obtain sponsors. We encourage pledges to be collected at the time of sponsorship to ensure easier collection.

Incentives:

The student who raises the most money in each of our four groups:

FDK (JK-SK),

Primary from Gr. 1-3,

Junior from Gr. 4-6, and

Intermediate from Gr. 7-8)

One (1) Top Seller from each will be awarded a gift certificate (value of \$50.00) of their choice: Toys R Us, EB Games or HMV.

(The class that participates the most (percentage of students) wins a CIVIES DAY or MOVIE DAY.

Sorry parents, this is a student and staff event only. Thank you for your continued support!