

Faith, Teamwork, Excellence



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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2015 EXPLORING PATHS OF JOY

We celebrate the gift of Catholic Education and thank you for choosing to send your children to a Catholic School. We work together as parish, family and school to support all children on their Path of Joy.

We highlight the following themes celebrated throughout the Province and major events to be celebrated here at our school:

Monday May 4, 2015

Theme: Walking Together and Sharing Our Story

**Event : Mass at Cathedral Catholic Secondary School and here
Volunteer Tea in the Learning Commons**

Tuesday May 5, 2015

Theme: Opening the Scriptures

**Event Director's Award of Excellence at the
Father Kennedy Catholic Education Centre**

Wednesday May 6, 2015

Theme: Welcoming Others to the Table

**Event Reminder that Food donations can be dropped off here
Arts Dance Presentations in our Gymnasium for students
Scripture Reading at Bishop Ryan
Catholic Secondary**

Thursday May 7, 2015

**Theme: Recognizing Jesus in the
Breaking of the Bread**

Event (A day in school)

Friday May 8, 2015

Theme: Proclaiming the Good News

Event Closing Liturgy in our Gymnasium



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May 2014

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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 Mar-
garet 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

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Parents / Guardians,

The custom of dedicating the month of May to Mary began at the beginning of the 18th century. The first book of May devotions, published in 1726 said, " When we make an offering we ought to give our best, so that among all of the months of the year we choose the most beautiful, May, the season of flowers, which invites us to crown Mary with blossoms of good deeds."

Please take some time to honour Our Lady through prayer and good deeds. Make it a family affair.

PLEASE DONATE FLOWERS AND PLANTS FOR OUR MAY CROWNING.



CONFIRMATION LEADERS NEEDED!

We are looking for new Leaders for our Parish based Confirmation preparation sessions, the *Searching in the Spirit Programme*, especially those parents or sponsors who have had a child complete this programme in previous years. All that would be required would be to be available for four Sundays in the Fall 2015. This is an exciting and effective way to share your faith with those young students who are preparing themselves to receive the blessed Sacrament of Confirmation. We would love to have you join our Team.

For more information please contact the Programme Co-ordinator, Mary Mwalwanda at 905 518-3586 or by e-mail confirmationstmm@hotmail.com



HEALTH AND SAFETY

As we enter the summer months it is important we think safety for warm and hot weather.
Footwear: students are expected to wear safe shoes for school activities. NO SANDALS
Sunscreen: Be prepared for high UV days by having sunscreen and hats available
Hydration: we re lucky to have hydration Stations. Eco smart water bottles encouraged.

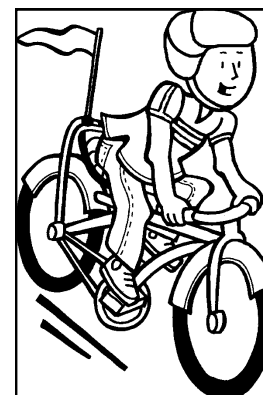
THANK YOU

Again we wish to acknowledge our volunteers in our school. St. Margaret Mary staff and students are blessed with your help and support and we wished to show our appreciation at our Volunteer Tea held on Monday, May 4, 2015. Thank you to our Volunteer Tea Committee, staff who brought in food and to all students from JK/SK to Grade 8 who volunteered their time and performed for our volunteers. A good time was had by all.



WALKING AND RIDING BIKES TO SCHOOL

Students have requested that they be allowed to walk or ride their bikes home from school. If your child is bussed to and from school it is possible under the following conditions: Parents must give **written** permission **every day** that they wish their child to be off the bus and riding their bike or walking. Students riding their bicycles **must** have a helmet. The school is not responsible for the safety of the bicycles while they are kept outside. Following the previous guidelines will help us keep track of the students who are not on the bus and should help keep the students safe. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school.



Excellence

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR STUDENTS

The Director's Awards of Excellence for students were presented again this year on Tuesday, May 5, 2015

The following students were nominated:

Catholic School Mission/Vision Award

Anthony H.

Academic Excellence Award

Patrick A.

Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning Award

Hazel D.

Environmental Stewardship

Joseph G.

Religion & Family Life

Melissa C.

Language

Kennedy H.

Science/Technology

Joseph S.

Mathematics

Erin P.

Social Studies/History/Geography

Mary Elizabeth A.

Arts

Sabrina H.

Health & Physical Education

Billy F.

French as a Second Language

Emma M.



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SCRIPTURE READING

Congratulations to our students who are participating in the Scripture Reading Event at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

Gr 7 - Leah I.

Anthony H.

Gr 8- Charlotte L.

Christopher S.

The Intermediate Scripture Reading Event enhances the children's celebration of the Word of God in a visible, active manner. The event provides an opportunity for Intermediate students to become more familiar with Scripture and more comfortable proclaiming the Word of God in a public forum.

Many thanks to Mr. Iason for organizing and preparing our students.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALISTS

Congratulations to the following students who represented St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary at the Public Speaking Finals held at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary

SILVER

GOLD

Isaac H.
Alayna P.
Vanessa P.

Julian A.
Patrick A.

Thank you to Miss Smith and the Staff volunteers for preparing the students.

The school is proud of all those who participated.

SPRING CROSS COUNTRY 2015 May 21, 2015

This year we are trying out the idea of sending our whole school to the Spring Cross Country Meet at Marydale Park. It does promote fitness and participation. Some go to cheer on their class.

All athletes are required to sign permission forms and return them to the school. Notes home soon. Should you have questions speak with your teacher. GO MARAUDERS GO