

# Faith, Teamwork, Excellence

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**November 2016**

## 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:

[stmm.hwcdsb.ca](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:

[hwcdsb.edu.on.ca/](http://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**  
**NEWS**



We are once again supporting a Chocolate Bar Fundraiser starting this month. The Kick-off Assembly is November 8, 2016 with chocolates are going home until the end of the month.

More details to follow in notes home from your Catholic School Council.

**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 are ready for emergencies.

Ask your child how they have already prepared for these.

## Progress Reports and Parent/Guardian Interviews (Thursday November 17, 2016 3- 8 p.m.)

Parents/Guardian will be receiving Progress reports from classroom teachers on Tuesday November, 15, 2016. 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.

St. Margaret Mary Parish invites all Parishoners for Sunday Pasta Supper at Michelangelo Banquet Centre, on Sunday, November 3, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. SHARP! Tickets will be on sale starting October 29-30, 2016 and in the Hearth Room before and after weekend Mass.

Ticket prices: Adult \$13.00 Children (4-10 yrs. old \$7:00).

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

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

Our Parish Youth group night for Grades 6-9 in the SMM school gym on Tues. Nov. 1, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We will be playing sports and games for the evening.

As well our kids club Movie Night will be Friday Nov. 4, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. in the SMM Parish Hearth Room. We will be having popcorn and watching Angry Birds.

All are welcome.

### **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)

### **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.