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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is such an important month. It is a time for remembering. We remember and pray for the living and the dead. We pray for the people we care for and those who we love and have lost. We pray for all soldiers, past and present. We pray for their brave acts of courage and for all they have done to protect us, to give us freedoms we may have never known. We pray to God for the gift of life that he has blessed each one of us with so graciously. In our community we have families who feel the loss of their family members in our Armed forces and in past wars around the globe. For all the Saints, For all the Souls of the Faithfully Departed, We pray:

Eternal Rest, grant unto them, O Lord.
And let Perpetual Light shine upon them.
May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed,
Rest in Peace,
Amen.



NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR NEWS

All families received our September newsletter. We post ours electronically. The monthly newsletter AND CALENDAR are available on-line through our website:

<http://stmm.hwcdsb.ca/>

If you do require a hard copy, please have your child pick up a copy at the office at the beginning of the month. A note to the Main Office will help us keep track. Also, feel free to look up our Board's website, it is very informative and interactive. Go to:

<http://www.hwcdsb.edu.on.ca/>

ONTARIO GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS FOR NOVEMBER A Reflective ,Creative , Holistic Thinker

This month we invite you to help your child become a reflective and creative thinker. Provide opportunities for you and your family to discuss important matters that invite each one to stop, think and offer thoughts. In your home, in our school community and our world we need to value all opinions and consider solutions from everyone. Truly listen.

As you do so remember that St. Margaret Mary invites us to "Unite yourself with Jesus...in all that you do."

"Unite yourself with Jesus
... in all that you do"
St. Margaret Mary

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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, cour-
age 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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL 2015—2016

We would like to thank all families who supported our school's Chocolate Bar Fundraiser this past month. Families were generous in their support and our children who participated are thanked for their efforts. We still have some chocolates and monies to be returned but we will provide a summary of money received, prizes given and plans for where to spend the proceeds at our next Catholic School Council Meeting.

The next meeting is TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2015 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

ANAPHYLAXIS At St. Margaret Mary

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School is a place where all children feel safe and have a sense of belonging. To ensure the safety and well-being of all children, please note below important information from Anaphylaxis Canada:

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death;

Signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction can occur within minutes of exposure to an allergen (a substance capable of causing an allergic reaction)

Very small amounts of certain foods can cause severe reactions when eaten. This may happen if a person at risk touches an allergenic substance and then subsequently touches the mouth. Even a very small amount 'hidden' in a food or transferred to a serving utensil has the potential to cause a severe allergic reaction. Direct ingestion of an allergy-causing food poses the greatest risk for people with food allergies.

Cooperation from parent and guardians in adhering to the guidelines below is most appreciated:

There are students at this school who are allergic to the following foods and items: Nut Products , peanuts (ingested), Tree Nuts (ingested)
: Egg Products
: Shrimp (ingested)
: Sunflowers

Parents will be advised of allergens specific to a classroom; please avoid bringing these allergens into the designated classroom.

Reinforce hand washing practices: wash hands before and after eating.

Remind children not to share or trade food, food utensils, or food containers.

Please do NOT bring any home-made food products into the school; with permission, non-food items are permitted for various celebrations and special events and activities.

Thank you for your help in keeping all our children safe.

TASR CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROJECT

Our school has taken on a School-wide initiative to support conflict resolution for all students in all grades. TASR stands for:
T HINK before you act and recognize consequences
A SK people to STOP and seek answers to understand them
S TATE YOUR FEELINGS so they stop. Apologize if necessary
R ESOLVE THE CONFLICT so all agree
You may still need Staff help

In this YEAR OF MERCY we are open to a new way of having our students have a Conflict Resolution model that can help them today and throughout their school years.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

We conduct two kinds of Emergency Drills at our school: Fire Drills and Lockdowns. Students are trained and practice how to respond to a Fire by attending to bells and safely exiting the building.

Lockdowns can be of varying degrees;

Lockdown secures the building. No entry.

Staff and Students in safe places.

Hold and Secure: No entry. School continues

Shelter In Place: No exit until safe (ex. weather)

We train so we re ready for emergencies.

Ask your child how they have already prepared for these.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #82 –

Prayer and the education of children in the faith are seen as specific responsibilities of Christian parents, as well as grandparents. Our world is fast paced and we sometimes forget that our children need a place that will act as a cocoon, making them feel safe, loved and protected. We need to create purposeful moments when we gather as a family and share our values through conversations and family activities and where we share our faith through prayer and perhaps reading and discussing a passage from the Bible. Families build the foundation on which our children stand in the world – educating our children in their faith is a proven way to make that foundation solid enough to withstand anything.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #62 – At the Synod in Rome, which wrapped up its deliberations on October 19, 2014, Pope Francis and more than 200 delegates discussed in detail the challenges faced by families in the world today. In their discussions they reminded us that we are not alone, that God is with us as we journey. Taking that message seriously can have a positive impact on your married relationship – attending Mass as a couple, praying together and even joining in parish events have proven benefits in producing happier marriages. God is with us – invite him in and see how his presence will have a constructive impact on your married life!

Progress Reports and Parent/Guardian Interviews (Thursday November 19, 2015) 3– 8 p.m.)

Parents/Guardian will be receiving Progress reports from classroom teachers on Tuesday November, 17, 2015. Interviews will be scheduled by the teachers as per times provided by the families. We do our best to accommodate requests and support that many of these interviews will take place at other dates and times that work for families and staff. This is the first report on progress for the year.

Celebrate strengths and support some next steps to help students do their best.

SCHOOL SECURITY: VISITORS AND APPOINTMENTS

To maintain a safe school, it is imperative **all** visitors report to the school office, including parents dropping off lunches and other items. The students will be notified of the items by the office.

If you are picking up your child for an appointment please report to the office. Contact by a written note or phone call must be made to the school informing of the necessary arrangements. The classroom teacher will send the student to the office at the appropriate time and the parent/guardian will meet the child at the office.

If you are volunteering please sign in at the office.

If you are having a scheduled interview with a teacher, please sign in and notify the office.

The St. Margaret Mary Parish Youth Ministry Invites students to attend the following:

"Movie night continues this month for JKs-Gr.6 students at the St. Margaret Mary parish hearth room on Nov 6th. From 6-8pm we will be watching "Hotel Transylvania" with lots of popcorn. Please bring reusable water bottles, blankets/pillows and canned good donations if possible. See you there!!"

"St. Margaret Mary youth group has their second monthly youth night in the St. Margaret Mary school gym this Tues Nov 17th from 5:30-7:30pm. Kids in grades 6-9 are welcome to come and play games, eat snacks and other activities with us. Any questions or inquiries please call the church for more details"

Thanks so much,

Marissa Kaufman