

Faith, Teamwork, Excellence



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

JOY days at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School are based on two ways of understanding the word J O Y.

Taking each letter individually we place CHRIST at the heart of Christmas.

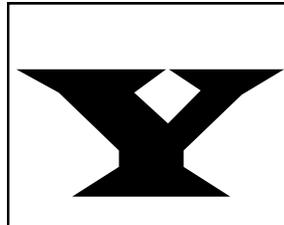
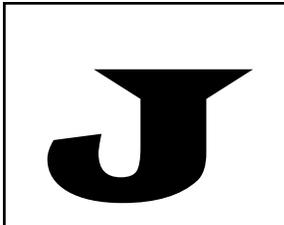
J = JESUS. The child Jesus, Our Saviour, Emmanuel. God first-Always
O = Others. We put others before ourselves in taking care, in finding a gift to share.
Y = You. Do not forget about you and your needs. You matter. But note the order.

This does not take away from JOY as we understand it. That feeling of awe and splendour. Laughter and excitement are best expression of JOY.

We do get JOY from presents and feasts together. These memories are what make the holidays so special.

But, when we seek how we celebrate the JOY of CHRISTmas it is the first version that matches best the words of St. Margaret Mary who reminds us to “unite yourself with Jesus..in all that you do.”

We Do wish all J O Y. , good health and happiness this Christmas.



ONTARIO GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS FOR DECEMBER A Self-Directed, Responsible, Lifelong Learner

This month we invite you to help your child demonstrate initiative and take responsibility for his/her's Whole Self. 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 those who promote respect, dignity and the welfare of all.

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
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.*

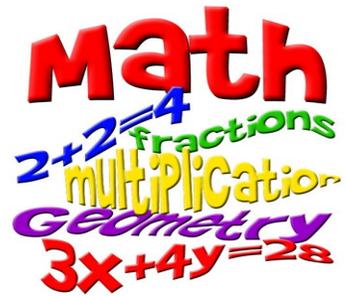
*We ask this through the Sacred
Heart of Jesus, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit One God, forever and
ever. Amen*

NUMERACY NIGHT

Tuesday January 24, 2017

Our Catholic School Council has received a grant to support the hosting of a Numeracy night at our School for parent and students to come out and have some fun with math.

Families are invited to sign up and participate in a series of games and activities to support math and how we can support our student's numeracy skills.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL 2016—2017

Your Catholic School Council continues to support the school in a number of ways. You are invited to come out to our next meeting to support the great work they do and provide your input on school matters.



Anaphylaxis Awareness Caring For All

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:

nuts, tree nuts, red dye, egg, shellfish

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.



A Message from the St.MM ECO TEAM

Being ECO friendly has become a way of life here at STMM. The recycling program continues to be a great success thanks to students and staff. Special thanks go out to our Custodian, Mr. Kelly, who goes above and beyond to make sure that all blue bins and green bins are collected and cleaned regularly.

Congratulations to Mrs. Matozzo's Class for winning the Gold Bin for the November. Coming up in the new year will be our book swap and litterless lunches (aka boomerang lunch).

The ECO team wishes you a happy, ECO friendly holiday!

THREE SCHOOL ADVENT MASS at St. Margaret Mary Church

On Thursday December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. our school joins the St. Anthony Daniel and St. Kateri Tekakwitha school communities to celebrate Advent. This year we will NOT be gathering afterward in our Gymnasium.

We look forward to seeing families in Church for this special community celebration.

SCIENCE FAIR CLUB at St. Margaret Mary

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This year we will be having a Science Fair Club. The HWCDSB Science Fair will be held on **March 30th- April 1, 2017**. Students interested in joining must commit to meeting, showing the progression of their work, taking suggestions from the teachers and applying them to their completed project. Students chosen will move forward to the System Science Fair and present their project. Students may work with a partner or may work alone on the project.

More details to follow.



Safety at School for Staff, Students and Visitors

Our school property, like all schools, does become slippery at this time of year. Please dress for the weather (proper footwear such as boots and low-heeled shoes) and be aware of slippery and icy patches on our grounds.

Students are reminded to change the nature of their play at this time of year (ex. No footballs, soccer balls that become harder as the weather gets colder).

Finally, we continue to follow Concussion Protocol for injuries to the head. Preventative measures include reminders to all students to be mindful of activities that can hurt their heads. Remind your children to be safe.