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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2016 OPENING DOORS OF MERCY

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 to open their eyes, hearts and “doors” to Mercy.

Reminder that Food donations can be dropped off here

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

Monday May 2, 2016

Theme: Mercy that Welcomes

Event : Mass at Cathedral Catholic Secondary School (Gr. 8s)
Opening Liturgy for students here at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday May 3, 2016

Theme: Mercy That Loves

Wednesday May 4, 2016

Theme: Mercy That Forgives

Event

Scripture Reading at
Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary
6:30 p.m.

Thursday May 5, 2016

Theme: Mercy That Lives the Gospel
Event (A day in school)

Friday May 6, 2016

Theme: Proclaiming the Good News
Event Closing Liturgy and Awards
in our Gymnasium 12:30 p.m.



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May 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 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 19 CROWNING.



SEARCHING IN THE SPIRIT CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SESSION

Parents, you are invited to this **INFORMATION SESSION** with your son/daughter family on **Tuesday May 31st**, 2016 at **7:00 pm** at St. Margaret Mary Church to learn more about the Searching in the Spirit Programme. Details of the Confirmation preparation process will be outlined and the dates for the preparation Sessions that will begin in the September will be available.

Personalized invitations will be sent out shortly to all students currently in Grade 6, however the invitation to receive to Sacrament of Confirmation in 2017 is open to all students in grades 7 & 8 who have not received the sacrament. Registration packages will be handed out on this evening. Registration forms can be completed and returned during the evening or the Forms can be taken home and returned to the Parish Office

The Searching in the Spirit team and Fr. Jeff Bergsma, our Pastor look forward to seeing you on May 31st.

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, either in Sept./October, or October/November, 2016.

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**

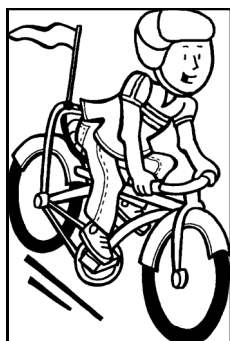
Sunscreen: Be prepared for high UV days by having sunscreen and hats available

Hydration: we re lucky to have hydration Stations. Eco smart water bottles encouraged.

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 Tues. April 26 2016

The following students were nominated:

Catholic School Mission/Vision Award

Eryk K.

Academic Excellence Award

Taylor L.

Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning Award

Hermione P.

Environmental Stewardship

Nyrisa G.

Religion & Family Life

Julia D.

Language

Vanessa P.

Science/Technology

Joseph S.

Mathematics

Natalie A.

Social Studies/History/Geography

Bowen M.

Arts

Emily T.

Health & Physical Education

Justin O.

French as a Second Language

Jake C.



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SPRING CROSS COUNTRY 2016 May 18, 2016

SCRIPTURE READING

Congratulations to our students who are participating in the Scripture Reading Event at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Gr 7 - **Eryk K.**

Emma M.

Gr 8- **Mary -Elizabeth A.**

Ethan C.

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 Mrs. McSweeney, Mr. Mikalauskas and Miss Grimaldi for preparing our students for this event.

We have celebrated a number of our students who have shared their talents and been recognized in our community. These include;

Knights of Columbus Substance use and Abuse Poster Contests which have received awards at the Local and District level:

Carson F. (Gr. 7) District Gold now at provincial
A. Williams (Gr. 3) Local K of C Award

Joseph S. (Gr.7) continues to prepare to represent our school and our Board at the BASEF Canada Wide Fair in Quebec in May.

Aiden M. (Grade 3) in HWCDSB Chess (1st place)

Julian A., Jesse B., Jill F., Lucas H., Anthony S., Lucas Y. 2nd Place in the HWCDSB Junior Math Challenge

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