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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2017

April 30, 2017—May 5, 2017

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:
WALKING
forward
together

We celebrate the gift of Catholic Education and thank you for choosing to send your children to a Catholic School. We walk forward together as parish, family and school to support all children
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 1 2017

Theme: Walking Forward Together With God

Event : Mass at Cathedral Catholic Secondary School (Gr. 7 & 8s)
Opening Liturgy for students here at 9:00 a.m. (Church)

Tuesday May 2 2017

Theme: Walking Forward Together With Our Families

Event: Director's Award of Excellence (Fr. Kennedy CEC) 10:30 a.m.
Grandparent/Grandfriend Day in our Gym @ 9-9:45/10:15-11

Wednesday May 3, 2017

Theme: Walking Forward Together With Others

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

Thursday May 4, 2017

Theme: Walking Forward Together With Creation

Event: Enjoy a Day at School enjoying God's Creation

Friday May 5, 2017

Theme: Walking Forward Together in Hope

Event Closing Liturgy in our Gymnasium 12:30 p.m.



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May 2017

Director of Education
Mr. D. Hansen

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Mr. J. Baiardo

Principal
Mr. J. Coons

Principal Intern
Mrs. Piro-Cinelli

St. Margaret Mary Parish
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
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 28 CROWNING.



SEARCHING IN THE SPIRIT
CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SESSION
Tuesday May 30st, 2017 at 7:00 pm



Students currently in Grade 6 or higher who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2018, you and your Parents/Guardians are invited to an **INFORMATION SESSION** on **Tuesday May 30st, 2017 at 7:00 pm** at St. Margaret Mary Church to learn about the Parish based Searching in the Spirit Confirmation Preparation Programme. Details of the preparation process and the dates for the Sessions and activities that will begin in the September will be reviewed. Registration packages will be handed out at this Information Session. Registration Forms can be completed and returned during the evening or taken home and returned to the Parish Office by Monday June 12th.

Personalized invitations will be sent out by mid-May to all students currently in Grade 6, however the invitation to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2018 is open to all students in grades 7 & 8 who have not yet received the Sacrament.

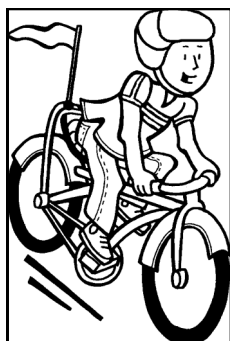
The Searching in the Spirit team and Fr. Jeff Bergsma, our Pastor, look forward to seeing you on May 30st, 2017.

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. May 2, 2017

The following students were nominated:

Catholic School Mission/Vision Award

EMMA M.

Academic Excellence Award

Joseph S.

Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning Award

Vanessa L.

Environmental Stewardship

Erin M.

Religion & Family Life

Eric Z.

Language

Rachel C.

Science/Technology

Anthony S.

Mathematics

Paolo F.

Social Studies/History/Geography

Lucas Y.

Arts

Brigita D.

Health & Physical Education

Alessio D.

French as a Second Language

Tanner H.



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SPRING CROSS COUNTRY 2016 May 10, 2016

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Congratulations to our students who are participating in the Scripture Reading Event at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Gr 7 - **Madelina C. Tanner H.**

Gr 8- **Kennedy H. Emma M.**

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.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Board Public Speaking:

Alessio D, Isaac H., Alicia K., Anthony S.

Moving on to the City Finals at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary on May 17, 2017 are:

Jake C., Annie F., Lucas H., Christopher L., Zach P., Anthony S.

Many thanks to families, Staff judges and Mrs. Piro-Cinelli, Mr. Mikalauskas and Mrs. Townsend for preparing our students for these events.

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

CHESS CLUB: (Coach Mrs. McKenna)

Aiden M., Joey P. Anthony S., Joseph S. and Alexander W.

Entrants in the HWCDSB Catholic Education Week Poster Contest:

Isabella D., Brigita D., Christopher L., Anthony S. and Neil T.