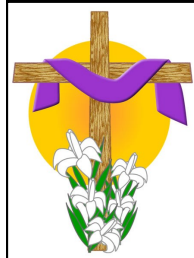


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FAITH



This month we celebrate the Holy Feast of Easter and we enter a time of new beginnings. Through the resurrection of Jesus we are given new hope in our daily lives and new paths for peace and justice in our world. We give great thanks and praise Jesus for the fullness of new life within ourselves and the world.

Spring has also arrived where we witness the blossoming of new life all around us, and it provides us further opportunity to pray for the many blessings that we have.

He's Risen!

On February 18, 2016 our Grade 2 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Margaret Mary Church. Father Bergsma ,



RECONCILIATION

The Parish Team and many families in attendance remarked that this was one of the most respectful, enthusiastic and prayerful Sacraments they have witnessed.

Mr. Coons shares this with all as a testament to the good work of the Grade Two teachers and staff (Mrs. Campbell, Miss Iacozza, Mrs. Matozzo) and the love of the families who have made their children's Faith a priority.

We wish to thank St. Margaret Mary parish for their generous gift of treats for all of our students who participated in the Parish 50th Anniversary Prayer and Poster Contest. Please check the Parish Bulletin for more 50th Anniversary Events this year.



Confirmation

On Saturday March 5, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. our Grade 7 Students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from the Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, D.D. Father Bergsma, the Parish team and the Intermediate teachers have prepared the students well to become Adult members in the Faith.

Pray for our Confirmandi that they continue on their Faith Journey with the love of God, the example of Jesus and the gifts of the Holy Spirit to support them.

March 2016

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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

March Break (March 12 –20) No School

Easter Monday (March 28) No School

TEAMWORK

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 **8:30 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.



School Cash Online



Dear Parents/Guardians

Did you know that our school continues to be of the first in the province to offer the convenience of online payments to parents? We began 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 continue to ask parents to please take 5 minutes to register, by following the steps below.

It is our PREFERRED method of payment. Contact the school if you have questions about using cheques. We are here to help.

Once you are registered online, you will also receive 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 HWCDSB SCHOOLS who do

- Step 1: Please click on this link:
<https://hwcdsb.schoolcashionline.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.

BEFORE WE "MARCH FORTH" into another Month some reminders :
Some parents are finding their children are getting more and more sick .
We remind all parents and students at our school to wash hands regularly,
use proper cough etiquette and stay home when necessary to keep others
healthy.

EXCELLENCE

SCIENCE FAIR 2016

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 four exhibits, and the students involved, that represented St. Margaret Mary Catholic School at the System Science Fair held at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Saturday Feb.27, 2016.

Thank you to Mme. McMurrich and staff for supporting those interested in this event.

These are the final results: Overall School Performance GOLD

Anthony H. Gr. 8 GOLD

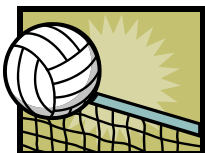
Emma M., Gr. 7 GOLD

Joseph S., Gr. 7 GOLD and B.A.S.E.F. Award Winning Project

Anthony S., Gr. 5 GOLD



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.



With a generous donation from our Catholic School Council, we were able to join the school in offering tickets to coaches representing our school teams to attend the Annual C.Y.O. Golden Horseshoe Celebrity Sports Dinner and gala at the Hamilton Convention Centre on Wednesday Feb. 24, 2016.

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Mr. Saturnino, Mr. DiGregorio,
Mr. McMurray, Mr. Ham (Coaches)

Team 1 Paolo F, Miles S, Lucas S, Ewan Mc, Matthew F., Aiden Mc.
Liam W., Thomas J., Drake Mc, Sargon Y.

Team 2 Tyler B Daniel K, Jordan C., Dylan B., Anthony S., Xavion L., Julian A., Joey P., Warryk A.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Mrs. Ippolito (Coach)

Justin O. Kordell J. Joseph S.
Joseph G. Carson T. Stewart G.
Nicholas J. Jake B. Brady P.
Leopold D. Philip M.

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mr. Pace, Mrs. Pendlebury (Coaches)

Jill F. Natalie M. Isabella D.
Callie S. Abigail H. Megan H.
Kaylee R. Tanner H. Emily H.
Ava B.

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mrs. Ippolito (Coach)

Siobhan K., Halle W., Alayna P.,
Vanessa P., grace L., Ava F., Alexis
H., Javieline G., Ainsley S., Erin P.

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Mrs. Matozzo, Mrs. Miolinaro,
Mr. Mikalauskas (Coaches)

Jill F. Brigita D. Abigail H.
Callie S. Carissa T. Mary O'B.
Megan H. Isabella D. Ava B.
Emily H. Anamarija D. Tanner H.

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Mme. McMurrich, Mrs. McSweeney
(Coaches)

Alayna P., Siobhan K., Vanessa P.,
Halle W., Grace L., Erin M., Erin P.,
Alexis H., Mary Elizabeth A.,
Ava F. Jesse F-N, Ainsley S.

We have also been working with our Catholic School Council on purchasing more sports equipment including some to be used on the Playground. We try to find safe equipment (ex. Nerf footballs) and add variety so students can play actively.

