

Faith, Teamwork, Excellence

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FAITH



On Sunday April May 28 ,2017 at 2:00 pm our Grade Two Students will be making their First Holy Communion. The students have received fine instruction from their teachers at our school and from Fr. Bergsma and the Parish team at the Church. We look forward to celebrating this sacrament with our students, staff and families.

WORLD AUTISM DAY APRIL 1, 2017

(See Board webpage for a city wide celebration for families)

Check out our webpage for our activities

April 1 is World Autism Awareness Day. As we practice the philosophy of "Each Belongs," we are reminded of the words of Mr. James Hansen:

1. Each child, able or disabled, has the right to be educated in the neighbourhood school
2. A good education depends upon the skills of heart and head of those who serve children
3. Schools that welcome, honour, and value each child... will ensure that all children receive a good and complete education

A Prayer of St. Francis for Autism by Tim Tucker

Lord, let thy peace fill me up until I overflow; that where people cannot speak,
I may be their advocate; that where anyone is rejected,
I may extend my arms in welcome; that where parents are heavy burdened,
I may offer a word of comfort; that where our children struggle,
I may lift them up and cheer; that where some see disability,
I may reveal to them extraordinary gifts; that where others judge,
I may share with them my deep gladness; and that where any are overlooked,
I may help the lights of all to shine.

O Giver of These Gifts,
grant that I may not so much seek to be reassured as to reassure; to be praised,
as to praise; to be accepted,
as to accept; for it is in all our uncertainty that we are inspired to hope;
it is in great challenges that we discover our greatest joys,
and it is in our community of wanderers that we find the way home.

Amen.

Catholic Education Week April 30– May 5, 2017
"Walking forward together"



April 2017

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St. Margaret Mary Parish
Fr. Bergsma
(905) 388 - 2200

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

TEAMWORK



Dear Parents/Guardians!



Thank you to so many of you who are choosing to use this service at our school as a preferred payment option.

For safety and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. We are asking parents to please take 5 minutes to register, by following the steps below. Once you are registered online, you will begin receiving 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.schoolcashonline.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**

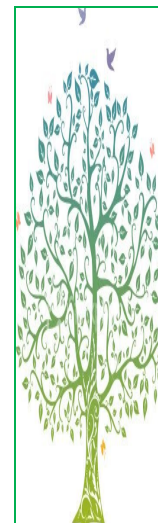
PLEASE NOTE:

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.

ARE YOU IN UNIFORM?

A letter will be going home reminding families about our School Uniform Policy.

We remind parents to check out our website for the Policy the Board promotes for all as well as the specific policy for our school.



We also invite you to see how our Before and After Program and Parent and Family Learning Centres are helping support our families by Visiting (SUPPORT) On our website



Throughout the school year, we remind parents about our Emergency Planning Procedures.

These include Fire Drills, which are held 3x each Term

LockDown, reminding staff, students and community of the 3 versions:

1. LockDown, 2. Hold and Secure and 3. Shelter in Place.

The next Emergency Drill we wish to educate all on is Bomb Threat Protocol in which we identify to all that there is a Bomb Threat and instruct all to evacuate the building. Also, in this Protocol there are instructions such as to shut off all cell phones (as a safety precaution).

Students will continue to practice these Emergency Drills to ensure we are safe.

Should you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher or contact Mr. Coons.

CHESS CLUB

The Board Chess Tournament was held at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School on March 28, 2017. Thank you to Mrs. McKenna for coaching the Team: Aiden M., Joey P., Anthony S., Joseph S. and Alex W.



EXCELLENCE



Student Attendance : Excellence Requires that you are here.

As noted last month a 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.

Notes go home to remind those who need our help in having arrive on time and attend school regularly.

ONTARIO GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS FOR APRIL

We celebrate the first words of our School Motto

FAITH

This month we invite you to help your child truly live out their Faith in all their thoughts, words and actions. Pray together. Talk about their classes at school and how they are blessed to be able to attend a Catholic School. We thank you for making the choice to send your children to a Catholic School.

As you do so remember that St. Margaret Mary invites us to "Unite yourself with Jesus...in all that you do."



CONTINUE TO BE EXCELLENT STEWARDS OF GODS'S CREATION

Eco News for April

During the month of March, St. Margaret Mary participated in many Eco Activities such as Water Bottle Free Day and Earth Hour at school. Rob Richardz from Hamilton Water attended our March Award's Assembly. He announced the water poster contest winners. He will be giving the three winners a certificate as well as their enlarged posters, which are to be hung by each water station. Congratulations to:

Juaneta N. (Primary) Julia A. (Junior) and Rachel C. (Intermediate)

The month of April will be a very busy month for Eco Initiatives. Earth Week will be full of exciting activities, such as Community Clean up, and Garden and Outdoor Classroom Preparation. On April 22, 2017, Earth Day, we hope to report on a number of activities that help clean up our community and demonstrate excellent stewardship.