

Faith, Teamwork, Excellence

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October 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we begin a new month we build on our award celebrations that pay special attention to our Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations and our school motto of FAITH, EXCELLENCE and TEAMWORK. Each month we celebrate a boy and a girl in each class who model this expectation.

This month we celebrate being , “ An Effective Communicator.”

Pope Francis has invited us all to make a deeper connection in a Year Of Mercy.

On the topic of Communication he writes, “The theme highlights the capacity of good communication to open up a space for dialogue, mutual understanding and reconciliation, thereby allowing fruitful human encounters to flourish.

Later he states, “At a time when our attention is often drawn to the polarized and judgmental nature of much commentary on social networks, the theme invokes the power of words and gestures to overcome misunderstandings, to heal memories and to build peace and harmony.” We begin a new year at this school with plans to support our students, our staff and our parents/guardians to better communicate(Talk/Listen/Act) so we can be more merciful to all.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

All families received our first newsletter. We post ours electronically.

The monthly newsletter is 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/>

Walk with Christ-Justice for the Poor 2016

On **Sunday October 16, 2016** our Intermediate students are invited to participate in a Pilgrimage “Walk with Christ-Justice for the Poor” which will raise money to support projects in Third World countries.

Buses will leave our school close to 9:00 a.m. and will return to the school after the event. (more details to come closer to the event).

The Opening Liturgy and Walk will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting at Cathedral Catholic Secondary School and finishing at St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Elementary School.

Forms will be going home with the participating students.

We ask your support in encouraging your child to participate in this event. Thanks to Mrs. Piro-Cinelli for co-ordinating this event for our school this year! We are encouraged by the strong numbers attending this year.

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

Director of Education
Mr. D. Hansen

Superintendent
Mrs. S. Pizzuti

Trustee
Mr. J. Baiardo

Principal
Mr. J. Coons

Principal Assistant
Mrs. L. Piro-Cinelli

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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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL 2016—2017

Elections were held on Wed. September 28, 2016 for selecting our voting members on the Catholic School Council. Thank you to all parents and guardians who put forth their name for nomination.

I am pleased to announce the 2015—2016 Catholic School Council Executive

Parent (Voting) Members	<u>Chair:</u>	Mrs. Ammendolia
	<u>Co-Chair/Vice-Chair:</u>	Mrs. Parlee
	<u>Secretary:</u>	Mrs. Gambale
	<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mrs. Impagliatelli,
	<u>Councillor :</u>	Mrs. DeGregorio
		Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Huskic, Mr. Janssen, Mrs. Panacci



Non-parent Members (Non Voting)	<u>Principal:</u>	Mr. J. Coons
	<u>Principal Intern:</u>	Mrs. Piro-Cinelli
	<u>Staff Representative:</u>	T. B.D.
	<u>Parish/Community Representative:</u>	Mr. Cupido

STUDENT COUNCIL 2016-2017

The Student Council provides an opportunity for Student Voice and leadership at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School.

A sincere thank you to all the students who ran for Student Council.

We would also like to thank Mrs. DiSalvia and Mme. McMurrich who will be the Student Council Advisors for this year).

Your Student Council Executive is:

<u>Co-President s:</u>	Eryk K. and Joseph S.
<u>Co-Vice-Presidents</u>	Isaac H. and Emma M.
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Lucas Y.
<u>Secretary:</u>	Kennedy H. & Grace L.
<u>Media Reps:</u>	Jake C. & Chantel E. Anastasia H. & Erin P.



CYO Sports

CYO sports are well underway. Currently in progress we have Junior and Senior Flag Football, Senior Girls Basketball and Fall Cross Country. We would like to thank the coaches for volunteering their time to work with the students.



We continue to participate in a school wide focus on Inclusion and Problem Solving.

All classes are to be involved. The hope is that we all learn to treat each other better.

T.A.S.R.

Ask your children what this means
Check out the School website for more details on how we use it.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

October is a perfect month to take the time to sit with your children and talk about the many people and areas in their lives for which they can be thankful. Help them to acknowledge and give thanks to God, family members, priests, teachers, coaches, neighbours, and the many other people that touch their lives with goodness. Recognizing the bounty in their lives will help accentuate the positive and remind them of the abundance of God's creation!

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

PARENT CONFERENCE 2016

A reminder that our Board hosts its Annual Parent Conference at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Saturday November 5, 2016.

The Conference runs from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and features a number of amazing workshops and speakers. The event is free. For more information contact the School.

PEANUT & NUT ALLERGIES

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School is a NUT SENSITIVE site.

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.

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 Main Office.

If you are picking up your child for an appointment please report to the Main 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 Main Office at the appropriate time and the parent/guardian will meet the child at the Main Office.

If you are volunteering please sign in at the Main Office.

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

Emergency Drills

It is important for Parents and Guardians to know that our school practices a series of Emergency Drills. We work with our Board, Police, and Fire Departments to ensure safety and consistency with these procedures. Our staff and our students demonstrate that they take these practices seriously.

FIRE DRILLS are practiced 3 times (from Sept. to the end of Dec.) and 3 times (from Jan. to end of June)

LOCKDOWN Drills are practiced once from Sept. to the end of Dec.) and once (from Jan. to end of June)

These vary in levels from a Full Lockdown to Hold and Secure to Shelter in Place.

Students and staff continue to be familiar with these terms and we seek to improve on all.

Should you have any questions please contact Mr. Coons, Principal



Catholic School Council Newsletter

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Catholic School Council 2016/2017

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Teresa Gambale, Secretary
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Councillors

Anna Panacci
Christine DeGregorio
Ivan Janssen
Kristy Huskic
Sue Graham
Mario Cupido,
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Welcome Back

Welcome back to school to all St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary Parents/Guardians, Staff and Students.

Your CSC looks forward to working with all of you to provide our children with a safe and pleasant school environment.

Check out the school website at stmm.hwcdsb.ca for News, updates and Newsletters. CSC has their own section for our newsletter, meeting minutes and the financials.

If you haven't had an opportunity to fill out this year's CSC survey, one will be sent home with your child or you can access it on the school website and email it to the CSC stmmcsc@gmail.com (Note: All communication here must be respectful. Be mindful of privacy and dignity for all).

CSC appreciates our new logo designed by Phorm.

Upcoming Events

October 7, Cross Country

October 10, Thanksgiving

October 17, CSC Meeting in the Learning Commons

October 31, Hallowe'en (Awards Assembly) and Fun-filled day

Suggestions

We are looking into our fundraiser for this year. If you have any suggestions on what would be a good fundraiser for our school, please let a CSC member know or send us an email with your suggestion to stmmcsc@gmail.com

In The Works

We are currently working on getting the lunch program back up and running as well as the Milk Program. We need volunteers to get the milk program going, so if you are able to help out, email us your information or come out to the next meeting.

Stay tuned for our first Math Curriculum night.
Information will be sent home soon.