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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.
Love never fails.

- The Bible : 1 Corinthians 13:4 -

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
Thursday Feb. 11, 2016

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.

Director of Education
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Mr. J. Coons

St. Margaret Mary Parish
Fr. Bergsma
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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

EXTRA P.A. Day has been passed by the Ministry and the School Board. FRIDAY Feb. 26, 2016
No School

That also means our Pizza day will be held Thursday Feb. 25, 2016. Thanks for supporting On-Line only orders.

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.

Anonymous

REPORT CARDS 2016

You will be receiving a copy of your child's Report Card for Term I (September to January) (Feb.17, 2016) 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 life-threatening 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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During the month of January, the ECO club has run a number of events and programs. We are now successfully running "Boomerang Lunch" every Friday. This program has helped reduce the overflow of green bin contents at our school. Special thanks to INT.ECO for diligently washing our classroom green bins every week. The Book Swap went over very well with lots of donated books and lots of smiling faces going home with their choice of a gently used book. Thanks to all who donated! The Student Council continues to collect pop can tabs which will be donated and used for wheelchairs. Coming up in February, we will have our winter "Wear Yellow Day" and later on, we will have "Crazy, Colourful Sweater Day", when the heat is turned down a bit and students are encouraged to wear their favourite cozy sweater. The ECO Team would like to thank parents, students and staff for their continued support of our ECO initiatives.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

PANCAKE TUESDAY

Thank you to our Catholic School Council for once again hosting Pancake Tuesday on February 9, 2016. It is a tradition here. Students will be called down to the Gymnasium when it is their turn to enjoy pancakes. As with all events that involve food, we are aware of allergies and need students to avoid foods they cannot eat. Please share any concerns you have with your teacher.

FAMILY FUN DAY February 15, 2016

The CSC would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us on Family Day at **Marydale Park** for our first ever Family Fun Day. We have booked the park and staff from **1-4 on February 15** and will be offering Snow Shoeing, Cross Country Skiing, Outdoor Survival Course, Nature Hikes and Animal Tracking. There is also a very shallow pond that will be for ice skating and if there is enough snow we are hoping to have a snowman building contest. It should be a fun day for all the kids and parents and we would love for you and your family to enjoy the facilities as well. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you there,