

# Faith, Teamwork, Excellence

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MARCH INTO A NEW ERA of BANKING and OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS



Dear Parents!

Did you know that our school will be one of the first in the province to offer the convenience of online payments to parents? WE BEGIN this process of registering starting March 2, 2015.

For safety and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. We are asking parents to please take 5 minutes to register, by following the steps below. Once you are registered online, you will begin receiving emails about upcoming events.

Here is a one minute movie clip that will give you a brief overview of the registration and online shopping experience.

<http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>

**Register Online: JOIN A LARGE NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN HWCD SB SCHOOLS who do**

Step 1: Please click on this link:

<https://hwcdsb.schoolcashonline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, login and add each of your children to your household account.

✓Convenient ✓Safe ✓Secure

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand area of the screen.

Call to parents! We're building an NEW outdoor classroom!

St. Margaret Mary school has received a grant from TD Friends of the Environment to build an outdoor classroom for our children and teachers. This will be planned in the area under the large tree in front of the library window at the front of the school. The children and teachers are in the process of developing a design for the outdoor classroom. Our time line is to break ground in May and have the project completed in June for the classes to start using. I am sending out a request to our families to help with locating a local landscaper to help us with this project. If you are a landscaper or know someone who is, please send your contact information to me at [gambalet@gmail.com](mailto:gambalet@gmail.com).

A committee has been formed to help select the final design and landscaper. We are working again with Green Ventures who helped with our Depaving project in the playground. We will keep you posted on our progress.



Thank you.  
Teresa Gambale of your SMM CSC

**March 2015**

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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 our-  
selves 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*

BEFORE WE “MARCH FORTH” into another Month some reminders that have been noted in previous newsletters (annually), and continue to be items that the School has been asked to highlight and address. PLEASE HELP US

### Student Attendance

Of increasing concern is the number of students who are **arriving to school late in the mornings**. Any student who arrives to school following the bell which is rung at 8:45 a.m. will be marked late.



We understand that mornings are hectic and running late may happen because of unforeseen circumstances, however, it's very important that good routines be set and maintained with students. There are some students who are late on a consistent basis. Instructional time begins immediately. Arriving late causes disruptions for the other students in the class and the teacher who needs to get the day's activities underway. It also leads to unnecessary calls having to be made home as students are marked initially absent.

Please make every effort to get your child to school on time in the morning.

**Punctuality** and **responsibility** are key skills that we need to instill in our children in all aspects of life.

### POLICE CHECKS—VOLUNTEER SCREENING

HCDSB policy strives to maintain the safety of our students at all times. Further to this, Police Checks are mandatory for all who volunteer in school situations. Should you plan to volunteer for classroom settings, trips or coaching, a Police Check is required. Forms are available in the Office. Parents/Guardians are reminded to ensure that all information is accurate and up-to-date.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. All matters regarding these concerns will be kept in the strictest confidence.

### PARKING , PICK UP OR DROP OFF



Again we are asking you to be aware of the parking areas around the school. On Wildewood we have bus drop off and pick up and we need to leave that area free.

**Also, we need to be respectful to our neighbours and not stop in front of their driveways.**

In the parking lot students do use these as an exit to Brentwood and we need to slow down and go in the right direction. There are many handicap parking spots along the church grass and should not be used unless you have a handicap sticker.

Students need to be dropped off in the playground doors not at front entrance unless you are late.

We understand the streets are still covered in snow , and we have not been outside, But we CANNOT block bus lanes at the start and end of the school day.

# TEAMWORK

## SCIENCE FAIR 2015

Thank you to all participants for helping to make this year's school science fair a success. We would like to acknowledge everyone that volunteered to help set up and judge the fair. Without your assistance, this event would not have been possible. We are proud of everyone's efforts and would like to congratulate the six exhibits, and the students involved, that have been chosen to represent St. Margaret Mary Catholic School at the System Science Fair held at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Saturday Feb.28, 2015. Thank you to Mr.Iason and staff for supporting those interested in this event.

These are the projects representing our school and final results:

Anthony H. Gr. 7, Can Pigment Perfect Paint Help Us Be Green? GOLD

Emma M., Gr.6, Does Size Really Matter? GOLD

Joseph S., Gr. 6, Piezoelectric Vibration Energy Harvesting GOLD

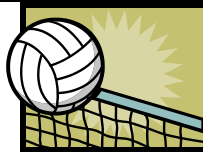
Anthony S., Gr. 4, How does air pressure affect the flight of a soccer ball SILVER

Natalie A. and Mary Elizabeth A. Gr.7, Mysterious Mould SILVER

Congratulations to our Team that brought home an overall placing of SILVER.



In Athletics, We were proud to have a number of teams participate in C.Y.O.Sports this winter. Each coach reported that our teams represented our school well both in terms of level of competition and sportsmanship. While we did not come home with any championship banners or trophies (YET) we are fulfilling the main CYO Mandate of Participation.



### JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Coaches DeGregorio, Saturnino and Taylor took a few teams to the final Tournament. Thank you for going above and beyond to allow as many as possible to play.

### SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Coaches Iason and Ippolito were very proud of the progress the team made this year.

### JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Coaches Costantini, Grunda & Webber were pleased with the team's progress as they went through the season.

### SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Coaches McMurrich and Curto were impressed with the dedication and enthusiasm of the entire team.

### 3 TEAMS COMPETING IN THE MAHLER 3 on 3 Tournament

Coach Taylor has been very generous and supportive of our hockey program.

He looks forward to three teams taking the ice on Wednesday March 4, 2015 in the second tournament of the year.

GO MARAUDERS  
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We congratulate JOEY CUPIDO (a graduate of St. Margaret Mary, St. Jean de Brebeuf Secondary and McMaster University) named as a finalist in the GOLDEN HORSESHOE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR at the C.Y.O. Dinner on Feb. 27, 2015. His family and the St. Margaret Mary School community is very proud of him and all he has accomplished over his career.

